

Writing Your Dissertation Proposal Instructions for Prospectus*

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Typical Prospectus Outline:

1. Introduction
 - a. Title
 - b. Ministry Context
 - c. Problem and Purpose
 - d. Basic Assumptions
 - e. Definitions, Delimitations, and Limitations
2. Conceptual Framework
 - a. Theological Foundations
 - b. Theoretical Foundations
3. Methodology
 - a. Intervention
 - b. Evaluation
 - i. Procedures for data collection
 - ii. Procedures for data analysis
4. Results
 - a. Description of what you think you will find
 - b. Description of how you intend to report your findings
5. Conclusion
 - a. Description of how you intend to interpret your findings
 - b. Description of how you will discuss implications and significance
6. Resources
 - a. Time: Schedules and calendars
 - b. Finances and Materials: Preliminary budget (only if costs exceed routine operating expenses)
 - c. Facilities: Availability, costs, suitability, and clean-up
 - d. Human: Availability of staff, independent experts, participants, and outside consultants
7. Thesis Outline