



Nipawin Bible College
GE2213 Marriage and Family
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3 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Focusing on the many Biblical texts which teach God's purposes and imperatives for the family, this interactive course encourages the student to learn, internalize, and practice His ways as it relates to building a family. It will be necessary to compare God's ways to the ways of the world and see how and why the latter fall woefully short—with inherent consequences.

We will also look at how the family is a symbol of our relationship with God.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

God, Marriage, and the Family, 2nd edition, Andreas J. Köstenberger (Wheaton, IL, Crossway: 2010).

THE BIG QUESTION

What is God's best for marriage and family? How can I set myself up for success in choosing a marriage partner and raising a family?

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1) Know and understand many of the passages in Scripture which teach and model what a godly family looks and acts like.
- 2) Be able to defend the Biblical model of the family and the roles each one has.
- 3) Work to reconcile family relationships which are currently strained.
- 4) Have a high view of marriage and what it symbolizes.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Quizzes - 45%

- There will be a quiz each week at the beginning of class (starting with Week 2), each worth 5% for a total value of **45% of the final mark**.
- The quiz will be on the assigned reading for that week's class.

- No make-up quizzes will be allowed. If the student misses a week for illness or other excused absence, 5% will be added to the value of the term paper (maximum of two).

DUE: See Course Schedule

Term Paper - 20 %

- The student may choose any of the following in a minimum 8-page essay with a minimum of five resources (all must be peer-reviewed, preferably from the NBC library):
 1. Ladies only: Look at all the passages in Scripture which teach how a woman is to be a godly wife. What does that look like in today's Western culture? How does Scripture require today's wife to be counter-cultural?
 2. Men only: Look at all the passages in Scripture which teach how a man is to be a godly husband. What does it look like in today's Western Culture? How does Scripture require today's husband to be counter-cultural?
 3. How does marriage symbolize the relationship between Jesus and the church? What does this mean for husbands and wives?
 4. Around the world some men and women choose their spouses after dating; some choose after a more formal courtship; some marriages are arranged. What are the advantages/disadvantages to each? Is there a Biblical reason to advocate one over another? Which one would you advocate and why?

DUE: October 14, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Marriage Interview Assignment - 10%

- Each student will interview 3 married couples:
 - Each couple may only be interviewed by one student and only one of the couples may be on staff of NBC.
- This may be done over the telephone.
- The questions for the interview will be given the November 4, 2020.
- On the basis of the answers, a three-page analysis will be written regarding what the student learned. For example, what will the student want to use in his/her marriage and what would the student avoid?

DUE: November 25, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

End of Class Quizzes - 2.5% each for a total of 25%

- At the end of each class, questions on the day's class material will be solicited from students which will form the basis for a quiz.

DUE: at the end of each class

NOTE: THERE IS NO FINAL EXAM FOR THIS COURSE.

NOTE: All written assignments are to be typed in accordance to the guidelines in Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed. (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 2018) for papers. Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2020/2021

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2020/2021

Reading: 274 pages

Writing: 11 pages

COURSE OUTLINE:**WEEK 1, September 30, 2020:**

Class 1: Introduction and laying a foundation

Class 2: Marriage: truth and deceptions

WEEK 2, October 7, 2020:

Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapters 1 and 2 (35 pages)***

The family altar

Class 2: In-laws and extended family members

WEEK 3, October 14, 2020:

Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapter 3 and 4 (34 pages)***

Physical intimacy in marriage

Class 2: Roles of men and women in marriage

Term Paper Due

WEEK 4, October 21, 2020:

Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapters 5 & 6 (31 pages)***

Dating/courtship/arranged marriages

Class 2: "Standards" before marriage

WEEK 5, October 28, 2020:

Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapter 7 (22 pages)***

Raising a family/education

Class 2: Home schooling vs. private vs. public school

WEEK 6, November 4, 2020:

Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapter 8 (25 pages)***

Discipline of children

Class 2: Being a Godly sibling

November 11 (Semester Break/Remembrance Day): NO CLASS

WEEK 7, November 18, 2020:

Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapters 9 & 10 (50 pages)***

Single adults living at home or on their own

Class 2: The number one cause of conflict in marriages

WEEK 8, November 25, 2020:

Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapter 11 & the Appendix (28 pages)***

Single parenthood
Class 2: Blended families
Marriage Interview Assignment Due
WEEK 9, December 2, 2020:
Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapter 12 (10 pages)***
Parenting adult children
Class 2: Grandchildren—spoil or discipline?
WEEK 10, December 9, 2020:
Class 1: ***Quiz on Chapters 13 & 14 (23 pages)***
Inheritance and legacy
Class 2: Relationships with elderly family members

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