

Christian Living 103

Certificate Level



Classroom Hours: 24(minimum)

Description/Overview:

Obedience to Acts 2:38 is the birthplace of the Christian life. Next, is the rigorous continuous process of growing in Christ and living like Him. The Christian life is a battle (Ephesians 6:10-11) and a race (Hebrews 12:1-2). This introductory level course serves as a how-to-grow guide for Christian development. The biblical principles found in this course when followed will produce spiritual growth (2 Peter 3:18).

Objectives

At the end of this course of study, students will be able to:

1. Define Christian living and explain how it relates to the Christian way, walk, race and battle.
2. Incorporate principles learned in this course to live a victorious Christian life and one that shows growth in Christ.
3. Identify and utilize the spiritual armor of God.
4. Assess the importance of the believer's obedience to God's Word and its rewards.
5. Discover the scriptural meaning of the various types of hearts in the Parable of the Sower and relate its relevance to us today.
6. Name and briefly explain the fruit of the Spirit.
7. All sin fits into the three categories of the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Be familiar with each category; identify each in the Garden of Eden and the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. State ways each can be overcome.
8. Develop the spiritual habits or disciplines of prayer, fasting, fellowship, holiness, giving, tithing, and Bible study.

Topics/Concepts:

- Christian Living Defined
- Basics of Holiness
- The Christian Way
- The Christian Walk
- Obedience to God and His Word
- Hearers versus Doers
- Blessings and Rewards of Obedience
- The Mind (Carnal, New, Renewed)
- The Will
- Right and Wrong Choices
- Guarding One's Heart, Tongue, Eyes
- Spiritual Armor of God
- Fruitfulness
- Parable of the Sower
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Works of the Flesh
- Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eyes, Pride of Life
- Love for the World versus Love for the Lord
- Temptations of Jesus (How to be an Overcomer)

- Attitude
- The Unruly Tongue
- Right and Wrong Words
- Holy Hands
- Giving
- Hearing God's Voice
- Sacrifice
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Tithing
- Fellowship (Being part of a Church Family)
- Memorizing Scripture
- Meditating on Scripture

Recommended Primary Textbook(s)

Christian Living (Ministerial Development Series), Colleen L. Carter
Seven Habits of Highly Effective Christians, Raymond Woodward

Recommended Alternatives:

Christian Living, Mrs. Jet Witherspoon Toole
Path to Righteousness, Edited by Linda R. Poitras
Apostolic Life, David K. Bernard
Spiritual Disciplines, R. Johnston

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

The text by Colleen Carter contains many of the concepts above with the exclusion of the sections on the habits of Bible study, prayer, fasting, fellowship, and discipleship. Those sections are taken from the little book by Raymond Woodward; are supplementary and can be integrated into the major textbook material. Most of these habits are alluded to or introduced in Carter's book but further explained or developed in Woodward's booklet.

Languages Available:

English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian

Course Packet Resources:

- Power Point for Christian Living by C. Carter
- Answer Key to Study Questions
- Many articles and books upon request to gats@upci.org

Comments:

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