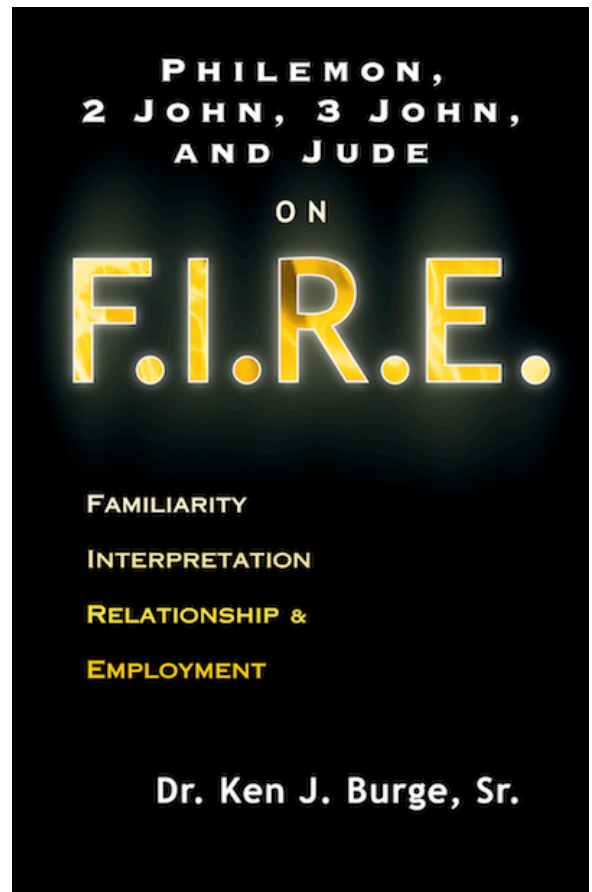


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Suggested Interview Questions

For Dr. Ken J. Burge, Sr., author of
Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude on F.I.R.E.

Q: How is God using your books to fulfill the motto of your church?

A: The Colmar Manor Bible Church's motto is as follows: Finding the lost, training the found, for God's glory. For my doctoral studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, I focused upon homiletics (preaching). I continued my studies on this topic that led to the writing of *Preaching with F.I.R.E.'s E.T.A.* The book focuses upon training pastors how to develop and deliver biblical messages. Subsequently, I started writing a series of commentaries to help both pastor and parishioner alike to accurately interpret and employ the message of the Bible. These tools are designed to help Christians. However, I've come to see my F.I.R.E. series as an evangelistic tool. The Lord impressed upon me to distribute several of my books to those who don't know the Lord, but have an interest in studying the Bible. Although I never envisioned this series to be evangelistic, I've come to see that the F.I.R.E. series fulfills the church's motto to find the lost, train the found, for God's glory.

Q: How do you envision the F.I.R.E. series benefiting both pastor and parishioner?

A: I've had the privilege to earn five degrees, all of which pertain to biblical studies. Our gracious heavenly Father directed me to focus upon hermeneutics, which is the fancy name for the principles to interpret the Bible. The F.I.R.E. acronym, which means familiarity, interpretation, relationship, and employment, is a proven means to get intimately acquainted with the living biblical text, interpret it accurately, relate it to its immediate and broader contexts, and then to employ its message. This information provided in the series gives pastors helpful analysis of the book being studied while helping them to communicate to their congregations how to apply what they've learned. Those not in the ministry will become much better acquainted with the Bible and learn what God expects them to do based upon what they have gleaned from the eternal Word of God.

Q: Tell us a little about how and where you first came to Christ.

A: My best friend and I went to William Wirt Junior High School. My schoolmate was attending Colmar Manor Bible Church. He informed me that the Bible was taught and preached at all the services, which was something I had never experienced in the religion that I was raised. The pastor was preaching through the Book of Romans, so I decided to read through the Bible for myself to see if his preaching was true to the Word of God. My family thought it a bit odd

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when I started reading the family Bible from cover to cover. The confluence of the Word of God and the conviction of the Holy Spirit revealed that I was a sinner in need of a Savior. I put my faith in Jesus' finished work and was born again. By the way, the Colmar Manor Bible Church is where I have pastored for the last 25 years and have been attending faithfully for nearly 40 years.

Q: What compelled you to continue to pastor the same church for 25 years even when the ethnic mix of the community vastly changed, ultimately leading you to write the article "The Need for Loyal Servants in Diverse Communities"?

