RE 535 Advanced Christian Psychology
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Course Description:

Students are introduced to the basic principles of psychology. A study of human behavior and how it applies to specific functions of the minister is made: preaching, efforts to strengthen the congregation, community work, his evangelism. Students conduct appropriate research into current applications.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course you should be able:

1. to evaluate the usefulness of current scholarly and professional articles 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.
4. conduct analytical research concerning current issues and applications to ministry.

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RE 535  Course Assignments:

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<td>Attendance and participation in class activities</td>
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<td><strong>Reading log</strong> - Critique 10 relevant journal articles. Read ten articles relating to Christian psychology. Record (1) bibliographic information, (2) a short summary, (3) and a brief personal reaction regarding value of the information.</td>
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<td><strong>Position paper</strong> (1 to 4 pages)</td>
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<td>What is your position on the use of psychology?</td>
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<td>Can the study of psychology benefit a Christian worker?</td>
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<td>Explain your position on referral and referral procedures.</td>
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<td>When would you consider referring a church member/counselee?</td>
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<td>How would you go about finding resources?</td>
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<td>What criteria would you require a resource to meet before you would refer?</td>
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<td>Select a subject/topic in the area of Christian psychology and conduct an in-depth study. Write a 12 - 15 page analytical 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.</td>
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