



Syllabus

CHL 208: Fatherhood **Genesis Bible Institute**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A practical guide to the moral, spiritual, and emotional character traits that define manhood from a biblical perspective and promote healthy relationships within a family. Special attention is given to raising children and the biblical values that ought to guide men through each stage of married life and fatherhood.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Recite Psalm 103:13 from memory
- Define uniqueness in gender roles and abilities that promote healthy, biblical marriage relationships
- Identify pitfalls in your character that can damage family relationships
- Contrast worldly vs. godly standards for a man's commitment to his wife, children, work, and leisure activities
- Describe the five scriptural concepts for raising children
- Create an action plan evaluating past personal failures and potential future remedies
- Compose a letter to a family member that demonstrates comprehension and desired application of Dobson's principles for family leadership

REQUIRED READING

Dobson, James. *Straight Talk to Men: Timeless Principles for Leading Your Family*. Tyndale Momentum, 1991.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Study Guide Answers (worth 60 points / 60% of grade)

The Study Guide consists of six units. Each unit contains five multiple choice/true false questions (worth 1 point each) and one comprehensive writing assignment (worth 5 points).

Assignment 1: Practical Application Action Plan (worth 20 points / 20% of grade)

You will evaluate your past performance as a father, spouse, and head of household, and prepare action items for future changes in behavior and character based on six categories from Dobson's principles. The action items must be feasible for implementation in either your present or future potential life circumstances.



Assignment 2: Repentance and Reconciliation (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)

Using items from your action plan and other principles drawn from Dobson's book, you will compose a letter to a family member (e.g. spouse, child, parent) describing your past shortcomings and future plans for remedied improvement in your role as a man. Your letter will reflect honest self-evaluation, humble repentance in admitting past faults, and a positive look to future restoration and implementation of changes.

Final Exam (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)

The final exam consists of questions to measure your knowledge of course concepts. Your Scripture memory verse will also be on the test.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	60 points	60%
Practical Application Action Plan	20 points	20%
Repentance and Reconciliation	10 points	10%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%