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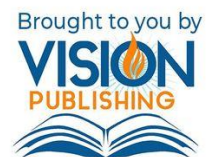
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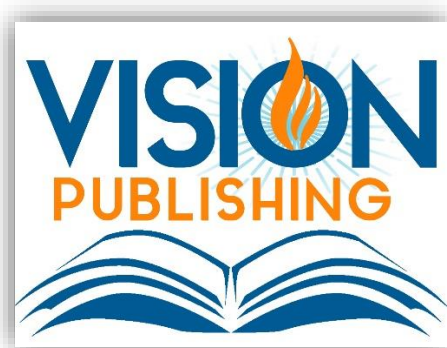
“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” Matthew 28:18-20



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A WORD FROM THE PUBLISHER

Dear College President, Academic Dean or Instructor:

VP has one goal in mind...providing to students everywhere, regardless the institution, quality training and educational materials that will equip and prepare men for service and leadership. Our unique curriculum, which makes up quality degree, diploma and certificate programs, have been developed and tested both nationally and in nearly 150 nations. Literally, thousands and thousands of students have been equipped with our materials, delivered in a variety of ways, through an even larger variety of institutions, for the glory of God. As you review this Catalog you will find that our courses and programs are practical in nature, strong academically, local-church oriented, and able to equip people for full-time service for Christ. The ministry focus is discipleship for equipping the saints of God for effective Christian service. Our academic focus is to assist men and women of God in bringing the transforming power of Jesus Christ to the communities and cities of our nation and world.



Dr. Stan DeKoven, *President and Publisher*

Our vision for the future is unique in that we are called to prepare leaders for God's great end-time harvest. There is a fresh wind of God's Spirit blowing on our world and it requires innovative ministries with innovative delivery systems to bring the Gospel to the nations. We must never forget our primary focus - "teach all nations and make disciples." We invite you to be a part of our *vision*, trusting that we might have a small part in the fulfillment of your vision for the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

Stan E. DeKoven, Ph.D.

President and Publisher

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Christian educators and leaders:

I am honored to be an alumnus of Vision International University. I am also the Director of Curriculum Development and Communication. As a graduate of Vision, I can personally attest to the high-quality material offered in Vision's programs and curriculum. Vision's Christian education resources are among the best available in the market today.

Vision makes it possible for Christian leaders to fulfill their Ephesians four mandate. Our curriculum provides pastors and educators with resources to equip their local body. Now your students and future leaders can complete their education without leaving their church or community. You no longer need to send key people away to a strange city to train them for Christian service.

So, what type of students utilize the Vision curriculum? Our student body is diverse; they come from many different denominations and organizations. Some are young, some are more seasoned, some are experienced in ministry, and some have just received their call. All appreciate being able to prepare for greater service without the need to leave their homes and jobs.

It is with great pleasure that we at Vision International make these resources available to churches, educational institutions, local leaders, and eager ministry students around the world.



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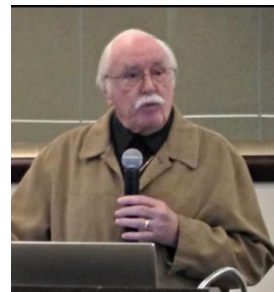
Dr. Kathy Smith

Director of Curriculum Development and Communications

OUR HISTORY

In 1974, Vision began both in Tasmania, Australia and San Diego, California. Dr. Ken Chant began to write a series of textbooks, study guides and exams for students in Australia. The course of study, called Vision College, was taken up by a number of churches in Australia and New Zealand. Simultaneously, Dr. Joseph Bohac and Dr. Stan DeKoven began Logos Institute, a local church training program in practical ministry and counseling.

Dr. Chant brought his curriculum from Sydney, Australia to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1980 to join his friend Dr. Allan Langstaff. While Dr. DeKoven pursued his graduate studies, Logos Institute continued as a counseling ministry. Over the next several years, Dr. Chant, Dr. DeKoven, and now dozens of other writers began to develop curriculum out of a desire to resource the nations. Now Vision Publishing offers, through its Curriculum Purchase Program, over 150 courses in Practical Theology, Counseling, Theology, Christian Education, Leadership, and other areas of ministry.



Dr. Ken Chant

Further, many of these courses have already been translated into Spanish, French, Russian, Portuguese, Korean, Chinese, Romanian, Bulgarian, and other languages for training men and women in international settings...we are effectively taking the whole word to the whole world. Finally, through the Vision International On Line Learning System, colleges who could not afford their own learning platform or the curriculum for the platform can, with relative ease, have a complete on-line learning system featuring all the courses found in this catalog. All of this has been made available internationally through our patented Bible College in a Box™ and are professionally provided to the Western market through Vision Publishing.

THE MISSION

The mission of Vision Publishing is to assist colleges and schools of ministry to effectively educate and train, by providing quality curriculum for distance education, both on line and off, and for classroom instruction.

