
LEA321 - 3 Credits

Visionary Leadership

Description:

Jesus' leadership approach with His "staff" ran counter to most of the management styles and techniques employed today. In this course, you will explore the three categories of strengths behind Jesus' leadership techniques: the strength of self-mastery, the strength of action, and the strength of relationships. You will learn a plan to heighten your awareness level in each category and to assist you in the process of mastering them all, which is necessary for you to become an empowered leader into the next millennium.

Course Objectives

Academic:

- You will quote the following Scripture passages:
 - ✓ John 8:28b,29
 - ✓ Isaiah 32:8
 - ✓ Romans 8:28
 - ✓ Daniel 4:32b
 - ✓ Joshua 1:7-9
 - ✓ Psalm 16:5,6
 - ✓ Mark 10:21a
 - ✓ John 15:15
 - ✓ Luke 22:31,32
 - ✓ John 10:11,14

- You understand and adopt Jesus' own leadership techniques.
- You will thoroughly discuss servant leadership, and how it can be put into practice both in the church and in the business world.
- You will present yourself and your business to the Lord to be molded into the leader He wants you to be.

Course Requirements

1. Completely read *Lead Like Jesus Revisited* by Blanchard & Hodges, prayerfully and thoroughly completing all exercises as assigned. These exercises are pivotal to your putting on the management style of Jesus Christ. Do not shortchange yourself by giving less than your best.

As often as you can, journal* your responses so that you record not just your own answers but those of the Holy Spirit.

You will be submitting your answers to these exercises to your instructor for evaluation on completeness and prayerful insight. Therefore, prepare your answers in the way which will be most convenient to do this.

*"Journaling" is recording your two-way dialogue with God. This process is taught in course REN 103 *Communion With God*, or in the book *Dialogue with God* by Patti & Mark Virkler.

2. Submit a paper in which you examine at least three areas of leadership where The Lord wants you to make a change. This writing should be comprehensive and incorporate your philosophy of leadership before, during and upon completing this course. Follow the coaching prompts here in the syllabus to take notes to prepare for this paper. This should be a minimum of six typed pages; 12 pt font and double-spaced and should not exceed ten typed pages.

Course Texts:

Lead Like Jesus Revisited by Ken Blanchard, Phil Hodges

Lead Like Jesus Study Guide by by Ken Blanchard, Phil Hodges

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, we are 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.

Lesson One

Assignment to be completed:

NOTE: Save your answers into a digital document to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will be not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

- Read the acknowledgements and Introduction of Lead Like Jesus. This is a short reading assignment; spend several days this week in prayer and journaling talking with God about leadership. Spend time looking for the vision He wants you to have for your life as a leader.
- Final Paper Coaching: make a thorough list of your current views of leadership. Do this with the guidance of The Holy Spirit so you leave nothing out.
- It might be beneficial to note at the outset that in this course you will be examining Jesus as a human relating to other humans. Sometimes in our honor of the power of the Holy Spirit's work through Jesus, we neglect the importance of His personality in His life and ministry. In this course, we will see Jesus as the Son of Man.
- Memorize John 8:28b,29. ("...I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.")