

THEOLOGY OF PRAYER – Spring 2018 - Syllabus
Wednesday 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Detroit Bible Institute

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TEXTBOOKS:

Text #1: The Holy Bible

Text # 2: Set Apart For God – 31 Day Devotional – by Debrah L. Chavis –This will be used as a personal 31-day self- examination journal.

Text #3 – A Passion for Prayer by Tom Elliff

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will explore the biblical foundation for prayer and intercession. The prayers of kings, priest, prophets, apostles, and Jesus will be studied. The benefits of fasting and corporate prayer will be discussed. The course will also feature a prayer lab and in class prayer and worship activities where students will have the opportunity to experience prayer and worship.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To grow in your fellowship with the Lord
2. To understand and apply the biblical basis for prayer
3. To understand the role and importance of prayer
4. To understand and effectively engage in the biblical basis of the believer's ministry of intercession
5. To enjoy and steward out the riches that come with a healthy prayer life

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Praying for and with others will be an intentional in-class activity
2. May 1 through May 31 - Completing the 31 Days Devotional- Set Apart for God
3. Participation in the Prayer Lab
4. Research Paper – Interview 4 people, who are not in this class. Ask them the following questions:
 - a. What is your definition of prayer?
 - b. What is the role of prayer in your life?
 - c. Why do we have trouble developing a personal and corporate prayer life?
 - d. What can we do to encourage and facilitate individual and corporate prayer in the lives of Believers?

Summarize your findings in a 2-4 page typed report. Findings will be turned in and some may be discussed in class. Due June 06, 2018

Grading Criteria:

Class Participation: 250 points – Class Attendance, Participation in our Prayer Lab and In-Class Prayer

Exams: 200 points – There will be two exams worth 100 points each

Assignments:

- **200 points** – May 1 through May 31, 2018 - Completing the 31 Day Devotional (Set Apart for God) – Due June 06, 2018
- **200 points-** Research Paper – Due June 06, 2018
- **150 points** – Homework Assignments

Attendance Policy: In accordance with the Detroit Bible Institute policy, all students must attend a minimum of 10 classes in order to receive credit for the course. Excused absences are considered at the discretion of the instructor and will not count against the student. In the event that a student does have an excused absence instructor reserves the right to assign extra homework and reading to make up for lecture time missed by the student.

Grading Policy: Students must complete a minimum of 75% of all course work in order to pass (750 points are required in order to pass the class)

Behavioral Policy: Students will fail the course and may be dismissed from class if they are found cheating, being dishonest about work done in the course, harassing other students, or demonstrating destructive behavior.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Week One - April 4, 2018 – Syllabus Overview and Introduction to Prayer

Week Two –April 11, 2018 – Developing a Life of Prayer

Week Three - April 18, 2018 - Prayer and Repentance: Nehemiah, Psalms 51 - Prayer Lab

Week Four – April 25, 2018 - Journey through Prayers in the Psalms

Week Five – May 2, 2018 - Midterm Exam

Prayers of the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel

Week Six – May 9, 2018 - Prayers of Prophets: Daniel, Amos, and Zechariah - Prayer Lab

Week Seven -May 16, 2018 - Prayers of Jesus

Week Eight - May 23, 2018 - Prayers of the Apostles - Prayer Lab

Week Nine – May 30, 2018 – Prayer and Fasting

Week Ten - June 06, 2018 – Prayer and Worship – Turn in Completed 31 Day Set Apart for God Devotional and Research Paper

Week Eleven - June 13, 2018 – Intercession and Corporate Prayer

Week Twelve - June 20, 2018 – Final Exam - Prayer Lab