



## INTRODUCING...

# THE THBI HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE

As do many other Bible Colleges, THBI offers an honorary doctoral degree program for those who have achieved a level of excellence and distinction in ministry leadership that is worthy of being recognized in this manner.

Do not make the mistake of believing that this is simply a “shortcut” whereby you can bypass the effort required to attain this level of achievement.

- **Honorary does not mean “easier” ... in fact it is often a much greater price to pay in terms of the investment of effort and study gained through the course of life in the ministry to be recognized in this manner.**

### **Honorary means “HONORED”**

We recognize that many in life have not had the opportunity to attend a Bible College, but that the Lord has indeed educated this person through personal Bible study, application in life and ministry and have much knowledge that can never be attained from “book study”!

Therefore, our “honorary” doctoral degree is more accurately described as an “equivalent degree granted with honor” but as this is not the customary and recognized nomenclature of colleges, we are restricted to identifying ours as an “honorary” degree.

To be honored with a THBI “equivalent” degree, one must indeed prove that such an honor is valid, and the candidate is in fact qualified to be granted this degree!

An honorary doctoral degree is available to the person who meets our qualifications and successfully completes the evaluation process.

### **An honorary degree cannot be purchased from True Hope Bible Institute.**

The honorary Doctoral Degrees we currently offer are:

**D.Evan. = Doctor of Evangelism**

**D.D. = Doctor of Divinity**

**D.CMin = Doctor of Christian Ministries**

**D.Th = Doctor of Theology**

**To receive an honorary degree, the applicant must be able to prove his or her knowledge and experience. An application, examination and written paper are all part of the process.**

## **HONORARY DOCTORAL REQUIREMENTS**

If you are a Pastor, Evangelist, or Ministry Leader of a viable (not inactive) parachurch Christian Ministry, True Hope Bible Institute may be able to grant you an Honorary Doctoral Degree!

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

On the basis of I Timothy 5:17; to be eligible you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Candidate Eligibility - -**
  - Be Born Again ... This is a school to prepare one for service/leadership in Christian Ministry
  - Be 30 years of age – minimum (Due to the “time in active ministry” qualification)
  - Be a High School Graduate or have a High School Equivalency Credential
  - **Have a moderate (or higher) Biblical Worldview**

## **Candidate Qualifications**

- Produce valid evidence that you are a licensed and ordained minister of the Gospel.
- Verify that you have at least 10 years of full-time or part-time ministerial experience.
- Endorsed in writing by at least two licensed or ordained ministers.
- Complete an **Honorary Doctoral Application and Evaluation Package** which may be obtained by completing the “Application Request” form at end of this Appendix or downloaded from our website - - and mailed to:

**True Hope Bible Institute**

**P.O. Box 2474**

**Springfield, MO 65801**

**Attention: Honorary Doctoral Program**

## **THE “EVALUATION PROCESS” CONSISTS OF:**

- **Application:** Submitting a proper and completed application form along with the documentation mentioned above.
- **Examinations:** Worldview Assessment Examination; Passing multiple Bible knowledge examinations, both general and in the field for which you are a candidate
- **Dissertation:** Submitting a Doctoral Dissertation dealing with a topic within the field of ministry for which you are seeking the Doctoral Degree.
  - Dissertation requirements are exactly the same as an earned Doctoral Degree - see **Appendix A**
- **Interviews:** Upon acceptance of your application the candidate will be required to undergo at least one and probably all of the following interviews:
  - **Preliminary Interview:** Conducted by a Ministry Director of True Hope Ministries of America in order to ascertain the motivation for the candidate seeking the honorary doctorate;
  - **Dissertation Interview:** Conducted by the Chancellor and the THBI Student Consultant or other THMA Leader assigned to the candidate, reviewing the evaluation of his/her dissertation;
  - **Completion Interview:** Conducted by the Chancellor of THBI for final assessment of the candidate concerning the desired honorary doctorate.

Interviews serve the purposes of: First helping us establish a relationship with the candidate that will hopefully continue beyond the granting of the doctorate; Second, interviews help us to verify and validate candidates’ eligibility for an honorary degree.

Upon successful completion of your Application and Evaluation process, you will be awarded the Honorary Doctoral Degree for which you have applied.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE THBI HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE**

**READ: APPENDIX “C” IN THBI STUDENT MANUAL**

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**INVESTMENT: \$125.00 Registration + \$300.00 Processing Fee = \$425 Total**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are considering applying for an Honorary Doctorate Degree, please make sure you are able to satisfy the requirements, including taking the Biblical Worldview assessment **PRIOR** to registering for enrollment, as we do not grant refunds for failed candidates.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** Transcripts cannot be provided to those who have received an honorary doctorate degree as no course study was completed; if you are asked, you must acknowledge this degree as honorary because even with our evaluation process, it remains classified as “honorary.”