Our curriculum is biblically based Christian higher education (undergraduate through graduate), for preparing Christian pastors, missionaries, church leaders, educators and other professionals for leadership in various fields of Christian service. This mission is to be accomplished through a Christ-centered distance education curriculum, of academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, spiritual and moral integrity, and practical experience.

CURRICULUM IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The pressure our rapidly changing, technologically complex world puts upon children calls for church and school educators who can be salt and light to the world. This curriculum is innovative, church-supported distance education, which is dynamic and user friendly.

Goal:

With the recent changes of emphasis in the Christian education movement, the need for highly trained Christian educators and administrators in private schools, churches, and Christian schools has increased. Vision Publishing has developed educational courses of study to prepare men and women for effective ministry in this vital area.

CURRICULUM IN BIBLICAL STUDIES & THEOLOGY

The Word of God and the knowledge of God are central to all Vision programs. Hebrews 4:12 states that the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit. Further, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 indicates that the Word provides all we need for godly life and service. The curriculum in Biblical Studies and Theology, developed primarily by our international founder from Australia Dr. Ken Chant, a prolific author, equips the minister of God for effective life-long service.

Goal:

Our goal is to train men and women to be effective professionals serving in ministry, with a special emphasis on church planting and cross-cultural ministries.

CURRICULUM IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Christian Counseling Ministry:

The Christian Counseling program of study, through the Counselor Training Program is both biblically sound and professionally oriented with a multi-cultural emphasis. Vision offers a variety of courses designed for educating and training ministers, Christian workers, school teachers, nurses, counselors, mental health workers, probation officers, and paraprofessionals in the many counseling and educational techniques.

Goal:

The focus of the Counselor education curriculum of VP, jointly developed by the late Dr. Joseph J. Bohac, pastor and counselor for nearly 40 years, and Dr. Stan DeKoven, founder and President of Vision and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, has been developed to assist, train and empower men and women to minister to “wounded people.” The Bible is our primary ministry text, which is integrated with the best of scientific knowledge in human behavior.

CURRICULUM IN LEADERSHIP

Leadership:

There is a desperate need for quality, qualified leaders who can develop, implement and manage ministry services in the church and marketplace. Vision offers a highly flexible, dynamic leadership and management curriculum for the mature adult. The Vision curriculum provides dynamic training with strong academics with real world application.

Goal:

The focus of the Leadership curriculum is to prepare future leaders and empower existing leaders through a systematic distance education program and, in some cases, short-term residency.

Location Of Our Publishing Company



Vision Publishing headquarters is housed in an administrative building in Ramona, California. The site is within a short driving distance of the rich cultural opportunities of San Diego. All curriculum originates from this location. Books can be purchased through Vision's online bookstore; <http://www.booksbyvision.org>

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The inter-denominational, non-sectarian Vision Publishing offers theological education to students from a wide variety of faith backgrounds. Vision Publishing is rooted in Pentecostal-Charismatic traditions without specific denominational affiliation. Vision now cooperates with many Christian denominations and ministerial fellowships to provide a primarily biblical education to both students preparing for ministry and those who seek a stronger theological foundation for the ministerial context in which they find themselves. Vision welcomes students from any denominational background.

The curriculum of Vision attempts to maintain a non-dogmatic perspective, allowing students to study a wide variety of theological issues to formulate their own beliefs in an academic context. Vision maintains a strong emphasis on church planting, community service, and Christian character development.

This is not intended to be a comprehensive statement of faith, but rather a guide to the doctrinal boundaries within which Vision functions. Those who share our spiritual identity will be generally familiar with the following terms and will be able to fill in what is lacking.

We affirm the following:

- That the Bible is the Word of God, given and preserved for all generations. We believe it is accurate in all that it ultimately affirms and is the authoritative standard by which we determine beliefs and conduct.
- That God exists as three persons: The Father, Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who offers saving grace to all, and the Holy Spirit who empowers men and women for service and sanctifies them for God's purpose.
- That nothing can replace the importance of the local church, which is the body of Christ on earth, in the program of God.
- That entrance into the church is through the "new birth", which is brought about by genuine repentance of sin, confession of faith in Christ as Savior, and surrender to him as Lord.
- That membership in the church is signified by joyful participation in its worship, fellowship, sacraments, witness, and by acceptance of its discipline.
- That the presence and use of the charismata is essential in the local church and in Christian ministry.
- That the victorious Christian life is built upon a proper understanding and exercise of the spiritual authority conveyed to the believer by the gift of righteousness. In the resurrection of the dead at Christ's return, in the certainty of God's judgment, and in the inescapable result of that judgment as foretold in the scriptures for the just and the unjust.

Our Role:

Our role at Vision is to bring theological education and ministerial training to people wherever they are found.

