

NEW COVENANT CHURCH



The Excellent Ones Scholars' Sunday

"They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

PSALMS 16:#

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Psalms 16:2-4

O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You." As for the saints who are on the earth, **"They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."**

Jeremiah 29:11-13

"For I know **the plans I have for you,**" declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to **give you hope and a future."**


Why is graduation called "commencement?"

The word reflects the meaning of the Latin **inceptio**, a "beginning"



Closest word to **commencement** in the Bible is the word **beginning**.

Genesis 1:1, In the **beginning** God created the heavens and the earth.



Education levels (western society):

High School diploma: Commence as a committed learner, having learned how to learn.

Associates & Bachelor: Commence as a skilled practitioner in the area of your study

Master: Commence with specialized knowledge to advance in your field

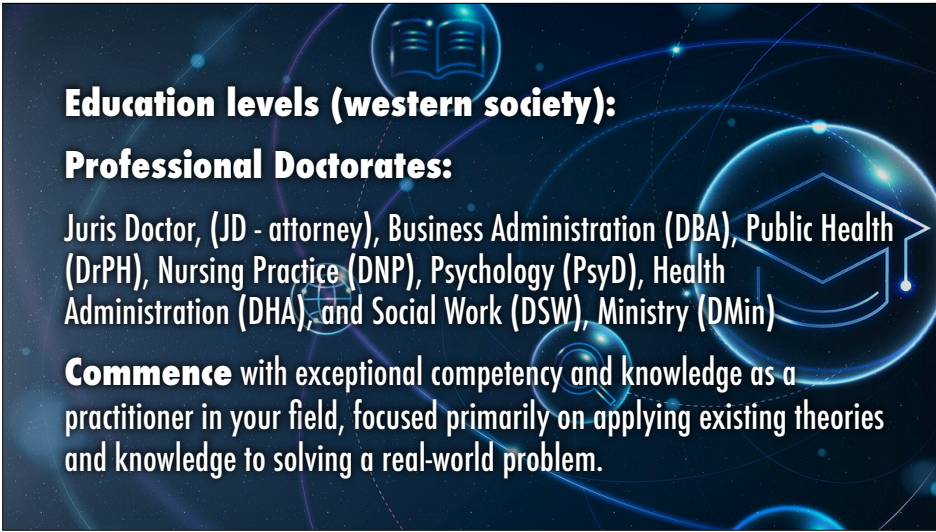


Education levels (western society):

Doctorate: Research & Professional

Research Doctorates: Ph.D. & Ed.D, M.D., Th.D.

Commence as doing original and applied research that tests theory and adds to the existing knowledge in their particular field or discipline.



Education levels (western society):

Professional Doctorates:

Juris Doctor, (JD - attorney), Business Administration (DBA), Public Health (DrPH), Nursing Practice (DNP), Psychology (PsyD), Health Administration (DHA), and Social Work (DSW), Ministry (DMin)

Commence with exceptional competency and knowledge as a practitioner in your field, focused primarily on applying existing theories and knowledge to solving a real-world problem.

How to Commence and Advance

1. Stand in your space. Earn and demand respect

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

2. Commit Yourself to God

Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

How to Commence and Advance

3. Trust the Lord more than your own understanding. Honor the Lord

Proverbs 3:5-10 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

How to Commence and Advance

4. Work for God, not only for people

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

5. You were built for purpose

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

2022 Graduates & Scholars

Congratulations!

Your college degree, high school diploma, or passing to a higher grade is evidence of learning.

Your college degree, high school diploma is neither a shortcut in life nor an emblem of privilege. You still have to become skillful in your field and earn the professional respect of people who know and do more than you.

Don't settle. #GoForward