

Educational Ministries of the Growing Church Fall Semester 2010

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PT5712 PEDAGOGY IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This is a practical course designed to teach the student in the use of a wide range of teaching/learning methods and approaches. Special attention is given to appropriate methodology for age groups, and to a choice of methods to implement learning goals and objectives. The course will include a laboratory/practice approach. Students will elect a project in the area of their interests (children, youth or adults). REQUIRED FOR M.A.M.CE., C.M.CE. - Two Credit Hours

Requirements:

I. Writing

- a. Periodic written assignments
- b. Production in a group of a set of reproduced notes to be distributed to the entire class. Student selects one of six subject areas in the methodology unit. Due one week prior to date assigned for class discussion.
- c. Paper entitled “My Personal Philosophy of Christian Education” or a paper or project of your choice in lieu of philosophy paper.

II. Observing

The student is asked to observe two qualitative teaching situations outside the Seminary framework:

- a. One non-Christian eg. Public school, university, adult education classes, etc.
- b. One distinctively Christian eg. A Sunday school class, home Bible class, Christian day school, Bible college, etc.

Write up an evaluation report using the critique sheets provided. Be sure to include a summary paragraph for each evaluation.

III. Reading

- a. Each student is expected to read a minimum of 300 pages—100 pages in the following areas: (1) philosophy; (2) methodology; and (3) general—plus a reading of the two texts;
- b. *Creative Bible Teaching* by Lawrence O. Richards (Two page summary)
- c. *The Seven Laws of Teaching* by John M. Gregory
 - (1) Define each law in your own words.
 - (2) List four specific applications of each law for your educational practice.

IV. Teaching

Each student will have an opportunity to teach a subject of his choice and be evaluated by the instructor and his fellow students. This will be a 35 minute lesson.

All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will be automatically dropped one letter grade.

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) weeks grace period, the student’s grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student’s transcript.

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- Powell, Terry. *You Can Lead a Bible Discussion Group!*, Sisters, Oregon: Multomah Books, 1996.

Charles R. Swindoll, ed. Nashville, TN: Word Publishing, 2001. (337 pp)

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Wiersbe, Warren W. *Preaching and Teaching With Imagination: The Quest for Biblical Ministry*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1994.

Walk Thru the Bible Ministries. 1) *Teaching With Style*; 2) *The 7 Laws of the Teacher*; 3) *The 7 Laws of the Learner* -Videos and workbooks. Box 80587 Atlanta, GA 30366.