But more profoundly, while we admire and endorse the efforts of traditional Bible Schools and Seminaries, we are deeply committed to the concept of training people within the walls of their own local church, and to the provision of excellent teaching material and study options for Christians everywhere. We treat the entire local church environment as part of our educational activity: its worship, its witness, its fellowship, its teaching; its ministry – are all reckoned to be part of the training process of equipping men and women to serve Christ.

Our function is simply to add a theological and academic resource that few churches can viably provide, while leaving the practical training in ministry to the local leadership.

Underlying the way in which we present our materials, and the kinds of assessment we employ, there is an educational philosophy based upon the following principles –

Christian education must stand upon a strong theological foundation (cp. the injunctions and warnings about "sound doctrine" in 1 Timothy 1:10; 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:3; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Jeremiah 6:16; 1 Corinthians 3:10-13; etc.).

Students must be brought to know God, not just to learn about him, and the curriculum must be consciously structured to achieve that excellent end.

The goal must be not just to impart knowledge, but rather to teach principles of sound interpretation, showing people how to do their own research, and how to apply truth to life. A final goal is the ultimate activation of men and women into effective Christian service, in any environment to which he or she may be called to minister.

COURSE COMPONENTS

Each course consists of the following components, and are available to our Curriculum Purchase Network:

- Comprehensive Textbook updated every two years, and never going out of print.
- Study guide geared to the Textual materials to reinforce study
- Comprehensive multiple-choice exam, with answer key provide to the college or university unless on line learning system (Visiononlinelearning.org) is being utilized.
- Lecture on MP3 for those wanting audio, and or lecture notes, most with PowerPoint for the professor's usage.

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL CURRICULUM

The curriculum courses descriptions to follow make up a first through 4th year educational program for most bible colleges.

Curriculum Goals:

Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to:

- To prepare students for ministry service in their home or local church.
- To develop a sense of biblical and theological literacy in students.
- To enable students to effectively study, teach, preach, counsel, and lead.
- To prepare students for the task and responsibility of ministry.

To follow are the undergraduate and graduate courses available.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – Undergraduate Courses

THEOLOGY/RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Hermeneutics: Introduction to Bible Study

A study of the basic principles of hermeneutics and methods of Bible study. The course is designed to give the new student a solid foundation for the coming four years of intensive Bible study. The course presents the Bible as literature as well as the inspired Word of God with emphasis on the importance of textual and historical context in interpreting biblical passages.

Old Testament Survey

This course provides an overview of the Old Testament, with a brief introduction to each of the 39 books, and a concise summary of their contents, enabling the learner to correctly relate the parts of the Old Testament to each other, and to the New Testament. The module allows the learners to enrich their knowledge of the Bible and their ability to read each part intelligently, with an understanding of the context in which each book occurs and of how doctrine evolved gradually over the centuries. Armed with this knowledge, students are able to develop their ability to relate the Bible and its contents to daily life and to Christian witness.

New Testament Survey

This course provides an overview of the New Testament, with a brief introduction to each of the 27 books of the Protestant canon, and a concise summary of their contents, enabling the learner to correctly relate the parts of the New Testament to each other, and to the Old Testament. The module allows the learners to enrich their knowledge of the Bible and their ability to read each part intelligently, with an understanding of the context in which each book occurs and of how doctrine evolved gradually over the centuries. Armed with this knowledge students are able to develop their ability to relate the Bible and its contents to daily life and to Christian witness.

The Pentateuch

The foundation for the revelation of God and his dealings with man throughout the Old and New Testaments are found in the Pentateuch or Five Books of Moses. In these books we see the unity and authority of the Bible which always points forward to the Savior.

The Book of Matthew

This course is based upon the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew, a former despised tax collector, penned the gospel that bears his name. He addressed the deteriorating state of the church and set out to bring correction to disillusioned, wayward and overconfident believers. Matthew left his readers a true meaning of: righteousness of the gospel, the standard of discipleship, the reason for the Lord's delay in returning. This message is applicable for the church in every generation in all lands.

The Gospel of John

The fourth Gospel is studied in light of its historical context and its stated evangelistic purpose to discover its testimony of the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and to his saving work. The course will also explain and demonstrate some basic interpretative principles and methods of Bible study.

The Book of Acts

A detailed study of the origin and development of the apostolic church and of the ministry of the ascended Christ as carried on through the church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pauline Epistles: Romans

An intensive study of the book of Romans and Galatians (for personal devotional purposes) in the light of the principles of sound exposition and analysis.

Interpreting Signs and Symbols

The majority of the symbols and types, and the principles of interpretation, are presented in this course with a view towards present meaning.

Corinthians

An analysis and exposition of each book stressing the historical background and doctrinal matters with special emphasis on the Holy Spirit as treated by Paul in I and II Corinthians.

