



THE 332 - 3 credits
(THE 532 - Graduate - 3 credits)

Leadership-Servanthood in the Church

Description:

This course will take a look at God's plan for leadership in His Church. Every major passage of Scripture dealing with the subject will be carefully studied. The book *Leadership-Servanthood in the Church*, as found in the New Testament, by Nate Krupp, will be used as the basic text. You will also study other contemporary material on the subject.

Objectives:

Academic:

When you complete this course, you will be able to:

- Know what the New Testament teaches on this subject.
- Know what several others are saying about this subject.

Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- You will begin to understand that God's idea of "leadership" is servanthood.
- You will begin to understand that God's idea of leadership is coaching and releasing others into their "ministry" rather than doing all of the ministry yourself.
- You will begin to look at Church government from the teachings of the New Testament rather than all of the various, present-day traditions of men.
- You will be more open to the idea of there being apostles today.
- You may begin to wonder where you fit in God's scheme of leadership-servanthood in His Church.

Behavioral:

If you allow the Holy Spirit to apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- You will no longer have to be "up front." You will be anxious to serve God's people "behind the scenes."
- You will no longer have to do everything yourself. You will be anxious to coach and release others in ministry.
- You will be more committed to a shared, team leadership rather than a one-man, do-it-all approach.

Course Texts:

Leadership - Servanthood in the Church, as found in the New Testament by Nate Krupp.

Collateral Reading

Carefully read any one of the following books:

Biblical Eldership: Strauch, Alexander. Lewis and Roth Publishers, P. O. Box 569, Littleton, CO 80160, 1988, 288 pages. About an eldership form of government rather than a one-man pastor.

Church Leadership: Richards, Lawrence O. and Hoeldtke, Clyde. Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI 40506, 1980. Restructuring the church to provide for Jesus' leadership, the functioning of the Body, and servant leaders.

Spiritual Leadership: Sanders, J. Oswald. Moody Press, Chicago, IL. 1980. Character qualifications for spiritual leaders.

The Church Comes Home: Banks, Robert & Julia. Hendrickson Publishers, Peabody, MA 01961, 1998. Very good on servant leaders in a house church setting.

The Leadership Paradox: Gunderson, Denny. YWAM Publishing, Seattle, WA. About servant leadership.

The New Testament Deacon: Strauch, Alexander. Lewis and Roth Publishers, P. O. Box 569, Littleton, CO 80160, 1992, 191 pages. A thorough study of the office of deacon.

The Paradox of Servant Leadership: Rinehart, Stacy. NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO 80934.

The Team Concept: Stabbert, Bruce. Hegg Brothers Printing, 2933 N. Stevens, Tacoma, WA 98407, 1982, 226 pages. About a leadership team of elders rather than a one-man pastor.

The Way Church Ought To Be: Robert A. Lund, Outside the Box Press, P.O. Box 151, Albany, OR 97321, 2001, 464 pages. Very radical and quite thorough.

Who is Your Covering? A Fresh Look at Leadership, Authority and Accountability: Viola, Frank. Present Testimony Ministry, 1405 Valley Place, Brandon, FL 33510. How leadership, authority, and accountability functioned in the early church. It takes dead aim at the abuses of authority that mark many modern churches and sheds fresh light on how to secure Christ's Headship in His Body today.

WOMAN: God's Plan, Not Man's Tradition: Krupp, Joanne. Preparing the Way Publishers, 2121 Barnes Avenue SE, Salem, OR 97306, 163 pages. Excellent on God's plan for women.

Course Requirements:

1. Classrooms students must faithfully attend classes. Distance students must meet all other requirements.
2. Thoroughly study the text and all Scriptures mentioned in the text.
3. Memorize the assigned Scripture passages.
4. Write a report on the collateral reading.
5. Earn a passing grade on the Final Exam.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D"
- Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C"
- Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B"
- Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A"
- Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.



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Course Schedule:

Important: Ask the Holy Spirit to speak the truth of God to you each time you do a lesson assignment.

Lessons 1-2

1. Carefully study the text.

Lessons 3-4

1. Write a 1,000 word paper on the new things you have learned from studying the text.
2. Begin to memorize the following passages, to be completed by the end of the course - Matthew 20:25-28, Acts 14:23, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, and 1 Peter 5:1-5.

Lessons 5-8

1. Carefully study the collateral reading which you have chosen in consultation with your instructor and write a 1,000 word paper on (1) what it says and (2) what God has spoken to you through it.

Lessons 9-11

1. Write a 2,000 word paper on your understanding of Church government and leadership after having taken this course. Include how you will apply this understanding to your life.

Lesson 12

1. Take the Final Exam and submit it to your instructor.