



Syllabus

THE 450: The Pursuit of God **Genesis Bible Institute**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course utilizes A. W. Tozer's *The Pursuit of God* as its primary textbook. A must read for any student who desires a deeper relationship with Christ, the book has helped countless believers to quiet their lives and truly experience God's presence.

This course aims to help you place God at the center of your life so he can dwell there without a rival. The writing assignments will challenge you to wrestle with the things in your life that hinder you from total surrender to Christ.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Explain how to let go of your earthly treasures to pursue your Kingdom treasure;
- Describe the true essence of faith and its connection to our steady gaze upon God;
- Describe how to live a sacred life in a secular world;
- Compose a Tozer-like prayer that expresses your burning desire for God;
- Clearly articulate how the lessons from *The Pursuit of God* apply to your life;
- Quote five verses from memory: Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 19:21, and John 17:3.

REQUIRED READING

- Study Guide: Experiencing God's Presence
- Tozer, A. W. *The Pursuit of God*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2015. Print.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 60 points / 60% of grade)
After you read *The Pursuit of God*, you will answer 30 questions from the Study Guide. Each unit of the Study Guide poses 5 questions that relate to the content of the chapters. Each answer is worth 2 points and should be answered in 100 words or fewer.
- *Assignment 1: Application Essay* (worth 30 points / 30% of grade)
You will compose a 600-word (minimum) essay explaining how God specifically spoke to you through Tozer's book.
- *Assignment 2: Personal Prayer* (worth 5 points / 5% of grade)



You will write a Tozer-like prayer that demonstrates your burning desire for God. There is no minimum word requirement for this assignment.

- *Scripture Memory Test* (worth 5 points / 5% of grade)
This test will allow you to demonstrate your memorization of Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 19:21, and John 17:3.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	60 points	60%
Application Essay	30 points	30%
Personal Prayer	5 points	5%
Scripture Memory Test	5 points	5%
Total	100 points	100%