Philippians

An analysis and exposition of the letter to the church in Philippi stressing the historical background and doctrinal matters with special emphasis on the Holy Spirit as treated by Paul in this dynamic book.

Ephesians

An analysis and exposition of this dynamic letter of Paul the apostle to the church in Ephesus, expand the horizons of his readers, so that they might understand better the dimensions of God's eternal purpose and grace and come to appreciate the high goals God has for the church.

Galatians

An analysis and exposition of the letter to the church of the Galatians stressing the historical background and doctrinal matters with special emphasis on the correction brought by Paul and his reasoning for it.

Colossians

An analysis and exposition of the letter to the church of the Colossians stressing the historical background and doctrinal matters with special emphasis on the Holy Spirit as treated by Paul in this dynamic book.

Major and Minor Prophets of the Old Testament

The ministry of the prophet and the gift and function of prophecy is explained from a historical and modern context. The place and environment of prophetic ministry, prophetic presbytery, and the office of the prophet is explained.

Advanced Hermeneutics

This course is an advanced study in hermeneutics and interpretation theory from pre-modern times to the present, with a focus on the interpretation and method of reading biblical texts. The course is designed to prepare the student for advanced interpretation of scripture and will investigate biblical interpretation in light of current theological, philosophical, ecclesiological, historical and social challenges. The student will be exposed to current scholarship on a variety of hermeneutical topics. The student will learn to be humble and open-minded when approaching the text, even those that seem familiar. A scholarly approach will be presented.

Authenticity & Authority of the Bible

This course explores the manuscript and archaeological evidence supporting and detracting from the reliability of the text of the Bible as an original ancient manuscript. The origins of the biblical texts, the establishment of the canon, and issues of higher criticism will be explored. The course also introduces the student to unique perspectives concerning the authority of the Bible and its application in church and community life.

Dynamic Christian Foundations

This foundational course explores detail the fundamental foundations of Christian belief. Orthodox Christian truths will be taught in detail and are a prerequisite for a dynamic Christian life.

Christian Life

Paul stated that whenever possible we are to live our lives at peace, especially within the household of faith. In our day, we need to learn the pattern for gracious living.

Introduction to Evangelism

The core of this course is practical training in the philosophy and methods of soul winning, visitation, discipleship follow-up and evangelistic outreach including signs and wonders.

Theology of Worship

Thanksgiving, praise, and worship are vital for the New Testament Christian. Worship is dynamically illustrated and taught in this course. Emphasis on Who we worship and why is maintained throughout.

Principles and Power of Prayer

This course shows the vital contribution of prayer in developing the whole person mentally, physically, and spiritually. A study is made of both Old Testament and New Testament prayer life, with special emphasis

on the prayer life of Jesus and the early church. This approach helps the student to realize how prayer becomes a resident creative force in Christian living.

Spiritual Formation: Journey to Wholeness

This course examines the biblical perspectives on God's plans and purposes for man and how God through his love and grace helps man to develop a believer's personality through stages of spiritual development.

Spiritual Warfare

As a child of God, we must understand that our Heavenly Father is GOOD. His chief motivation in our life is to make us the best person we can possibly be. On the other hand, Satan is totally evil. Jesus gives us Satan's job description in John 10:10. This course is about the battle of Good against evil.

Kingdom Living

This course deals with the concepts of living by the laws and principles of the Kingdom of God.

Fruit of the Spirit

This course is a study on the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. How much fruit do you want in your life? Is your love for God reflected in your love for others? Has your love for God led to self-control? This course defines and discusses the fruit of the Spirit and urges you to permit the Holy Spirit to transform your character to become progressively more like Christ. The Holy Spirit is the creator of the Church and the fruit of the spirit is the 'glue' that holds it together.

New Creation Living

This course is intended to help the student to know and understand who they are in Christ. The Scriptures say that believers are created in the image of Christ

Hospital Chaplaincy

This foundational course explores in detail the fundamental foundations of Healthcare Chaplaincy ministry, historically and practically. Chaplaincy will be taught from a strongly biblical perspective and is a preparatory course for this area of vital ministry.

Church History

A study of church history during the Apostolic Age, the ante-Nicene period, and the post-Nicene period. Topics include the rise of orthodoxy, the many transformations that took place after the conversion of Constantine, the rise of the papacy, the many forms of medieval religious life, and the emergence of new forms of both lay and clerical piety. The developmental history of Western Civilization, in relation to the History of the Church, is noted in particular.

Authority of the Believer

This course is designed to equip the student to understand and operate under the authority given to us by Christ. The student will learn from scripture the nature of Christ's provision for us and our authority under His Lordship to function as Kings and priests.

Cults and the Occult

The course will focus upon several modern cults. We will study the historical aspects of the beginning of each cult, their basic doctrinal positions, and their position relative to Biblical Christian beliefs. While not primarily a course designed for witnessing your faith, the course will aid the student in future contact with cult members and those influenced by cult members.

