



## **BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

### **READINGS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING (BC7624)**

2 Semester Credit Hours—Spring 2012

January 23-April 27, 2012

Professor: Dr. Luis A. Orteza

#### **COURSE PURPOSE:**

To provide the student with the opportunity to expand his/her understanding of the field of biblical counseling.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES—LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. To build on the foundation of the Biblical Counseling program so that the student can expand his/her understanding of the essential dynamics of Biblical Counseling.
2. To enable the student to recognize important differences with other theories and describe their relationship to the Biblical Counseling model.
3. To provide opportunity for the student to examine model components and relate them to the Biblical Counseling and theological framework upon which they are dependent.
4. To provide students with the opportunity to analyze contributions to the field of Biblical Counseling utilizing their cumulative knowledge and to generalize principles to assist them in developing a counseling ministry.
5. To provide an occasion for students to construct their own modifications to their Biblical counseling theory in relationship to the readings.
6. To encourage the student to develop her/his ability to critique and appraise the theories of others.

## **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:**

The following texts are to be read. Your reading must at least approximate 1200 pages required reading. Please read the directions for these assignments. We will have three discussion classes the dates of which we will decide the first night of class. We will cover the first four books on the first class and the next four at the subsequent meeting. The final class will provide opportunity to discuss the remaining books and any other matters appropriate to the course. **The first two papers should be submitted to class Tuesday, March 6. The remaining papers are due by April 24 if you are graduating. All papers must be submitted by Friday April 27. Thereafter, course materials maybe 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.** Your papers will be more than welcome any time you complete them. Just drop them off at the office or mail them to the office. You may also email them to me at [uorteza@bellsouth.net](mailto:uorteza@bellsouth.net). Be sure to fill in the subject line on your email message with the fact that this is a paper for Readings in Biblical Counseling. **Note: All papers must be formatted in accordance with the Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.** Each reading material is worth 20 percent totaling 100 percent upon submission of all review papers.

## **REQUIRED PRINTED MATERIALS**

*Depression*, Ed Welch. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing.  
ISBN: 0875526829 (275 pp.)

*How People Change*, Lane, Timothy S./Tripp, Paul David  
New Growth Press, Greensboro, NC.  
ISBN: 0977 0807-2-2 (258 pp.)

*The How and Why of Love: An Introduction to Evangelical Ethics*  
Hill, Michael. Matthias Media, Kingsford NSW, Australia.  
ISBN: 1 876326 45 X

*Deceptive Diagnosis: When Sin is Called Sickness*, David Tyler and Kurt Grady.  
Focus Publishing. ISBN: 1-885904-58-4 (128 pp.)

*Psychology as Religion: The Cult of Self Worship*  
Paul Vitz, W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., MI.  
ISBN 0-8028-0725-9 (168 pp.)

**REQUIRED RESPONSES TO THE READING:**

Directions: Write a response paper on all the books as if you were doing a review of a book (5 to 7 pages). Your papers will be graded according to content and grammar as well as conformity to Turabian Chicago standard of writing term papers.

**Recommended:** *How to Read a Book: A Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading* by Mortimer Adler. This is available at the Briarwood Christian Book Store.