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Text:


Course Description:

Students are introduced to the basic principles of Christian psychology as they apply to the total ministry of the church. A study of human behavior and how it applies to specific functions of a Christian worker is also made: preaching, efforts to strengthen the congregation, community work, and evangelism.

Course Objectives include, but are not limited to, the following:

Upon completion of this course you should be able:

1. to identify major scholarly and professional writings related to Christian psychology.
2. to demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles of Christian psychology.
3. to begin application of these basic principles to problems and activities of your life and ministry.

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**RE 325 Course Assignments:**

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<td><strong>Attendance and participation in class activities</strong></td>
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| Read ten articles relating to Christian psychology.  
  Record (1) bibliographic information,  
  (2) a short summary,  
  (3) and a brief personal reaction. | |
| **Position paper** (1 to 4 pages) | 10% |
| What is your position on the use of psychology?  
  Can the study of psychology benefit a Christian worker? | |
| **Position paper** (1 to 4 pages) | 10% |
| Explain your position on referral and referral procedures.  
  When would you consider referring a church member/counselee?  
  How would you go about finding resources?  
  What criteria would you require a resource to meet before you would refer? | |
| **Exam** | 20% |
| **Research Paper** | 20% |
| Select a subject/topic in the area of Christian psychology and conduct an in-depth study.  
  Write a 3 - 5 page paper on the subject.  
  Prepare a brief outline and bibliography (1-2 pages) for each member of the class.  
  Make a 20 - 30 minute presentation of your research to the class. | |
| **Final Exam** | 20% |

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BIBLIOGRAPHY


American Journal of Pastoral Counseling (The Halworth Pastoral Press)

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Christian Counseling Today (American Association of Christian Counselors)

Discipleship Journal (The Navigators)

Leadership (Christianity Today)

Journal of Biblical Counseling (Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation)

Journal of Counseling and Development (American Counseling Association) = secular

Journal of Pastoral Care (Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and others)

Journal of Psychology and Theology (Rosemead School of Psychology)

Journal of Religion and Health (Blanton-Peal Institute)

Psychology Today (Sussex Publishers) = secular + popular + New Age

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