Soteriology

The Doctrine of Salvation is clearly delineated and expanded in this course. Questions regarding the process of salvation, its importance, etc. will be covered.

Healing Covenant Old and New Testament

The healing ministry of the church has essentially been given over to health care professionals. This course will explore issues such as historical, Biblical foundations, emotional, spiritual, and physical aspects of healing. The goal of this course is to recover this vital ministry in the church.

Faith Dynamics

Living a life of victory, power, and sufficiency requires faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. This course discusses in detail the dynamics of faith and their relationship to the believer.

The Blood Covenant

The covenant of God to his people has always been sealed with blood. The course of this covenant between God and his people is demonstrated throughout the Word of God.

Spiritual Gifts

This course explains the roles and functions of each of the ministry gifts biblically and teaches how they work together in the Body of Christ, under His Lordship and authority for our benefit and the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Homiletics

This course is on the fundamental methods of sermon preparation. It emphasizes both structure and delivery. Attention is given to the determination of audience type, the proper use of voice, and other principles of public speaking.

Introduction to Charismatic Theology

This course explores the fundamental foundation of Christian belief in the area of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Orthodox Christian truths will be taught in detail and are prerequisite for a dynamic Christian.

Christian Character Development

This course examines the biblical perspectives on Christian Character and how God through his love and grace helps man to develop a right Christian character and personality through clearly established Biblical processes.

Angelology

A thorough study of the role and function of angels in relation to the church of Jesus Christ and the believer is detailed in this course.

Demonology

A thorough study of the role and function of angels and demons in relation to the church of Jesus Christ and believers is detailed in this course.

Faith Dynamics II: Mountain Movers

Living a life of victory, power and sufficiency requires faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. This course discusses in detail the dynamics of mountain moving faith and their relationship to the believer.

Pastoral Ministry

This is a study of the practical side of a minister's life and duties. It will include instruction in the proper manner of services, and a discussion of many of the problems a pastor faces.

Introduction to Christian Leadership

A detailed study of the basic principle of leadership as it applies to the local church. This will include the Dynamics of Leadership, Qualifications of Leadership, Counseling and Ethics, Church Administration and Government, etc.

Introduction to World Missions

A study of the theology of missions, history of missions from Pentecost to the present, and culture and the missionary, with special emphasis on the unreached people groups of the world.

Finding God's Will

Finding one's place in the body of Christ as well as direction for one's life and ministry is essential for effective Christian service. There are many theories of Divine guidance and each are explained within a solid Biblical perspective.

Principles and Philosophy of Church Growth

The Great Commission of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) is the continuing mandate of the church. Though methods of evangelism and church planting have changed, the mandate remains the same. How to “grow the church” is the focus of this course.

Royal Priesthood

This course presents studies on the priesthood of the believer. It is intended to help the believer to “come boldly to the throne.” The course examines the functions, responsibilities and blessings of being a priest in the Body of Christ.

Dynamics of Revival

This is not so much a course on the techniques of planning a revival meeting, as it is a course in the true dynamic of true revival that comes from the Lord.

Introduction to Chaplaincy

This foundational course explores in detail the fundamental foundations of Chaplaincy ministry, historically and practically. Chaplaincy will be taught from a strongly biblical perspective and is a preparatory course for this area of vital ministry.

Women’s Roles in the 21st Century Church: A Christian Perspective

This course will explore the interdisciplinary study of the changing identity and roles of women in the family, church, society, and ministry from history, psychology, philosophy, sociology, and theology. The course explores other ministries available that are relevant in today’s Christian community.

History of Women in Ministry

An in-depth study of daughters of the church from the New Testament times to the present. This course endeavors to survey history and insight regarding women’s significant ministries in variety of ways throughout the history of the church.

Women of Excellence in Home and Ministry

A course intended to help women in Christian Leadership with a ministerial career. It addresses the issues and special concerns with helpful teaching guides, the process of prioritizing ministry and family life in modern society and church.

Systematic Theology

The course will introduce students to the study of theology using the method known as systematic theology. While, by and large, the faculty of Vision Publishing reject the validity of a rational attempt to systematize biblical reflection or to dogmatize the experience of the scriptures, this course will serve as general exposure to systematic methodology from a Renewal Theology perspective. This course will not be a survey of the content of systematic theology but rather will introduce the students to the major issues in

the forefront of the discipline in the Pentecostal and Charismatic traditions. The course utilizes the reflective approach rather than a dogmatic approach. The course will establish foundational principles and definitions that will guide theological discussion. The student will engage the primary text to inform and elicit theological thinking. The student will engage theology proper, the doctrine of God, from a Renewal perspective, and probe the nature of God, basic Christian doctrine, Renewal distinctives, and theological anthropology.

