

# Church of God Ordained Bishop Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

**Remember:** successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

## Questions

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- 1. Who approves the appointment of the State Board of Ministerial Development?**
  - A. State Music Board**
  - B. State World Missions Board**
  - C. State Youth and Discipleship Board**
  - D. State Council**
  
- 2. Which board would most directly oversee ministerial education?**
  - A. State World Missions Board**
  - B. State Youth and Discipleship Board**
  - C. State Board of Ministerial Development**
  - D. State Music Board**
  
- 3. The Church of God stands for the \_\_\_ rightly divided.**
  - A. the whole Bible**
  - B. the New Testament**
  - C. the gospel**
  - D. the Old Testament**
  
- 4. When making formal charges against a member is necessary, the charges are to be given to the member not less than \_\_\_ prior to the time and place of the meeting.**
  - A. Three days**
  - B. One day**
  - C. One week**
  - D. Ten days**
  
- 5. In 1896, a revival occurred at \_\_\_ near Camp Creek in Cherokee, North Carolina, that emphasized sanctification.**
  - A. JC Murphy House**
  - B. Evening Light Building**
  - C. R. G. Spurling Jr. Home**
  - D. Shearer Schoolhouse**

- 6. Which figure represents the revelation of God through the law on the Mount?**
- A. Moses**
  - B. Elijah**
  - C. Peter**
  - D. Aaron**
- 7. Which person of the Trinity is identified as the agent of spiritual services and graces?**
- A. Father**
  - B. Jesus**
  - C. Holy Spirit**
  - D. Angel**
- 8. Jesus said, The greatest among you, will be your \_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23: 11).**
- A. Leader**
  - B. Minister**
  - C. Disciple**
  - D. Servant**
- 9. According to Deuteronomy 18:13 and Matthew 5:48, the perfection of God is the standard of the \_\_\_\_ required of us.**
- A. obedience**
  - B. grace**
  - C. righteousness**
  - D. holiness**
- 10. The baptism with the Holy Spirit refers to two events: a) Initial outpouring of the Spirit; b) Gift of the Holy Spirit to individual believers.**
- A. Initial outpouring of the Spirit; Gift of the Holy Spirit to individual believers**
  - B. Conversion; Sanctification**
  - C. Justification; Glorification**
  - D. Renewal; Completion**

## Answers

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1. D
2. C
3. A
4. A
5. D
6. A
7. C
8. D
9. D
10. A

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Who approves the appointment of the State Board of Ministerial Development?**

- A. State Music Board**
- B. State World Missions Board**
- C. State Youth and Discipleship Board**
- D. State Council**

Understanding who governs appointive decisions helps you see how church structure maintains accountability. In state-level church governance, the authority to approve appointments to major leadership boards, including the State Board of Ministerial Development, rests with the State Council. This body serves as the governing and oversight entity for the state, ratifying nominations to ensure they align with polity, doctrine, and policy. The other boards—focused on specific ministries like music, missions, or youth and discipleship—handle programmatic matters within their areas and do not have the authority to approve ministerial-developer appointments. That's why the State Council is the correct approving body.

**2. Which board would most directly oversee ministerial education?**

- A. State World Missions Board**
- B. State Youth and Discipleship Board**
- C. State Board of Ministerial Development**
- D. State Music Board**

Ministerial education is about preparing and credentialing those who will serve as ministers—the study, standards, and ongoing formation needed for ordained leadership. The board that would most directly oversee this area is the one whose role is to develop ministers, set the education and credentials requirements, and supervise licensing and ordination processes. It handles things like curricula standards, examinations, and continuing education for ministers, ensuring candidates meet the qualifications for ministry and stay current in their formation. In contrast, the World Missions Board focuses on mission outreach and church planting; the Youth and Discipleship Board concentrates on youth programs and general discipleship; and the Music Board oversees worship-related ministry and musical training. Those areas are important, but they do not directly govern the education, credentialing, and ongoing development of ministers.

**3. The Church of God stands for the \_\_\_ rightly divided.**

- A. the whole Bible**
- B. the New Testament**
- C. the gospel**
- D. the Old Testament**

This tests the belief that Scripture is complete and authoritative, to be understood in its full, integrated context. The Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided, meaning they affirm the Bible as inspired across both Old and New Testaments and use sound interpretation to see how the parts fit together through the different dispensations. This view holds that the Old Testament lays foundations and prophecies that point to Christ, while the New Testament fulfills and expands that revelation, producing a coherent message of salvation throughout the entire canon. Limiting to the New Testament would leave out prophetic background and types; focusing only on the gospel would neglect instruction, law, and prophecy found in the Old; and relying solely on the Old Testament would miss the fulfilled work of Christ and the new covenant. So the best choice is the whole Bible rightly divided.

