

505 Biblical Counseling
BEAR VALLEY BIBLE INSTITUTE
3 Semester Hours
Jerry L. Martin, Instructor

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description:

This course is designed to provide basic training for preachers, church leaders, Bible class teachers, and any concerned Christian who is interested in knowing how to provide emotional assistance in a spiritual context. An overview of the different levels of counseling and the kind of person that is capable of providing counseling at each of those levels will be outlined. Specific texts will be assigned and will be expected to be read before class begins.

Course Objectives:

Students will learn and be prepared to utilize basic counseling skills with individuals and groups. Students will receive specific instructions in the areas of premarital counseling, marriage counseling, grief counseling, conflict resolution, as well as a host of individual counseling issues.

Students will participate in identifying and demonstrating a variety of counseling needs and procedures. Class participation, knowledge testing, and descriptive writing will be part of the final grade consideration.

Course Approach:

This course will be offered on campus during Blitz Week.

Course Requirements:

1. The following texts are required for this class:
 - Akpan, Etido Oliver. Finding and Keeping Your Significant Other (order from ACW Press, 1200 Hwy. 231 South, #273, Ozark, AL, 36360, (800) 931-BOOK, or from Dr. Oliver Akpan, P. O. 252, Cordova, TN, 38088, email: www.drakpan.com, for \$16).
 - Collins, Gary R. Christian Counseling, A Comprehensive Guide, Revised Edition. ISBN 0-8499-0692-X, ISBN 0-8499-3124-X (paperback).

- Flatt, Bill. Personal Counseling. ISBN 0-945441-06-1 (books can be ordered directly from Dr. Flatt, 901-682-5511). * Read before class begins.
 - Collins, Gary R. Christian Counseling, A Comprehensive Guide, Revised Edition. ISBN 0-8499-0692-X, ISBN 0-8499-3124-X (paperback).
 - Jones, James A. Managing Church Conflict, Group Theory Applied to the Church Family (order from Quality Publication, Abilene, Texas). ISBN 0-9137-558-9.
 - Williams, Don and Ron. Walking With Those Who Weep, A Guide to Grief Support (books can be ordered from RonDon Books, Route 3, Box 323, Killen, AL 35645).
2. Before the first day of class the student will be expected to have read the main text: Personal Counseling.
 3. The student will write a two-page paper describing his present knowledge of counseling. This paper is due the first day of class.
 4. At the conclusion of this class the student will write a seven to ten-page paper describing what he has learned about counseling and how he plans to use what he has learned.
 5. Each student will be required to write a five-page paper on a counseling topic of his choosing.

Recommended Reading:

1. LaHaye, Tim and Beverly. The Act of Marriage, The Beauty of Sexual Love ISBN 0-310-21177-8.
2. Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association, Rejoice and Weep (Order from The Memphis School of Preaching 901-751-2242).
3. Flatt, Bill. Growing Through Grief (order from Gospel Advocate).

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