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Bio: Dr. Elmer Towns is a college and seminary professor, an author of popular and scholarly works (the editor of two encyclopedias), a popular seminar lecturer, and speaker. He began teaching at Midwest Bible College, St. Louis, Missouri, and was not satisfied with his textbooks so he began writing his own. He has published over 200 books listed in the Library of Congress, 8 listed in the Christian Booksellers Best Selling List; several accepted as college textbooks. He is also the 1995 recipient of the coveted Gold Medallion Award awarded by the Christian Booksellers Association for writing the Book of the Year, *The Names of the Holy Spirit*.

He was President of Winnipeg Bible College for five years, leading it to receive American Accreditation and Canadian Provincial authority to offer degrees (1960-1965). He taught at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, in Greater Chicago, Illinois, in the field of Religious Education and Evangelism (1965-1971).

He is Co-Founder of Liberty University, with Jerry Falwell Sr., in 1971, and was the only full-time teacher in the first year of Liberty's existence. Today, the University has over 15,000 students on campus and 100,000 online students. He is the Dean Emeritus of the School of Divinity, and is also Dean Emeritus of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Towns has given theological lectures and taught intensive seminars at over 50 theological seminaries in America and abroad. He has held visiting professorship rank in five seminaries. He has written over 2,000 reference and/or popular articles and received twelve honorary doctoral degrees. Four doctoral dissertations have analyzed his contribution to religious education and evangelism.

His personal education includes a B.A. from Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a M.A. from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary also in Dallas, a MRE from Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois and a DMin from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.