



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: Pastoral Epistles

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: David W. Cloud

Class Description: *MASTERING THE ENGLISH BIBLE* is our most comprehensive Bible course. It is an in-depth survey of the Old and New Testaments, covering Bible history and every book of the Bible. *Mastering the English Bible* is for beginning Bible students as well as for advanced ones. It is for youngsters (teens and above) and oldsters. It is for individuals, homes, and churches. It is nearly a complete Bible college curriculum in one course. The aim is to educate the student in Bible history, Bible times (e.g., Egypt, ancient Babylon, the Hittites, Assyria, neo-Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome), Bible interpretation, Bible doctrine, Bible terms, Bible geography, Bible typology (e.g., the Passover, the Tabernacle, the Levitical Priesthood, the Levitical offerings), Bible culture, Bible biography, Bible archaeology, and Bible prophecy. The course aims to give the student a broad comprehension of the Bible as a whole. The Bible is one Book that was planned by God in eternity before it was given to the holy prophets, and understanding the big picture is necessary to rightly understand the parts. We teach the student to see Christ everywhere in Scripture. *Mastering the English Bible* is practical throughout. Bible teaching does not accomplish God's will until it produces born again salvation and holy living (2 Ti. 3:16-17). We emphasize the believer's life as a priest (1 Pe. 2:5), pilgrim (1 Pe. 2:11), ambassador (2 Co. 5:20), builder of the New Testament church (1 Co. 3:9-15), builder of the home (Eph. 5:22 - 6:4), teacher (Heb. 5:12-14), spiritual warrior (Eph. 6:10-19), and minister of spiritual gifts (Ro. 12:3-8). *Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of class videos, textbooks, PowerPoints, syllabi, student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. The course is divided into 11 parts: 01 Old Testament History Genesis to the Silent Years, 02 Job and Psalms, 03 Proverbs, Song, Ecclesiastes, 05 The Gospels, 06 Acts, 07 Romans to Corinthians, 08 Galatians to Thessalonians, 09 The Pastoral Epistles, 10 The General Epistles, 11 Revelation. *Mastering the English Bible* is accompanied by ***THE WAY OF LIFE PICTORIAL BIBLE***, which is an extensive series of multimedia PowerPoints packed with detailed maps, historical backgrounds, treasures from archaeology, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings, video clips, and other visual aids. Many of these were captured by the author in the best archaeological and history museums in America and abroad, plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Europe, and England.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Mastering the English Bible: Pastoral Epistles by David Cloud, 278 pages, Dec. 2022.

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the theme and outline of each of the pastoral epistles.
2. Biblically address the woman's role in the church.
3. Explain the pastoral and deacon qualifications.
4. Identify end-time apostasy according to 2 Timothy.
5. Refute error that creeps into churches.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (6) – 60%

Quizzes (11) – 15%

Projects (4) – 25%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Mastering the English Bible: Pastoral Epistles* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students memorize the two main pastoral qualification passages in the pastoral epistles.

Outcome 3. Students take tests over the material read and covered in class.

Outcome 4. Students diligently study out each Pastoral Epistle and write a commentary on the first chapter of each book.

Outcome 5. Students study the prophecies that are mentioned in the Pastoral Epistles.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The assignments for this option combine two of the assignments from the slower pace option into one day so that the student can complete the class in a month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Introduction/ Paul and His Epistles/ Introduction to the Pastoral Epistles
- 2 Introduction/ Paul's Salutation/ False Teachers/ Prayer/ Salvation/ Christian Women
- 3 **Test 1**/ The Woman's Ministry/ Pastoral Qualifications
- 4 Pastoral Qualifications/ Deacons
- 5 Church/ Mystery of Godliness/ **Test 2**/ Doctrines of Devils/ The Good Minister
- 6 Good Minister/ Various Classes of Saints/ Widows/ Elders/ Servants/ False Teachers
- 7 False Teachers/ True Gain vs. Worldly Gain/ The Path of Victory/ Paul's Final Charge/ The Rich/ Final Instruction/ **Test 3 (Mid-term)**
- 8 Introduction to 2 Timothy/ Paul's Greeting/ Paul's Exhortation to Timothy
- 9 Paul's Exhortation to Timothy/ Biblical Separation
- 10 Biblical Separation/ **Test 4**/ Separation from Sin/ Helping the Deceived/ The Great Apostasy
- 11 The Great Apostasy/ Holy Scripture/ Preach the Word/ Apostasy in a Nutshell/ Final Exhortation to Timothy/ Paul's Final Testimony
- 12 Paul's Final Testimony/ Conclusion/ **Test 5**/ Introduction to Titus/ Paul's Greeting
- 13 Organizing Churches/ Protect the Churches from Error/ Train the Believers
- 14 Train the Believers/ Grace for Christian Living
- 15 Grace Salvation/ Dealing with Heretics/ Paul's Conclusion/ **Test 6 (Final)**

