



BIB 110 - 3 credits

## Mastering the Word of God

### Description:

This course will take a look at the five major ways to master God's Word - hear, read, study, memorize, and meditate. You will learn how to do these methods by actually doing them. You will also learn how to allow the Word of God to master you. The basic text for the course is *Mastering the Word of God - and Letting It Master You* by Nate Krupp. You will also study other contemporary material on the subject. At the conclusion of the course you will develop a plan of life-long Bible intake.

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### Course Objectives:

#### Academic:

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

- State the five basic ways to take God's Word into your life, giving the Scriptural support for each.
- Know the details of how to do each of these five approaches. Take God's Word into your life each of these ways.
- See God's Word master you.
- Develop a life-long plan of Bible intake.
- Pass the excitement and know-how of life-long Bible intake on to others.

#### Attitudinal:

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

- You will become convinced that taking God's Word into your life is the most important thing you can ever do.

- You will learn that Bible intake can be effective, fun, and easy to do.
- You will become convinced that mastering God's Word is something that anyone can do.
- You will become convinced that God's Word can change your life to conform to Jesus' life.
- You will want to spend the rest of your life mastering the Word of God and letting It master you.
- You will become convinced that the whole world can be transformed as God's people are transformed by God's Word.
- You will want to pass all of this on to others.

#### 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 spend much more time taking God's Word into your life because you will see how important and fun it is.
- You will make mastering God's Word and letting It master you a major goal of your life.
- You will be passing these important and practical truths on to others wherever you go.

### Course Texts:

*Mastering the Word of God - and Letting It Master You*  
by Nate Krupp.

*Personal Workbook for Mastering the Word of God - and Letting It Master You* by Nate Krupp.

Collateral Reading - any of the following books or any other book on Bible intake methods acceptable to the instructor.

*Alone With God, A Manual of Biblical Meditation*, by Campbell McAlpine, Bethany Fellowship, Minneapolis, MN 55438.

*Bible Study can be Exciting!* by Mary Garvin, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

*Dynamic Bible Study*, by Rick Warren, Victor Books, P.O. Box 1825, Wheaton, IL 60189.

*Effective Bible Study*, by Howard F. Vos, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

*How to Study the Bible for Yourself*, by Tim LaHaye, Harvest House, 17895 Sky Park Circle, Irvine, CA 92714.

*The Navigator Bible Studies Handbook*, NavPress, P.O. Box 20, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

You can find these and other similar books at your local Christian library or bookstore.

## Course Requirements:

1. Classroom students must faithfully attend classes. Distance students must meet all other requirements.
2. Thoroughly study the texts and all Scriptures mentioned in the texts.
3. Satisfactorily complete workbook and any accompanying assignments.
4. Memorize the assigned Scripture passages.
5. Write a report on the collateral reading.
6. 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

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

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### Lesson 1

1. Read the text from cover to cover.
2. Look up all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
3. Begin to memorize the following Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Luke 11:28; Deuteronomy 17:19; Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119:11; Psalm 1:1-3; and Joshua 1:8.
4. Continue to work on this so that you have them thoroughly memorized by the conclusion of the course.
5. Complete Week 1 in the Workbook.

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### Lessons 2-11

1. Complete the assignments in the Workbook, including the indicated study in the text outlined for each week 2-11.
2. You are required to read one book listed under Collateral Reading of this syllabus. Begin to study the collateral reading which you have chosen in consultation with your instructor.
3. Continue working on the memory work given in Lesson 1.

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### Lesson 12

1. Write an approximately 1,000-word paper on the collateral reading reviewing (1) what the book says, and (2) what God has spoken to you through the book.
2. Complete the Final Exam and submit it to your instructor.

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