Christian Theology

In the church we use words that are often not clearly understood by the new Christian or by the unchurched. In this course the student will study the meaning of each theological word and will be able to apply these words to their own life. An introduction to the basic teachings of the Christian faith, this course includes discussions of the nature and task of theology and of the Christian understanding of God, revelation, creation, spirituality, sin, and redemption.

Ecclesiology

An examination of the New Testament church with particular concern given to its origin, distinctive nature, mission, government, offices, ordinances, and destiny. The course will explore the nature and development of the Christian church and its interaction with contemporary society. The emphasis of the course will be practical ministry and church structure. Biblical exposition and church tradition will be jointly examined. Critical thinking about the church, clergy, parishioners, and society will be stressed.

Christology

This course examines and analyzes the development of the doctrine of Christ from a biblical-expositional perspective. The course provides a detailed and contemporary theological study of the person of Christ. Special attention will be given to the Christological controversies of the early Christian centuries, and the resolutions of the councils that dealt with those controversies. The student will develop a personal Christology rooted in scripture and tradition.

Eschatology

A review of the classical concepts of Christian Eschatology and of various contemporary approaches to the same material. Issues concerning the Return of Christ and the Apocalypse will be explored from a hermeneutical perspective. An interpretive study of the biblical passages concerning the final things according to scripture and Christian tradition. Consideration will be given to various views of the return of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment, and the eternal state. Students will be presented with the array of diversity, from the futurist to the preterist views.

Pneumatology (The Holy Spirit)

This course provides a simple presentation regarding Holy Spirit Baptism from a classical Pentecostal/Charismatic perspective. It establishes that every Christian experiences Holy Spirit Baptism, the new birth and the baptism in the Spirit are distinct, and that the miraculous gifts of the Spirit are still available and should be occurring in the worship of today's church. The course affirms that while glossolalia

is the general biblical pattern for Holy Spirit baptism, it is not defensible dogma to assume that it is the only pattern that God uses.

The Challenge of Leadership in Church and Community

The focus of this course is the development of developing a sound biblical perspective in the challenge leaders face. Principles of both secular and spiritual leadership will be explained in depth. Leaders from government, business, education, and religion are analyzed for their positive strengths, leadership qualities, and ability to overcome adversity. The course is case study driven and provides real-world examples of leadership principles for the student to apply to her/his immediate context.

Strategic Church Administration

When spiritual leaders are asked about their least desirable ministerial activities, administration is usually at the bottom of the list. A main reason cited for this antipathy for administration is that few leaders feel adequately equipped for this onerous task. Strategic planning, staffing, and management are explored in ways that those serving in ministry can understand and appropriate. Practical application will be emphasized.

Church Growth and Development

A study of church growth and development with special emphasis on church health. Attention will be given to the skills of observation of the historical and contemporary roles of the church and society. Students will describe the socialization and dynamics of the church to culture and develop skills for effective ministry. Common errors in church leadership and development will be explored. Leadership in the church and administration of church affairs are explored in detail. Methods of administration and forms of leadership style and responsibility are delineated.

Ministry in Correctional Institutions

An intensive survey designed to provide a basis for study of, and sharpening of skills for ministry in the jail and prison setting. An overview of the types of facilities in which ministry takes place, types of ministry being carried out, and opportunities for ministry within the facility and post-facility setting.

Worship Leading

This course is a study of the purpose and function of leading worship and how it involves the roles of the pastor, worship leader and worship team in the worship service. We will examine how to properly prepare for a worship service through effective preparations and how to lead in a small and large group. In addition, we will seek to understand different expressions in Christian worship and its relationship to the presence of God.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Marriage and Family Life: A Christian Perspective

This course provides a careful examination of the modern problems inherent in marital and family relationships; offers suggestions for treatment on an individual and church-wide basis; and provides numerous counseling resources.

Introduction to Christian Counseling

This course proposes to help the student discover the basic concepts of Christian counseling and increase skill and competence in counseling situations.

Dynamic Christian Parenting

A careful examination of the modern problems inherent in marital and family relationships, with special emphasis on parenting and its importance in church life.

Studies in Biblical Inner Healing

This course contains the biblical bases for the concept of inner healing and healing of the memories. The student will be able to deal with issues in his or her own past that may be preventing them from being a "real person."

Assessment in Christian Counseling

This course is the examination of emotional problems, their antecedents and consequences with a special emphasis on the destructiveness of sin. The course will look at different methods of assessing psychological problems.

Developing a Christian Counseling Ministry

This course is intended to help the Christian develop a counseling ministry. It presents the various laws and ethical requirements related to counseling and studies the many forms needed to conduct a successful counseling ministry.

Human Sexuality from a Biblical Perspective

This is an introductory course dealing with the subject of human sexuality. The student will learn about what the Bible teaches about acceptable sex in the life of the Christian. Sexual deviations will also be considered.

