

# YES, YOU CAN EARN A DOCTOR OF DICTION DEGREE



Attention all singers, preachers, speakers and whosoever desires to communicate more effectively. World-class athletes utilize muscle specific strengthening and stretching exercises. Singers and speakers who desire to perform at a high level need to strengthen and stretch the muscles that are critical to their performance. Here are a few fun, fresh exercises to improve your diction and enunciation. Let's put away Peter Piper's peck of pickled peppers. Let's shy away from Shirley's sea shell selling she-shed by the seashore. Come on. Let's tune, tantalize and train your tongue with some fresh tongue twisters. Recite these sentences regularly and hear the clarity of your communication increase.

Start slowly. Focus on clearly articulating every single syllable. After you can speak each sentence slowly, gradually speak faster. See how fast you can recite each one maintaining accuracy and clarity. Then, strive to recite each sentence completely in a single breath. And remember; we still need to understand what you're saying! Finally, challenge other members of your group and determine who deserves the *Doctor of Diction* degree. Be sure to challenge your young people. Are you ready?

- ▶ *If satan sought to seize and sequester six singers, from which section of savvy singers would satan shrewdly seize and sequester six singers?*
- ▶ *Neither Peter, Paul nor the power of Pontius Pilate could pay my penalty or personally procure my purification.*
- ▶ *Rather than tragically tricking them, take time to trumpet the truth and tremendous treasure transmitted by the triumphant, transcendent, triune Truth.*
- ▶ *Making music that ministers means methodically making music while maintaining a ministry-minded mentality which masterfully motivates and magnetically moves many while magnifying the marvelous magnificence of my omnipotent Maker.*

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