



Syllabus

CHL 220: Spiritual Leadership Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the biblical principles of spiritual leadership. While many Christian leaders rely on the latest and greatest secular leadership books to develop their skill set, the Bible proves to be a timeless treasure of leadership principles for those who desire to lead by the Holy Spirit.

“How our churches and mission agencies would change if leaders were Spirit-filled,” J. Oswald Sanders writes in *Spiritual Leadership*, which is the core textbook for this course. “The secular mind and heart, however gifted and personally charming, has no place in the leadership of the Church” (35).

Spiritual Leadership is a classic leadership book that has impacted many of today’s spiritual leaders. John Maxwell said, “No other book has influenced my life the way this one has,” and Charles Colson said, “*Spiritual Leadership* is the best book I’ve read on Christian leadership.” May your heart be stirred to make a Kingdom impact with your life as you read and study the maxims of spiritual leadership.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Define spiritual leadership;
- Explain the difference between natural and spiritual leadership;
- Describe the role of humility and servanthood in the life of a spiritual leader;
- Describe the essential qualities and characteristics of spiritual leadership and be able to identify which characteristics need the most attention in your life;
- Explain how prayer, reading, and skill improvement are nonnegotiable disciplines to which every spiritual leader should be committed;
- Analyze which weaknesses need to be addressed in your leadership skill set;
- Apply the principles of spiritual leadership to a real-life situation;
- Quote 1 Peter 5:2-4 from memory.

REQUIRED READING

Sanders, J. Oswald. *Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer*. Chicago: Moody Publisher, 2007. Print.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- Study Guide Answers* (worth 60 points / 60% of grade)
As you read *Spiritual Leadership*, you will be prompted to answer questions from the Study Guide. Each unit of the Study Guide poses 5 questions that relate to the content of the unit. There are a total of 30 questions. Each answer is worth 2 points.
- Assignment 1: Analysis of Your Leadership Potential* (worth 20 points / 20% of grade)
In this two-part assignment, you will answer 27 self-examination questions and then create an action plan based on the results. Part 1 must be a minimum of 675 words and Part 2 must be a minimum of 400 words for a total of 1075 words.
- Assignment 2: Leadership Critique* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
You will write an 500-word (minimum) 5-paragraph essay that critiques a leader with whom you are familiar. The purpose of this assignment is for you to apply course concepts to a real-life practical situation.
- Final Exam* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
The exam consists of short answer questions and will help measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	60 points	60%
Analysis of Your Leadership Potential	20 points	20%
Leadership Critique	10 points	10%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%