COURSE DESCRIPTION: (Graduate) The purpose is to emphasize biblical principles of finance. The primary focus will be upon exploring ways those principles can be applied within a Christian life. Attention will be given to various laws affecting the Christian ministry and the responsibilities a minister might have to the Internal Revenue Service.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: the study should equip students 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.
5. Demonstrate ability to teach basic finance principles. Requirement 8.

REQUIREMENTS:
1 Read all assigned reading
2 Read a minimum of three books relating to finance:
   One book should deal with church budgets and/or church finance.
   One book should deal with personal budgeting
   One book should deal with savings and investing
3 Read 12 articles on personal financial management
4. Write a paper in which you show the biblical basis of your philosophy of finance.
5 Develop a financial plan including that fits your circumstance. The plan should include present assets and proposed expenditures. It should identify family goals and a strategy for reaching those financial goals.
6. Develop an end of life plan for disposing of financial assets you plan to have under your control. In your end of life plan you will consciously determine how best assets can be used for the Lord after your demise.
6 Using “Will Power,” “Family Lawyer” or other appropriate soft-ware, prepare a will.
7 Attend all class sessions and participate in class discussions.
8. Lead in a class discussion in which you discuss your philosophy of personal finance.

TEXT: There is no specific text but students will be 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: Grades will be given each class session. Attendance, class participation, and outside reading will account for 2/3 of the grade. A final test will count for 1/3 of the final grade. This syllabus is dated 1/4/2011. The syllabus may be adjusted to better meet the needs of the class.