Thank you for your interest! Below you’ll see a list of suggested message themes based on Alex’s past events. If necessary, he can modify these or develop a different message in order to best serve the needs of your organization’s event. Alex generally gives messages ranging from 30-60 minutes in length, but can be flexible to accommodate the needs of your group. If desired, he can also include time for Q&A with any of these messages.

**Common Message Themes:**

* **Keys to Thriving at College:** Appropriate for high school students or those currently at a college or university. Alex addresses the main topics in [*Thriving at College*](http://www.amazon.com/dp/1414339631?tag=httpwwwge0861-20&camp=14573&creative=327641&linkCode=as1&creativeASIN=1414339631&adid=1GYF935VCXQW5M6DRM4R&) (Tyndale House, 2011), such as embracing responsibility, loving God with the mind, taking initiative, being disciplined, managing time, keeping commitments, striving for academic excellence, balancing work and recreation, finding your calling, establishing godly friendships, handling the transition from high school to college, financial discipline, growing spiritually, and honoring parents.
* **Preparing Teens for College:**  Appropriate for parents, especially parents of high school students, but also youth workers and teachers. Alex addresses how to intentionally develop the character and maturity of teens while avoiding the dangers of helicopter parenting. The importance of having a positive vision for your teens, seeing them as adults-in-training, is discussed. Alex also talks about helping teens develop a concept of stewardship in every area of life (their time, their talents, and their money).
* **Choosing a Major and Finding a College:** College has never been more expensive, yet (professionally) it’s never been more consequential. Those with a post-high school degree or certificate are less likely to be unemployed. They also earn, on average, far more than those who only have a high school degree. Yet too many of our teens struggle in college. The U.S. has the highest college drop-out rate in the industrialized world. While some of this stems from a lack of character and maturity (addressed in my *Preparing Teens for College* message), another factor is teens selecting majors and even colleges that aren’t right for them, that don’t fit how God has wired them. We need to help our teens not only assess their interests and talents, but to gain experiences which can confirm those assessments, as well as solid information about the career paths for which they might best be suited. This message is suitable for parents, teens, and college students.
* **Why is College So Expensive? How Do I Graduate Without Going Broke?** Alex addresses parents, teens, and college students, exploring some of the factors that have contributed to the rise in college tuition and what to do about it: How to find colleges that have generous financial aid policies (offer more grants and scholarships and fewer loans), understanding the various kinds of student loans, what the dangers are, and setting a reasonable budget for college. Alex will also discuss a few new research tools designed for assessing the “return on investment” for different kinds of college degrees from different institutions. Finally, he will give strategies for lowering the cost of college by focusing on the essential over the peripheral.
* **Singleness, Dating, Courtship:** Appropriate for singles of all ages, including high school students and their parents. Based on Alex’s book [With One Voice](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1845501241?ie=UTF8&tag=httpwwwge0861-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=1845501241) (Christian Focus, 2006), and [several articles](http://www.alexchediak.com/resources/articles) he’s published more recently, Alex addresses God’s design for marriage, how to balance contentment in singleness with the responsible pursuit of (or desire for) a potential spouse, how to become and attract a godly, lifelong companion, and how to consider the so-called “gift of singleness.” Masculinity, femininity, and the importance of having a marriage-orientation are also discussed.
* **Let Marriage Be Held in Honor:** Appropriate for married couples and single adults. This message presents God's glorious design for marriage. Topics include: How marriage displays the Christ-church dynamic (Ephesians 5), and how God uses our marriages to make us more holy, the role of *emotion/passion* in marriage (and that of *commitment*), camaraderie between singles and marrieds, the so-called “gift of singleness,” and to what extent marrieds can help singles stay pure, pursue marriage in appropriate ways, and be content.

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**1. Organization Name:**

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**3. Event Type and Theme (if any):**

**4. Event Location:**

**5. Proposed Speaking Date(s):**

**6. Speaking Topic(s) Requested:**

**7. Session details:**

**7a. Number of Session(s):**

**7b. Length of Session(s):**

**7c. # of Attendees expected:**

**7d. Age range of Attendees:**

**8. Will you be able to cover transportation and lodging costs?**

**9. Will your organization be able to provide an honorarium? If so, do you have a figure in mind? (Alex recognizes that organizations have vastly different budgets, and every speaking engagement requires a different amount of preparation.)**

**10. Will you be able to provide Alex with a high-quality audio and/or video recording of his presentation?**

**11. Would you grant Alex the right to use this recording on his website or for other ministry purposes?**

**12. Would your event be open to the public (allowing anyone willing to pay the admission fee to attend)? Or is it only for your church/school/organization?**

**Alex has several books in print that are generally of interest to those who attend events where he speaks. Please check as many as apply.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our organization will purchase Alex’s book(s) and give them to attendees.**

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**purchase.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our organization would permit Alex to bring his own books and sell them.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our organization is able to provide someone to staff the table where Alex's**

**books will be sold.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our organization will neither distribute Alex’s book(s) nor allow anyone to sell them at the event.**

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