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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.
Assignments:  % of overall grade

The following assignments are to be completed prior to the week of class.

1. Prepare for Textbook Discussion and Exam.
Read the Textbook! There will be a pre-test the first day to assess how well you are prepared for class. (If you pass the pre-test you will not need to take ONE of the in-class exams).

2. Position Papers. 20%
Bring the following two papers to class. These are not research papers. This is your chance to state your own current position/opinion on the topic.

Position Paper on Christian Psychology (1 to 4 pages)
State your position on the use of psychology. What is your understanding of psychology? How do you think a Christian worker can benefit from the study of psychology?

Position Paper on referral and referral procedure. (1 to 4 pages)
Explain your position on referral. 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 refer?

The following assignments will be completed during the week of class.

3. Attendance and Participation in Class Activities   20%
In-class activities may include pre-tests, review of guest speakers, video viewing, and psychological assessments.

4. Research Resource Search.  20%
You will conduct a search for articles and other resources related to Christian Psychology. (More details will be given in class.)

5. Exam(s) One or more exams will be given. 20%

The following assignment is to be completed approximately 4 weeks after the week of class.

6. Research Project.  20%
Select a subject/topic in the area of Christian psychology and conduct an in-depth study.
Write a 12 - 20 page paper on the subject.
(Consult professor for due date of this project.)

The content of this syllabus is subject to change as announced in class meetings.
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BIBLIOGRAPHY


