PM 411 MINISTRY AND FINANCE  
(Spring 2010)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course will be an exploration of biblical principles of finance. The primary focus will be upon exploring specific ways those principles can be applied within the Christian life. The purpose of the study will be to equip the student to:

1. apply biblical principles of finance personally
2. develop skill for teaching biblical principles of finance within a local church
3. develop skill for applying biblical principles of finance within the ministry of a church.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
(1) Read all assigned reading
(2) Read a minimum of one book dealing with an area of financial management and research material related to church budgeting.
(3) Read five articles on personal financial management
(4) Develop a paper in which you identify Scriptural passages dealing with finance and show how those passages can be applied to specific financial actions in your life. (You may use as many passages as you like.)
(5) Develop a financial plan including a budget that fits your present circumstance. (The budget should include an assessment of your present assets as well as proposed expenditures). Your plan should show your financial goals and strategy for reaching those goals. There should be the development of an end of life plan for disposing of the financial assets you plan to have under your control. (End of life plan will differ from a will in that you will consciously determine how best assets can be used for the Lord after your demise. That determination will help you write a God honoring will).
(6) Prepare a will (You may use “Will Power” or “Family Lawyer” of other program.
(7) Attend all class sessions and participate in class discussions.

TEXT: There is no specific text but students will be required to order an assigned book the first week of the class. Several references will be used including: **THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO MANAGING YOUR MONEY**, Larry Burkett (available in the library); other resources identified in class discussion.

GRADING: A grade will be given for each week’s work. Therefore, it can be assumed that attendance and class room participation, and outside reading will account for most of the grade. There will be a final test which will count for 25 % of the final grade.

This syllabus may be adjusted to better meet the needs of the class.