
SYLLABUS

I. Content

A study of methods of biblical interpretation. A careful investigation of how one approaches understanding and interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. This course is designed to assist the student in understanding a more systematic, personalized method of studying, interpreting and applying the Holy Scriptures in a ministry oriented setting.

II. Purpose

- A. That the student understand essential interpretive principles.
- B. That the student will understand the fundamentals of inductive Bible study.
- C. That the student will appreciate the Bible as a book and the Word of God.
- D. That the student will be motivated to do significant inductive studies of Scripture.
- E. That the student will demonstrate the ability to make personal applications of scriptural teachings to his/her own experience.
- F. That the student will demonstrate the ability to apply scriptural teachings to contemporary problems faced by those to whom you minister.

III. Course Texts

- A. *How to Read a Book* by Mortimer Adler and Charles Van Doren. Toronto: Simon and Schuster, Inc., 1972.
- B. *How to Read the Bible as Literature* by Leland Ryken. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1984.

IV. Course Requirements

A. Lectures

70%

1. View the DVD lectures by Dr. Nichols, following the lecture notes. Add your own notes to the lecture notes.
2. After each lecture, write a summary paragraph. This summary could include what you learned, what stood out to you, what applies to your life with God now, etc.
3. When you have listened to all the lectures, send your summary paragraphs to your Course Coordinator by mail or email. The summaries will be returned to you.

B. To help accomplish purposes A-D, read the assigned texts. 10%
Inform the Course Coordinator when you have read the texts. There is no written assignment.

C. To help accomplish purpose E, read and study I Peter 1:13-16. Write a one-page paper about how this passage of scripture applies to your life. 10%

D. To help accomplish purpose F, read and study I Peter 3:1-7. Write a one- page paper about how this passage of scripture applies to husband-wife relationships. 10%

Note: Read the texts and listen to the lectures **before** doing assignments C and D.

V. **Class Dates:** The dates are each student's choice.

VI. **Class Times:** The times are each student's choice.

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