

Pastoral Epistles 317 Associate Degree Level



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

This course deals with the letters of Paul. Through study of his letters to Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and the Hebrews, students will learn valuable lessons and practices to apply to their own lives as well as how best to bless and nurture those who follow them.

Objectives:

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

- 1.) Explain who Timothy is and elaborate on his birth, background, and ministry.
- 2.) Outline the books of I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, and Hebrews.
- 3.) Identify the key points of each book.
- 4.) Compare and contrast the content and teaching of the aforementioned books.
- 5.) Express the need for sound doctrine.
- 6.) Establish the importance of the law.
- 7.) Clarify a woman's place in worship.
- 8.) List the necessary qualifications of someone fulfilling a church office.
- 9.) Emphasize the importance of respecting fellow ministers.
- 10.) Restate the fivefold admonition given to Timothy by Paul in II Timothy chapter one.
- 11.) Tell the story of Onesimus and Philemon.
- 12.) State the theme of the epistle to the Hebrews.

Topics/Concepts:

- The universal need for discipline and the role it plays in the church.
- The necessity for and the qualifications of various church officers.
- God manifest in the flesh.
- Ideas, concepts, and values that should be at play in a minister's life.
- The proper care and treatment of widows.
- Comparisons of those in ministry to: stewards, soldiers, athletes, husbandmen, sufferers, students, and servants.
- The condition of mankind in the last days.
- Advice on how to identify and deal with false teachers.
- The full revelation of God.
- The understanding that mankind is better than the angels.
- The humanity of Christ.
- Christ's priesthood.
- The Order of Melchisedec.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s)

Letters to Leaders, James Poitras
The Pastoral Epistles, J.R. Ensey

Recommended Alternatives:

Epistles III (IABC), Ralph Vincent Reynolds

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

- Lesson 1: Philemon Lesson
- 2: Titus (Part I) Lesson
- 3: Titus (Part II) Lesson
- 4: First Timothy (Part I) Lesson
- 5: First Timothy (Part II) Lesson
- 6: First Timothy (Part III) Lesson
- 7: Second Timothy (Part I) Lesson
- 8: Second Timothy (Part II) Lesson
- 9: Second Timothy (Part III)

Languages Available:

English, French, Spanish and Russian

Course Packet Resources:

eBook
Answer Key
Additional Materials available on request to gats@upci.org

Comments:

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