

Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary
PM 515 - Studies in Ministry - Discipleship
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Note: If you are E-mailing assignments, I will send a reply that the assignment has been received and the file successfully opened. **Do not assume the assignment has been received until you get my reply.**

Textbooks:

Whitney, Donald. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1997. ISBN: 1576830276

Required Reading:

Eims, Leroy. *The Lost Art of Disciplemaking*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1978.

Spiritual Gift Inventory - Take the on-line *Free Spiritual Gifts Analysis* offered at www.churchgrowth.org. Print and bring your results to class.

Course Description:

This course is a supervised study in the field of Christian ministry. Specific topics, goals, and requirements are selected according to the needs of students. (This course is a specialized study in the area of Christian Discipleship. Emphasis is given to the student's development of a proper understanding and the application of Biblical principles for discipleship. Students are exposed to practical resources, topics and strategies for effective discipleship.)

Course Objectives

1. The student should come to an understanding of the importance of spiritual growth,
2. The student should experience personal spiritual growth.
3. The student should understand the spiritual disciplines.
4. The student should understand the biblical background for the concept of helping-others to grow in Christian discipleship,
5. The student should become more aware of methods and principles related to the discipleship process.

Course Requirements

- 1. Attendance and Participation** **10%**

- 2. Spiritual Journal** - Keep a journal beginning immediately after the first class. On a regular basis, but at least weekly, record your thoughts, feelings, and spiritual insights concerning the spiritual disciplines. **20%**

- 3. Personal Spiritual Disciplines-**
Complete the *DiscipleWay* Prototype lessons provided during the semester. **30%**

- 4. Spiritual Retreat-** A mini spiritual retreat will be conducted during the semester. Submit a one or two page report on the retreat. **10%**

- 7. Reflection Paper-** On or before the last class, submit a personal reflection paper covering the following topics:
 - a. Your view of the spiritual disciplines,
 - b. The state of your practice of the spiritual disciplines.
 - c. Long-term goals for your practice of the spiritual disciplines
 - d. Ways/methods to help disciple others in practice of the spiritual disciplinesThis paper should be 10-12 pages, double-spaced. **10%**

- 8. Final Exam** **20%**