Weeks	Assignment		
Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	Pages 1-7	Pages 7-13	Pages 14-20
2	Pages 21-28 Quiz 1—1 Tim 3:1	Pages 29-39	Pages 40-48
3	Test 1 —(over pgs. 1-48)	Pages 48-57	Pages 57-65
4	Pages 65-71 Quiz 2—1 Tim 3:2	Pages 72-80	Pages 80-87
5	Pages 87-93 Quiz 3—1 Tim 3:3	Test 2 —(over pgs. 48-93)	Pages 93-101 Study Project for 1 Timothy due
6	Pages 102-109 Quiz 4—1 Tim 3:4	Pages 109-116	Pages 116-123
7	Pages 124-132 Quiz 5—1 Tim 3:5	Pages 132-139	Test 3— Mid-term (Cumulative) (Overs pgs. 1-139)
8	Pages 140-147	Pages 147-155	Pages 155-161
9	Pages 161-168 Quiz 6—1 Tim 3:6	Pages 168-175	Pages 175-181
10	Pages 181-185 Quiz 7—1 Tim 3:7	Test 4 —(Over pgs. 140-185)	Pages 185-198 Study Project for 2 Timothy due
11	Pages 198-207 Quiz 8—Titus 1:6	Pages 207-217	Pages 217-222
12	Pages 222-226 Quiz 9—Titus 1:7	Test 5 — (Overs pgs. 185-226)	Pages 227-232
13	Pages 232-237 Quiz 10—Titus 1:8	Pages 237-242	Pages 242-247
14	Pages 247-253 Quiz 11—Titus 1:9	Pages 253-261	Pages 261-267
15	Pages 267-272	Pages 272-278 Prophecies Project	Test 6— Final (Cumulative) Study Project for Titus due

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Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments each day and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions before each lesson begins.

- **Quizzes (11)**

Quizzes will be given on eleven Mondays (*for the slower-paced option*) scattered throughout the semester. These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes.

- **Projects (4)**

Study Project on *each* Epistle (3 in total: 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus): *refer to the calendar above to see when each individual book study is due*

- **First**, read the epistle two times. As you read, look for the *main theme* and the *main divisions (the outline)* and write them down. On the second reading, read out loud. It creates a different dynamic and helps focus one's attention.
- **Second**, write down the answers to the following questions:
 - Who is the recipient of this epistle?
 - What are the main things you know about this individual?
 - Where was Paul when he wrote this epistle, if it can be determined?
 - What was the situation, if it can be determined?
- **Third**, study the Mastering the English Bible introduction to the epistle. Underline the lessons in our introduction that you did not know before. Compare our outline of the epistle with your outline.
- **Fourth**, make your own commentary on the first chapter of the epistle. Outline the chapter by the main points or divisions or segments.
 - Define all doctrinal words (such as “glory,” “grace,” “righteous,” “godly,” “sin,” “wisdom,” “justice,” “hell,” “mercy,” “hope,” “justify,” “sanctify,” “beseech,” “profane,” “vain,” “immortal,” “meek”) and words that have changed meaning since 1611 (“quicken”) and difficult words (“science falsely so called,” “superfluity of naughtiness”).
 - Explain every difficult statement in the chapter.
 - Then write all of the lessons you can find from each major segment, going verse by verse.
- **Fifth**, study the textbook commentary on the epistle. Make a list of major things you learned from this study that you did not know before.

Prophecies Project

Find all passages in the Pastoral Epistles that are prophecies of future events, write them out, and list the main lessons from each passage.

- **Tests (6)**

There will be a total of six tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and potentially additional important information in the reading, the tests will include a section of short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1, 2, 4, and 5 will not be cumulative, while Test 3 (midterm) and Test 6 (final) will cover all previously learned material as well as any new material.

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