A: When I began attending Colmar Manor Bible Church nearly 40 years ago, the town of Colmar Manor was predominantly Caucasian. Approximately 15 years ago, when I had been senior pastor for 10 years, I started asking myself if I should stay pastoring the church since the flavor of the community was changing and our church wasn't representative of the ethnic diversity in the town. I seriously asked myself, and the Lord, "Am I the right man for this ministry?" Shortly thereafter I had the privilege to lead the town's mayor and her husband to Jesus. I then began a Bible study with this African American couple. One night I was in my church office and was asked to come outside immediately because the mayor was requesting my presence. As I walked outside she was mediating a gang dispute in the middle of the street. I joined her and a couple of hours later the two groups disbanded. Word of this white pastor's loyalty to the town's black mayor must have permeated the community because from that time onward the church reflected the ethnic diversity of the town.

Q: How did God supernaturally provide a house for you?

A: I grew up in the small town of Riverdale Park in Maryland, just several miles away from Washington, D.C. There was an elderly gentleman who lived two doors down from my house. He was a recluse and trusted few people. His home fell into disrepair since the death of his wife in 1961, which is the year that I was born. For some reason this man trusted me and would have me run errands for him. Moreover, he suffered from psychomotor seizures, which meant that he lost control of his mental faculties at times. I remember on several occasions not seeing him for a period of time, so I would go into his house and find that he was suffering from a seizure, and would call for an ambulance for him. I never gave it much thought but I guess it saved his life a couple of times.

As the years moved on I got married but still regularly helped this senior citizen. Having said that, from the time that I was eighteen I had begun praying that God would provide a house for me. My desire was for the Lord to make a supernatural provision so that I could keep my current job with the telephone company. Although it wasn't a high-paying job, it gave me a thirty-seven hour workweek, which would enable me to continue to serve as our church's

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youth pastor. One day God graciously turned the light on for me. He had directed me to talk to my former neighbor about my wife and I moving in with him—after we did major home repair—and to purchase the house from him. My bride was a registered nurse and we knew that buying an inexpensive home would benefit us while my wife could provide adequate care to help this gentleman live his sunset years being well cared for. I'll never forget the day that I made the trip to see my old friend and share my proposition with him. He looked at me and said, "Kenny, you and Kim move in with me and I'll give you the house." Shortly thereafter I would be a twenty-two-year-old man born in 1961 with a home that was paid off in 1941!

By the way, our church always had serious water issues. When I became the pastor we sold the parsonage because I owned my own home and made the costly repairs to the church.

Q: In *Revelation on F.I.R.E.*, you mention your time ministering in Honduras. Why will you choose your accommodations more carefully the next time you're there?

A: It has been my privilege to minister twice in Honduras. After we had finished our ministry and stay with our precious missionary friends, Andy and Carmen Castillo, we needed to head back to the airport in San Pedro Sula. Getting to the airport would require an overnight stay in a hotel. A relative had informed Andy that there was an inexpensive hostel by the airport where we could stay overnight. Let me describe our experience as written in *Revelation on F.I.R.E.*: My pastor's senses started tingling the moment we entered the lobby of the hostel. It felt like all the riffraff in Honduras were assembled in the foyer. As Andy talked with the clerk, who looked like a barkeep in a Humphrey Bogart movie, I immediately knew that I wasn't going to get any sleep because I'd be watching the door, since everyone in the joint could tell that I was the visiting gringo. As we made our way to our room, or at least what they billed as a room, there were multiple men staring at us—or, I should say, sizing us up—as we dragged our luggage up the steps. One of the men was about 6'4". Upon entering the room, the décor was even worse than I imagined. If I had to assess the time period the room represented, the late crud era comes to mind. I quickly explained to my wife Kim and to Kenny that I was going to slide a large dresser in front of the door for our safety. The instant I shoved it against the door, a brigade of roaches scurried for cover. I told Kim and Kenny to get some sleep. Thankfully our stay in the hostel from hades didn't last long. Through God's grace and protection, Andy wandered through the downstairs kitchen and overheard a conversation by the welcome wagon men who had previously given us the evil eye; it turned out that they were planning on mugging us and taking our passports. We all checked out rapidly and nervously waited for a worker to unlock the gate, which kept our vehicle from leaving the premises. I praise God that we left unscathed, although I felt a large cluster of blondish red hair turning gray.

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