PT 6000: BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY

Summer Term Course 2014. 2 Semester Hours. Class Schedule: Two Weekends. Fridays: 2:00pm – 9pm. Saturdays: 8:30am – 3:15pm Visiting Professor: Gary G. Hoag, Ph.D. – EFCA, Generosity Monk

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The contents of this syllabus are subject to change until the first day of class.

Catalog Description

This course helps leaders understand biblical stewardship principles as a basis for encouraging Christian generosity. Students will explore the Scriptures alongside theological and professional writings to develop a personal philosophy of stewardship and a resource development plan for an organization or church.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course:

• Learners will be able to articulate stewardship themes from the Scriptures and discuss the implications of those themes for their lives and ministry.

- Learners will exhibit an extensive grasp of biblical stewardship principles by writing a philosophy of biblical stewardship paper.
- Learners will be positioned to encourage Christian generosity in the church context or other ministry organizational settings, locally, nationally or globally.
- Learners will complete a resource development project that demonstrates their ability to use a variety of resources and strategies to help people grow in the grace of giving.

Required Texts

- Alcorn, Randy. *The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving*. Sisters: OR Multnomah, 2005 [ISBN: 9781590525081]
- Blomberg, Craig. Neither Poverty Nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Material Possessions. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999. [ISBN: 9780830826070]
- Nouwen, Henri J.M. Spirituality of Fundraising. Nashville: Upper Room, 2010. [ISBN: 9780835810449]
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- Willmer, Wesley K. ed. *Revolution in Generosity: Transforming Stewards to be Rich toward God.* Chicago: Moody Press, 2008. [ISBN: 9780802467539]

Course Format

Sessions will be conducted in lecture with break out times for small group discussion, one-onone interaction, or journaling in response to formational questions. Video clips are also integrated into the curriculum. In addition, students will also be exposed to a variety of resources found in the bibliography as those materials are referenced or speak to the material being delivered in the course.

Course Schedule

Friday #1 Course Overview Biblical Stewardship and Christian Generosity from Global Perspective Possessions in the Old Testament Stuff in the Synoptic Gospels Stewardship Exhortations and Examples in the Early Church

Saturday #1

Stewardship and Generosity in Church History Stewardship and Generosity in the Church Today *Panel of Givers Lunch Forum*: "Understanding Biblical Stewardship & Practicing Christian Generosity" Project #1 – Preparation and Discussion

Friday #2

Encouraging Christian Generosity: Different Visions, Roles and Responsibilities Transforming Stewards in the Church Context Increasing Participation in your Parachurch Ministry Seven Deadly Sins of Christian Fundraising

Saturday #2

Historical Lessons and Best Practices for Church and Parachurch Settings Integrity in Christian Fundraising, Course Evaluations, Panel and Pizza Lunch Forum *Panel of Practitioners Lunch Forum*: "More than Raising Money: Encouraging Stewards to be Rich toward God"

Project #2 – Preparation and Discussion

Course Expectations

All students must complete these requirements (100 points = 100 percent):

1. Attend all four days of class and participate in discussions: 20 points/20% of final grade.

- 2. Complete the reading on time: 30 points/30% of final grade.
- 3. Write a *Philosophy of Biblical Stewardship* Paper (8-10 pages): 25 points/25% of final grade.
- 4. Design a Resource Development Plan (8-10 pages): 25 points/25% of final grade.

Show up, speak up, do your reading and demonstrate thoughtful interaction with the Scriptures and the reading material, you will succeed! Grading will follow these ranges:

100-94 = A 93-90 = A 89-87 = B 86-84 = B 83-80 = B

(same distribution in 70's and 60's for C's and D's. All grades below 60 = F)