**4. When making formal charges against a member is necessary, the charges are to be given to the member not less than \_\_\_ prior to the time and place of the meeting.**

- A. Three days**
- B. One day**
- C. One week**
- D. Ten days**

Notice must be given to the member at least three days before the time and place of the meeting. This minimum gives the person charged time to understand the charges, prepare a response, gather supporting information, and arrange any needed representation. It helps ensure the process is fair and orderly, preventing surprises that could derail a thoughtful defense. Shorter notice would undermine due process, while three days provides a reasonable window for a proper, prepared hearing.

**5. In 1896, a revival occurred at \_\_\_ near Camp Creek in Cherokee, North Carolina, that emphasized sanctification.**

- A. JC Murphy House**
- B. Evening Light Building**
- C. R. G. Spurling Jr. Home**
- D. Shearer Schoolhouse**

The key idea here is recognizing where the 1896 emphasis on sanctification took hold in the early Church of God story. The revival that fixed that emphasis took place at the Shearer Schoolhouse near Camp Creek in Cherokee, North Carolina. This small rural schoolhouse became known as the gathering place where believers stressed sanctification as a distinct, second work of grace—a defining teaching that set the movement apart from its predecessors and helped shape its direction. The other locations mentioned are tied to important figures or later developments in the broader holiness-and-Church-of-God story, but they are not the site where this particular sanctification emphasis was highlighted in 1896.

**6. Which figure represents the revelation of God through the law on the Mount?**

**A. Moses**

**B. Elijah**

**C. Peter**

**D. Aaron**

Receiving God's law on the mountain is closely linked to Moses. On Mount Sinai, God spoke to Moses and gave the commandments, and Moses carried that law to the people, making him the primary conduit of God's revelation through the law. Elijah is known as a bold prophet who called Israel back to God, not for delivering the law. Peter is notable for the Transfiguration, where Jesus' divine glory is revealed alongside Moses and Elijah, but he isn't the one who received the law. Aaron serves as the priest who assists Moses, not the lawgiver on the Mount. So, the figure who represents the revelation of God through the law on the Mount is Moses.

**7. Which person of the Trinity is identified as the agent of spiritual services and graces?**

**A. Father**

**B. Jesus**

**C. Holy Spirit**

**D. Angel**

The Holy Spirit is the one who applies and distributes spiritual services and graces within the church and in the life of believers. He dwells in believers, empowering them for ministry, guiding, teaching, and releasing spiritual gifts that enable service to God and others. While the Father is the source of all blessings and the Son mediates redemption, the specific person who administers grace and spiritual enablement to believers is the Holy Spirit. Angels function as messengers and assistants, not as the primary agents of grace within the church. So the Holy Spirit best fits as the agent of spiritual services and graces.

**8. Jesus said, The greatest among you, will be your \_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23: 11).**

**A. Leader**

**B. Minister**

**C. Disciple**

**D. Servant**

Greatness in the kingdom is measured by service to others, not by status or power. In Matthew 23:11, Jesus declares that the greatest among you shall be your servant. This redefines leadership: true leaders lead by serving, putting others' needs first and modeling humility. It echoes Jesus' own example, such as washing the disciples' feet, showing that authority in God's family comes with a call to help, sustain, and uplift others. Among the options, servant best captures the heart of this teaching, while words like leader, minister, or disciple refer to roles or followers but do not convey the specific standard of greatness Jesus sets here. Embrace servanthood as the practical ethic for leadership in the church: serve first, lead second.

**9. According to Deuteronomy 18:13 and Matthew 5:48, the perfection of God is the standard of the \_\_\_ required of us.**

- A. obedience**
- B. grace**
- C. righteousness**
- D. holiness**

Holiness is the standard because God Himself is holy and calls His people to imitate that holy character. Deuteronomy 18:13 declares, “You shall be holy, for I am holy,” establishing holiness as the defining way of living before Him. Matthew 5:48 then pushes further by saying to be perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect, which in this context means living a complete, holy life that reflects His nature. So the measure of what is required of us is a life set apart to God, characterized by His purity and moral quality. Grace, obedience, and righteousness relate to how we live this out, but the explicit standard these verses set is holiness.

**10. The baptism with the Holy Spirit refers to two events: a) Initial outpouring of the Spirit; b) Gift of the Holy Spirit to individual believers.**

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The idea being tested is that baptism with the Holy Spirit has two distinct moments: the initial outpouring of the Spirit on the church as a whole, and the Spirit being given as a gift to individual believers. This matches the biblical pattern: Pentecost marks the public outpouring that began the church’s mission, and believers subsequently receive the Spirit personally to dwell in them and empower their lives and service. The option that lists both events—an initial corporate outpouring and a personal gift to individuals—best captures this twofold understanding. The other pairings describe different aspects of salvation rather than the Spirit baptism as a two-stage experience. Conversion and sanctification refer to turning to God and becoming holy, not the Spirit’s twofold outpouring and personal bestowal. Justification and glorification are about legal standing and ultimate destiny, not the Spirit’s personal gift. Renewal and completion are broader terms that don’t align specifically with the two-stage Spirit baptism.

## Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**

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