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Guidelines of Candidates for Licensing:

1. All candidates for licensing must have been a member of a Free Will Baptist church, and in good standing, for a period of no less than one (1) year.
2. Each candidate must bring to the Conference a letter of recommendation, signed by the Pastor and Clerk of the church of which he is a member.
3. All candidates must be morally blameless and doctrinally sound.
4. No candidate will be considered for licensing, ordination, or transfer from another conference/association, who has been divorced and remarried, or whose wife has been divorced.
5. Each licensed minister shall be issued a license for a period of one (1) year. His license may be re-issued each year thereafter, up to five (5) years, upon receipt of a letter of recommendation signed by the Pastor and Clerk of the church which he is a member.
6. **Procedures for Licensing:**
 - A. Secure application questionnaire from your Pastor.
 - B. Fill out questionnaire in its entirety. (Preferably typed).
 - C. Mail application to the Chairman of Ordaining Council two (2) weeks before the scheduled meeting of the Ordaining Council.

* Information not received will cause the applicant's examination to be postponed to a further date.

Licensing of Ministers

Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists

Full Name: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers(s): _____

Church Membership: _____

Pastor's Name and Address: _____

Date of Salvation: _____

Questions:

1. **Why do you want to be a Free Will Baptist preacher? Are you in full agreement with Free Will Baptist Doctrine?**
2. **If married, is your wife in full accord with your calling?**
3. **Have you ever been implicated on any moral questions or any moral charges?**
4. **Have you or your wife ever been divorced?**
5. **Do you use alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in any form?**

Please answer the following questions on separate paper. Take all the time you need, be deliberate and thorough. Give scriptural references to back up your answers where applicable.

Part I- Personal Life:

- 1. Are you willing to serve God in any place he might lead you?**
- 2. Do you believe in and practice tithing?**

Part II-Denominational Relationship

- 1. If at some time later date you should find that you have been convinced or find doctrines contrary to those believed by Free Will Baptists, what would you do?**

Part III-Bible Knowledge:

- 1. What do you believe about the inspiration of the scriptures? Define verbal inspiration and tell what you believe about it.**
- 2. Do you think in the light of scriptures we should readily excommunicate from our midst, either a layman or preacher who should deny the deity or humanity of Christ?**
- 3. What do we mean by depravity? Do you believe infants who die are saved?**
- 4. What do you believe about freedom of the will?**
- 5. When does the Holy Spirit begin to indwell the believer?**
- 6. What is the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the believer?**
- 7. What is meant by justification?**
- 8. What is meant by sanctification? When does it take place?**
- 9. Can a man be lost after he is saved? Define "eternal security" and state what you believe in regard to this doctrine?**
- 10. In the light of Hebrews 6:4-6, 10: 26-29, and II Peter 2:21; can a person be saved twice? Explain:**
- 11. Do you believe in a literal hell? Give biblical support.**
- 12. What qualifies a person for membership in the church? Should a person be admitted to the church if he is not saved? Why?**

- 13. Explain the relationship of baptism to salvation. Is it essential?**
- 14. Should feet washing be observed as a church ordinance? Explain.**
- 15. Why do we keep the first day of the week instead of the seventh?**

I declare the answers to the above questions as submitted are my own beliefs and convictions.

Date _____ **Signed** _____
Applicant