

A 7-Day Ordination Reading Pack

For a candidate in the week before ordination, and for the family being ordained alongside them.

Inspiring KJV scriptures for ordination ceremonies, pastoral installation, and those called to ministry.

How to use this pack

- One page a day in the week before the service.
- Answer day four with a real person's name, not a principle.
- Bring day seven to whoever preaches at the ordination.

The seven days

Day 1 — The call · 1 Timothy 4:14

Day 2 — Preach the word · 2 Timothy 4:2

Day 3 — A shepherd, not a manager · Isaiah 6:8

Day 4 — Accountability · 1 Peter 5:2-3

Day 5 — Guarding your household · Jeremiah 3:15

Day 6 — Ambition and humility · Acts 20:28

Day 7 — The charge · Matthew 28:19-20

Ordination is the formal recognition of God's calling on a person's life for ministry. It is a solemn and joyful occasion when the church affirms the gifts of the Holy Spirit and commissions a servant to shepherd, teach, and lead. These King James Bible verses speak to the weight and privilege of pastoral ministry, the faithfulness required, and the grace that sustains those who serve. Use them in ordination programs, congratulations cards, and commissioning prayers.

The call

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

1 Timothy 4:14 (KJV)

Stirring up the ordained gift

Devotion prompt

Write the story of your call in five sentences. If you cannot, that is worth taking to your examiners rather than hiding.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Preach the word

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:2 (KJV)

The charge to preach

Devotion prompt

Be instant in season, out of season. What kind of preacher do you intend to be when nobody is impressed?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

A shepherd, not a manager

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:8 (KJV)

Answering God's call

Devotion prompt

Feed the flock of God. What does feeding people actually look like in the church you are entering?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Accountability

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:2-3 (KJV)

Shepherding with integrity

Devotion prompt

Name the person who is allowed to ask you anything, and confirm they have agreed to.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Guarding your household

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

God's promise of faithful pastors

Devotion prompt

Ministry consumes families. What boundary protects yours, and who else knows it?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Ambition and humility

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 20:28 (KJV)

The sacred responsibility of oversight

Devotion prompt

What would tempt you most — recognition, influence, being needed? Say it now so it has less power later.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

The charge

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)

The Great Commission

Devotion prompt

Choose the verse you want laid on you at the ordination and write what you are asking God for through it.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:15 (KJV)

The beauty of being sent

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (KJV)

God's design for ministry leadership

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (KJV)

Ambassadors for Christ

A prayer for this season

Lord of the harvest, you called me and I am not sufficient for this. Give me a shepherd's heart, an honest mouth, and a life that matches the message. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- Isaiah 6:8 is the classic call-to-ministry verse — powerful for ordination ceremonies
- 2 Timothy 4:2 is the traditional charge given to the newly ordained
- 1 Timothy 4:14 speaks directly to the laying on of hands during ordination
- Use 1 Peter 5:2-3 in the commissioning prayer or pastoral installation
- Matthew 28:19-20 is ideal for the closing charge of an ordination service

Notes and prayer requests

Read the full collection, with every verse in context, at biblesundays.com/life-events/ordination-verses — free KJV verse collections, printables, and reading plans for every season of life. Free to print and share; please keep this page attached.