

NORTHEAST BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

COURSE SYLLABUS: TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP explores what it means to be a authentic follower of Jesus and an effectual representative of God's love in a fallen world.

Through writings of respected disciples, both modern and old, this course is designed to improve the students understanding of the nature of the man and women God uses as His ambassadors in this world. By reading, studying, prayer and discussion, students will gain a deeper knowledge of Gods call on their lives.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Whether you are a relatively new believer in Christ, or if you are a seasoned veteran, this course shall improve your life as you draw closer to Christ. Students will see the link between salvation and sanctification and grow deeper in understanding the significance of each in the life of a True Disciple. As always, my hope for this course goes beyond academic achievement, praying that Christ will touch your life as He touched His first disciples, leading you to joyfully worship and serve Him as you minister His love, teachings and grace to others.

COURSE TEXTS: The Bible, NKJV, True Discipleship by William MacDonald, The Man God Uses by Chuck Smith, Learning to Walk With God by Charlie Riggs, The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Laurence and Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin. Recommended: The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

GENERAL GUIDELINES, ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING, AND POLICIES

1. Participation

- a. **Begin each study session and lesson with prayer**, committing yourself to being open to the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask the Lord for insight into how the message of your study can impact your life, your relationships, and your ministry.
- b. **Arrive to class early**. There's an old saying which I adhere to: "Better three hours early than three minutes late!" Turn off your cell phone prior to class; be respectful during discussions & lectures; submit course assignments on time. Commit yourself, wholeheartedly, to the entire course to study diligently and seek to grow closer to the Lord and your fellow students.
- c. **Late Policy**. Any assignments turned in after the scheduled due date are penalized five percent (5%) of the original value per day including weekends, breaks, and holidays. No work will be accepted more than a week after the

due date.

- d. **Classroom participation.** Part of the student's grade will be based on how much he/she participates in class.
- e. **Missed Classes.** Each missed class will result in a 5% reduction of the student's grade unless he/she contacts the professor beforehand (or shortly after the start of the class) with a valid excuse (e.g., emergencies and illnesses).

2. Reading

Read the assigned Scripture passages, book chapters, articles, etc., before each class. Take notes in a separate notebook. These notes may come in handy later as you are called to teach and disciple others.

3. Writing Assignments

Weekly questions will be submitted after assigned chapter readings.

A 1- or 2-page paper covering your response to Brother Laurence's book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*.

A 5 to 8-page **term paper** will be due on the last week of class. The term paper can cover one of three subjects: 1) your understanding of the sanctification process; 2) recount your conversion, insights into your sanctification experiences, and any challenges or hinderances you see in your sanctification; 3) you actually disciple a young believer and record your experience.

4. GRADING

Seven Reflection Papers	28 total points
Term Paper & Introductory Questions	49 total points
Classroom Participation & Reading Assignments	23 total points

Grade:	Points:
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69