



CORE STRATEGIES FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION SYLLABUS

Professor Jeff Lyle

Class Duration:

- seven weeks

Course Textbook:

- *To Guard the Deposit; Preaching the Word Commentary* by R. Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell
- The Pastoral Epistles of *I and II Timothy and Titus*
 - Each of the three Pastoral Epistles should be read a minimum of two times during this course.

Course Description:

In the three New Testament books known as the “Pastoral Epistles” the Apostle Paul challenges Timothy and Titus to discipline themselves for effective Kingdom ministry. He taught that the mind, the emotions, the mouth, and the will must be submitted consistently under the harness of Holy Spirit. He taught these two younger ministers to navigate relational challenges that arise in churches. Using the inspired teachings of *I and II Timothy and Titus* and the commentary *To Guard the Deposit; Preaching the Word Commentary*, this course will equip students to understand the high level of excellence that God requires from and empowers within all His servants.

Course Goals and Objectives:

Students will

- be challenged and equipped to recognize with excellence how maturing in integrity, character, and spiritual formation are non-negotiables for all who represent Jesus Christ in life and ministry
- learn from scripture how to properly evaluate their current depth of their spiritual formation and growth
- be equipped to counsel those whom they are currently overseeing, or will be leading in the future using the core strategies of spiritual formation
- learn systems and structures in Kingdom ministries, particularly in local church contexts
- evaluate their current depth of spiritual formation
- explain how to assess the spiritual formation of those in their spiritual care
- understand and explain how to exercise their leadership skills and spiritual influence to navigate difficult topics and to de-escalate triggering topics and personalities

Class Structure:

- video lectures
- lecture quizzes
- final exam
- written assignment

Assessments:

- **Lecture Quiz Schedule:**

Week One	Lecture Quiz 1
Week Two	Lecture Quiz 2
Week Three	Lecture Quiz 3
Week Four	Lecture Quiz 4
Week Five	Lecture Quiz 5
Week Six	Lecture Quiz 6
Week Seven	Final Exam

- **Writing Assignment and Rubric:**

Details can be found within the course 'Assignment' tab on the student portal.

*** A final grade of 70 or above must be achieved to pass this class.*