

Contemporary Christian Life Course Schedule

Fall Semester 2007
TR 1:40-2:55; Jen. 325

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Key



= Scripture Memory for this week



= Mp3

(Note: Assignments are in Italics)

Week 1

August

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Introduction to the Course

Week 2

September

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Defining & Delimiting the “Christian Life”

Identify ten top biblical descriptors of the “Christian Life,” with 1 supporting passage of Scripture for each. Now circle the top three most essential and write a defense of those three choices (in 1-2 pages, typed).

Tippens 9-27, Moody Ch. 1

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Authority Structures & the “Triad of Interpretation”

(note: the assignments for this day continue on the next page!)

Self-awareness Project—How is your experience of the Christian life affected by the following (reflect deeply; make journal-type notes, writing from 1-5 sentences per topic; this does not need to be typed):

Your family history

Your spiritual history & gifts

Your theology

Your education

Your emotional makeup and personality

Your successes & failures

Your work ethic/discipline

Your communication patterns/How you express & receive love or correction

Your learning style
Your cultural contexts
Your experience of pain & suffering
Your denominational context

Gibbs & Bolger Ch. 1; Vanhoozer 7-32

📖 *Ps. 139:23-24*

Week 3

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The Triad Continued

Vanhoozer 33-60 (Browse his other chapters)

Apply Vanhoozer's method to "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" on Reserve in the Library

Tippens Ch. 2

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Life's Purpose

Tippens Ch. 3; Moody Ch. 5

📖 *Mark 12:29-31; Jer. 9:23-24*

Week 4

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The Life of the Spirit & Nature of Devotion

Moody Ch. 2-3; Packer Chs. 1 & 10

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Scripture & the Christian Life

📖 *Deut. 10:12-13*

Week 5

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Prayer & the Christian Life

Packer Chs. 2-3

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Prayer Cont.

Packer Chs. 5-6

📖 *Phil. 4:4-7*

Week 6 October		
	2	Vocation & Mission <i>Mission and Values Worksheet</i> ✦ Piper: “Don’t Waste Your Life” (access link on CCLP Website)
	4	Vocation & Mission Cont.; Discerning God’s Will ✦ Smith on Vocation audio (access link on CCLP Website) 📖 2 Tim. 4:5; Ps. 90:17
Week 7		
	9	Stewardship & Life’s Resources: Time, Character, Community ✦ Waltke MP3 <i>Tippens Chs. 8-10</i>
	11	Stewardship & Life’s Resources: Spiritual Gifts & Mentors <i>Tippens Chs. 7 & 11</i> 📖 Eph. 5:15-18
Week 8		
	16	Stewardship & Life’s Resources: Money & Possessions “Consumption and the Modern Ethos” (pp. 7-15; On Reserve) “The Theology of Consumption and the Consumption of Theology” (170-204; On Reserve) 📖 1 Tim. 6:17-19
	18	<i>Fall Break! Have Fun.</i>
Week 9		
	23	Stewardship & Life’s Resources: Health, Work, & Sabbath <i>Dorothy Bass article (on Reserve)</i> <i>Tippens Chs. 5-6, 14</i>

25	Stewardship & Life's Resources: Suffering
	<p>♣ <i>Mp3 on Suffering (access link on CCLP Website)</i></p> <p><i>Tippens Ch. 16; Packer Chs. 7-8</i></p> <p>📖 <i>1 Peter 5:6-7</i></p>
Week 10	
30	Foundations of Christian Community: The Family
	<i>Moody Ch. 9</i>
November	
1	Marriage
	<i>Sacred Marriage, Chs. 1 & 2 (On Reserve)</i>
	📖 <i>Deut. 6:4-7</i>
Week 11	
6	Parenting
	<i>Begin preparing for Exam</i>
8	Marriage/Parenting: Interview with the Guthrie Family
	📖 <i>Col. 3:20-21</i>
Week 12	
13	Guest Lecture
15	Exam: Weeks 1-8
Week 13	
20	No Class
21-25	Thanksgiving Holiday!!!
Week 14	
27	The Church & Christian Mission
	<p>♣ <i>Barger Mp3</i></p> <p><i>Gibbs & Bolger Summary & Analysis Due</i></p>

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The Church & Christian Mission

Tippens Ch. 13 & 15; Moody Chs. 7-8, 10

 *Matt. 16:18*

Week 15

4 December

Life as Worship


♣ *Worship Mp3 (access link on CCLP website)*

Tippens Ch. 12; Packer Chs. 4 & 9

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Worship Day

Notebook Due

 *Ps. 100*

Tippens Ch. 17

Week 16

Final Exam