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MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

SF5506 Biblical and Spiritual Formation, 2 credit hours

Course Description

This course is an analysis of biblical principles that develop and maintain one's relationship with God and one's thoughts about God's character. It includes a study of responses to these principles such as the principle of presentation, acceptance and authority in Christ, walking by the Spirit, dealing with guilt, trials, anger, fear, spiritual warfare, discerning God's will, and prayer.

You are strongly encouraged to take the required IL-5500 Biblical and Spiritual Formation Lab concurrent with this course to receive maximum benefit.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to...

1. Articulate an understanding and experience the truth that the ultimate focus of God's will for men is to trust, love, and delight in God in all places and at all times.
2. Describe a proper foundation for the spiritual life based upon a proper knowledge of God and His riches of grace.
3. Demonstrate a response to the truth about the character of God and riches of grace by presenting the control of your life to Him and daily walking by His Spirit.
4. Explain the biblical solutions to fear, trials, and anger.
5. To be able to discern and articulate the wrong motivations and correct goals for the spiritual disciplines.
6. Articulate an understanding of how to discern God's will.
7. Articulate the importance, discipline and dynamics of an effective prayer life.
8. Articulate a biblical view of one's body.
9. Articulate a personalized response to the truth of Christ's sufficiency in experiencing true acceptance, authority, enablement, and cleansing.

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

Assignments

Guideline for the Discussion Board 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1, 6-1: Post your initial response to the discussion question by Thursday, 11:59pm CT. Then read and respond to at least **one** (1) of your classmates' initial posts by the end of the week (Friday, 11:59pm CT).

Reflective Journals: You will post a reflective journal entry in weeks 1-6. In weeks 1-3 and 5-6 your reflective post will note the most important the most important things that God is teaching you in the respective week.

In week 4 you will post a **Turning Temptations and God's Word into Prayer** reflection. In this entry you are including the following:

- Post your plan to turn your temptations to specific intercessions. Note: review chapters 1-4 of *A Journey to Victorious Praying*.
- Your personal prayer response to Romans 12:1-2.

Your journal entries are due by Thursday, 11:59pm CDT each week.

Note about Papers: All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. **Times New Roman** font on double-spaced lines with 1" margins. (Therefore, a 2-page paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.)

1-1 Secure a Prayer Partner: Secure a prayer partner and submit their name to the professor. As in all assignments, late work will be graded according to the MDL Late Work Policy. For the complete guidelines for this assignment read *Secure a Prayer Partner*.

3-1 Living the Life God has Planned: This assignment is a series of three assignments that will be completed over the first three weeks of the course. Each week will require you to read a portion of the text and then writing a one-page response to your reading.

3-2 A Journey to Victorious Praying: After completing a reading of the text, submit a **two-three (2-3) page paper** of the most important truths that you have learned.

3-3 Listening Report 1: Submit a **two-three (2-3) page paper** on your notations and reflections of the audio messages from Dr. Thrasher. Include a statement of the percentage of the required messages that you listened to.

Optional- Journey to Victorious Praying Study Guide: To gain further insight into prayer, you can purchase a separate study guide and companion DVD that goes along with the *Journey to Victorious Praying* book you have read to aid your personal and/or group study of the book. **This is not required for this class.**

7-1 How to be a Soul Physician: Submit series of 7 *How to Be a Soul Physician* assignments. These are the assignments that you have been completing since week 5.

7-2 Reclaiming Surrendered Ground: Complete the reading and write a **two-three (2-3) page summary** of the most helpful ideas you have learned through the assignment. Remember to include the percentage of the book you have read and address the question about the sins of the forefathers from the Pdf in week 4. In your report, include a brief summary of certain tendencies that are a part of your family line.

7-3 Listening Report 2: Submit a **two-three (2-3) page paper** of your notations and reflections on the audio messages and the required articles. Include a statement of the percentage of the required articles and messages you have read. Note any optional articles and messages you listened to and/or read.

7-4 Five Most Important Truths: Complete a **two-three (2-3) page paper** on the five most important truths or principles you have learned in this course.

Assessments

Assessments	% of Total
1-1 Prayer Partner	2%
Discussion Posts	16%
Reflective Journal	12%
Reading of Books and Written Assignments	54%
Listening Reports	16%
Total:	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Description
A	96 – 100	Exceptional work
A-	94 – 95	Excellent work
B+	92 – 93	Very good work
B	89 – 91	Good work
B-	87 – 88	Above average work
C+	83 – 86	Average work
C	79 – 82	Work needs improvement
C-	75 – 78	Minimally acceptable work
F	< 75	Unacceptable work

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