Assignments

Reading is due before class begins on theses dates. Papers must be emailed to the professor at gary.hoag@generositymonk.com on the dates below. Late papers will lose five points per day. Due before Friday #1 of class – Read: Neither Poverty Nor Riches Due before Saturday #1 of class – Read: Treasure Principle Due by the Wednesday before Friday #2– Email: Philosophy of Biblical Stewardship Paper Due before Friday #2 of class – Read: The Sower and Spirituality of Fundraising Due before Saturday #2 of class – Read: Revolution in Generosity (any five chapters) Due ten days after the last day of class – Email: Resource Development Paper Due ten days after the last day of class – Email: Report of Reading done on schedule

Project #1

Philosophy of Biblical Stewardship Paper

In this paper, you must articulate your philosophy of biblical stewardship that serves as a basis for the practice of Christian generosity. Essentially your job is to demonstrate a grasp of the biblical themes that emerge in the OT, Gospels and Early Church, and describe they relate to your life personally and your practice professionally. As these areas have been largely formed by your family, your church tradition, and more broadly by the culture, the goal here is to explore the Scriptures and declare what you believe. This will shape the rest of your life and leadership.

This paper should be 8-10 pages in length citing Scriptures and saints through the century whose thinking has shaped your own. Additionally, all papers must include a one-page stewardship summary that could be adopted by your church or parachurch organization as a corporate stewardship statement.

Project #2

Resource Development Plan

For this project, you must craft a resource development plan for your actual or a hypothetical church or parachurch ministry setting. Your plan must include the spiritual and strategic work required of leaders who want to do move beyond raising up gifts to raising up givers to be rich toward God. In addition to citing relevant Scriptures, you must cite insights gained from your reading and best practice research as well as pitfalls to avoid in your chosen ministry context.

This project should be 8-10 pages in length. Your plan must include background information, current ministry focus, as well as strategic initiatives, goals and objectives to be implemented. As an alternative to presenting it in paper form, students may create a web-based project, but they will also be required to submit a paper which explains the thinking behind the its development and the plan for implementation, again, explaining the rationale behind it.

Other Resources on Biblical Stewardship and Christian Generosity:

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- Blue, Ron and Judy. Raising Money-Smart Kids: How to Teach Your Children the Secrets of Earning, Saving, Investing and Spending Wisely. Nashville: Thomas Nelson. 1992.
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- Cunningham, Loren. *Daring to Live on the Edge: The Adventure of Faith and Finances*. Seattle: YWAM. 1991.
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- Dillon, William P. *People Raising: A Practical Guide to Raising Support.* Chicago: Moody Press. 1993.
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- Frank, John R. *The Ministry of Development: An Introduction to the Strategies for Success in Christian Ministries.* Dallas: EDM Press. 1996.
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- Guinness, Os. *Doing Well and Doing Good: Money, Giving and Caring in a Free Society.* Colorado Springs: NavPress. 2001.
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Website Resources

10K Wizard SEC Filings - www.10kwizard.com Acton Institute – www.acton.org Alban Institute – www.alban.org American Association of Fundraising Counsel (Giving U.S.A.) - www.aafrc.org American Council on Gift Annuities - www.acga.web.org Association of Fundraising Professionals – www.nsfre.org Association of Prospect Researchers for Advancement – www.aprahome.org Barna Research – www.barna.org Benevon-www.benevon.com Blackbaud: The Raiser's Edge Fundraising Software - www.blackbaud.com Boardsource - www.boardsource.org Christian Leadership Alliance - www.christianleadershipalliance.com Crown Financial Ministries – www.crown.org Ecumenical Stewardship Center - www.stewardshipresources.org Eternal Perspective Ministries – www.epm.org Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability - www.ecfa.org Foundations On-line – www.foundations.org Generous Giving - www.generousgiving.org Good Sense Ministry - www.goodsenseministry.com Guidestar (The National Database of Nonprofit Organizations) – www.guidestar.org Maximum Generosity – www.kluth.org Money for Ministry - www.moneyforministry.com National Committee on Planned Giving – www.ncpg.org Ronald Blue & Co., LLC – www.ronblue.com The Chronicle of Philanthropy – <u>www.philanthropy.com</u> The Foundation Center - www.fdncenter.org The Fundraising School – www.philanthropy.iupui.edu The NonProfit Times – www.nptimes.com

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