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COURSE SYLLABUS

THEOLOGY OF PASTORAL OF MINISTRY (TPM 200)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the different phases of the daily work of the pastor. Attention is given to the call, character, leadership, and responsibilities of the pastor. Opportunities are also given for the student to practice methods of pastoral work.

RATIONALE

The calling and responsibility of a man of God is one to be taken soberly. TPM 200 prepares the pastoral student so that he can successfully fulfill his role in the sight of his Lord and His people.

I. PREREQUISITES

None

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

MacArthur, J. *Pastoral Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2005. ISBN: 139781418500061.

Spurgeon, C. *Lectures to My Students*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1980. ISBN 13978031032911-4.

Earley, D. *Prayer: The Timeless Secret of High-Impact Leaders*. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2008. ISBN: 139780899570327.

Disclaimer: The above resources provide information consistent with the latest research regarding the subject area. Liberty University does not necessarily endorse specific personal, religious, philosophical, or political positions found in these resources.

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Describe the big picture of what a pastor is to be and do in the ministry of the Church.
- B. Identify his/her call to vocational ministry.
- C. Assess his/her qualifications for pastoral ministry.
- D. Create documents necessary for applying for ordination.
- E. Produce a plan for a healthy prayer life.
- F. Begin a life of study.
- G. Write strong, biblical sermons.
- H. Write a church constitution.
- I. Implement fresh ideas for leading and discipling people. Apply principles from this course to actual church situations

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
- B. Discussion Board forums (5)
Each week, the student will post a thread of 200–300 words on the forum topic presented. By the week's end, the student will reply to the threads of at least two classmates, in at least 100 words, in discussion of the topic.
- C. Pastoral Interview Paper
The student will interview a pastor and provide a transcript of the conversation (3–5 pages in length) listing the questions and describing the pastor's responses. This will be followed up by a 1-page summary of what the student learned through the interview. This assignment will be due by the end of Module/Week 1.
- D. Five-Year Learning Plan
The student will compile a list of 12 books (other than the Bible) and 100 Scripture verses to be mastered in the next five years. Passages of Scripture

selected may not exceed five (5) verses. An explanation should be given for each selection. The paper must be 2-4 pages. This assignment will be due by the end of Module/Week 3.

E. Ordination Document

The student will prepare one document (6–8 pages) suitable to be used for his/her ordination. It should include a section regarding his/her call to pastoral ministry, evidence of fruitfulness in ministry and spiritual gifts, qualifications for ministry, and a doctrinal statement. Scripture references should be included to document personal beliefs. The student should provide an honest assessment of himself/herself, and show an accurate understanding of major theological issues. This assignment will be due by the end of Module/Week 4.

F. Book Critiques (3)

The student will read all assigned chapters of the three required textbooks and submit a well-written paper (2-3 pages) on each book. The student will summarize and evaluate the book and apply it to his/her own situation. Each Book Critique will be due by the end of the module/week assigned.

G. Church Constitution and Bylaws

For this assignment, students will select a church constitution and read it carefully. Then, the student will write a 1-3 page paper describing what he/she sees as the strengths and weaknesses of the constitution especially as it relates to the course material. This assignment will be due by the end of Module/Week 6.

H. Final Exam

The Final Exam consists of five case studies that will help the student apply what he/she learned in class. Each answer should be between 400–500 words long. Students will have 2 hours to complete this exam. The Final Exam must be completed by the end of Module/Week 8.

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