Crisis Counseling: A Christian Perspective

The world we live in, because of the influence of sin, is filled with problems. When crises happen, whether by "accident" or design, they cause severe disruption to our lives. It is an inherent quality of ministry to be able to effectively minister to those in crisis times.

Counseling the Dysfunctional Family from a Christian Perspective

This course deals with the subject of dysfunctional families, especially as related to the psychological and spiritual dynamics of generational patterns. Attention is given to the need for understanding the theological and psychological patterns of reconciliation. Particular attention is given to showing the importance of relationship between the Father Image and its influence on generational patterns in the family.

Counseling and Family Violence from a Christian Perspective

Counseling and Family Violence from a Christian perspective is one of the required courses for students pursuing a degree in counseling with an emphasis in family counseling, domestic violence counseling, substance abuse and addiction counseling and/or pastoral counseling. Counseling and Family Violence focuses on the etiology, context, methodology and effects of domestic violence within the family. This course is designed to acquaint students, pastors, chaplains, educators and church workers with the psychological, sociological and theological aspects of family violence and abuse in its many forms. The underlying purposes of the course are to: (1) provide students an understanding of the biopsychosocial antecedents to family abuse and violence; (2) to provide students an understanding of the cycle of violence and the behavioral patterns associated with each phase of the cycle; (3) to educate students in the various forms of abuse that can escalate to violence; (4) to provide students an understanding of the nature of both expressive and instrumental violence; (5) to teach students how to conduct an assessment and psychosocial evaluation of a domestic violence perpetrator (batterer) and victim (battered spouse); (6) to train students in effective therapeutic intervention techniques, and; (7) to increase students critical thinking, writing skills and report preparation.

Human Development: A Christian Perspective

This course is an introduction to human development from a Christian perspective, and the perspective of physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. This course offers a broad overview of perspectives, principles, theories, and research findings associated with the field of human life-span development. The aim of the course is to provide a foundation of knowledge that will help the student become a more effective counselor, educator, and leader.

PRACTICUM

The Paul and Timothy Program

The Paul and Timothy program is a practical application of what the student is learning in their bible college program. It emphasizes the various skills needed to be effective in local church leadership.

GENERAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

English Composition

A study of the principles of composition with emphasis on language, the mechanics of writing, the types of discourse, and research and documentation. The course develops students' ability to write unified, well-developed and coherent expository essays that employ standard English mechanics. It exposes the students to literary works that sharpen their critical-thinking and analytical skills necessary in college writing. The course also includes a study of rhetoric and short-essay composition, and readings and

responsive writing assignments. This is predominantly a skills course to develop the student's writing competency as a foundation for all future studies.

Introduction to Church Management

This course introduces the subject of management, identifies leadership positions, and stresses the importance of the role of leadership and management skills in Christian Ministry. Biblical principles of leading like a servant and shepherd and qualifications for leaders are also discussed. Major tasks of leaders are reviewed, with emphasis on decision-making and handling conflicts. Guidelines for training leaders and followers are given, and principles of success and reasons for failure examined. Emphasis is placed on the context of Management in Community Service, preparing the student to support Community Leadership.

Financial Integrity and Biblical Stewardship

This course is designed to prepare students to maintain integrity in Christian Ministry when dealing with finances and issues of stewardship. The course includes spiritual and financial blockades to financial integrity, proper use and distribution of personal and ministry funds, budgeting, ethical fundraising, financial responsibility and accountability, and matters of finance pertaining to the local church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dynamics of Teaching the Word

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the principles of teaching in a structured environment. Emphasis is placed upon the principles of organization and presentation methodology including, Stating Objectives, Lesson Planning, Evaluation, Curriculum Selection and Development, Teaching Illiterate Students, and Teacher Training.

Christian Education: Principles and Practice

A study will be made of theological concepts that form the philosophical perspectives and principles of Christian education. Organization and administration of church educational programs so as to integrate them within the total ministry of the local church is a primary focus of this course. This course includes a study of the major religious and secular developments in history and education along with a comparison of those developments with biblical principles. The goal is to develop an understanding of the church role in education and to develop a personal philosophy of Christian education.

Classroom Management for Christian Schools

This course emphasizes practical, classroom-tested techniques and strategies. Well-organized and managed classrooms set the stage for student learning and achievement. Students will explore a range of models and strategies that will serve as a foundation for developing a personal approach to classroom management. Classroom management will be defined by exploring theory and research in the field. In addition, rationale will be examined in considering it as a system, as instruction, and as discipline

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Conflict Management and Resolution: A Christian Perspective

This course examines causes of dysfunctional anger and conflict and provides biblically consistent principles and methods for management and prevention. The course provides for both acquisition of knowledge and development of interpersonal skills.

Ethics in Christian Leadership

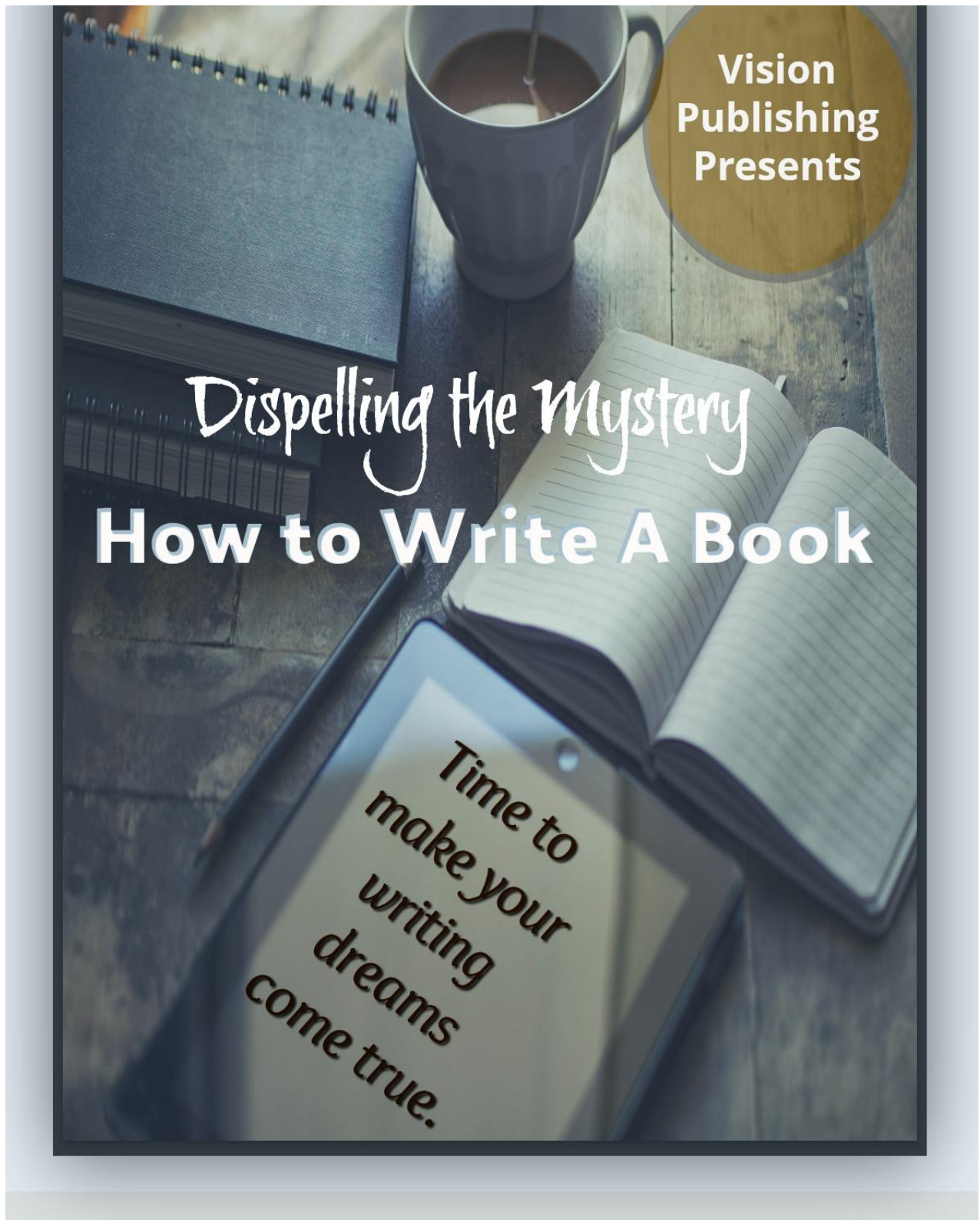
Leadership Ethics highlights the importance of fidelity, integrity, and value-based decision making. Contemporary ethical issues in church, community, and ministry leadership are examined from a biblical perspective. This course explores the sources, methods, disputes and insights of Christian ethics. Central themes and issues include freedom, conscience and the passions, the relation of God and morality, love and justice, virtue and law, and the question whether there is a distinctive Christian ethics. Because Christian ethics is a form of reflection which arises out of moral conflict, the course utilizes specific moral problems as a way of exploring these themes. Ultimately, these explorations will provide the student with a theoretical basis for understanding the nature of moral thinking itself and the form which it takes within a Christian context.



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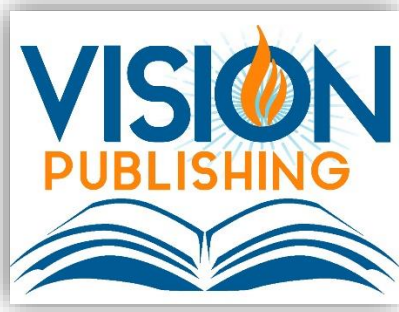
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