

Syllabus for Marriage and Family (FMT 505)

Front Range Bible Institute

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I. Course Description

This course is to expose Christians to biblical principles on marriage, family, and parenting. It is a way for each individual to focus on himself/herself and how God's commands apply personally. It will be an opportunity to begin thinking about, and planning for, concrete ways in which each person can proactively serve other family members whom God has given.

II. Course Objectives

- A. Provide men with clear, biblical instructions on how God commands them to be godly husbands.
- B. Provide women with clear, biblical instructions on how God commands them to be godly wives.
- C. Provide men and women with clear, biblical instruction on how God commands them to be godly parents.
- D. Provide men and women with clear, biblical instruction on the standards that God commands and expects with reference to children.
- E. Provide each person with an opportunity to begin taking concrete steps in how they can better serve their family members.

III. Required Course Materials

- A. For men: *The Exemplary Husband* by Stuart Scott (375 pp.)
- B. For women: *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace (300 pp.)
- C. For all: *Your Family God's Way* by Wayne Mack (230 pp.)
- D. For all: *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp (240 pp.)
- E. For all: Professor's Notes and Course Handouts
- F. For Master's Students: *Successful Christian Parenting* by John MacArthur (240 pp.)

IV. Course Requirements

- A. Attend all classes (if you miss a class, obtain a DVD of the class and make it up. For TMS lectures: http://youtu.be/2h2Q_tmmTHI).
- B. Men and women must read from their own book and complete it over the first four weeks.
- C. All must read *Shepherding a Child's Heart* over the first four weeks.

- D. All must read *Your Family God's Way* over the last two weeks.
- E. Master's students must read the additional text by MacArthur on parenting.
- F. All must memorize all Scripture verses on a weekly basis. Each student writes/types out the verses to be memorized without helps and then turns in this verse memorization sheet the next week at the beginning of class.
- G. Marriage objectives and calendar (create your own list of ways you can be a good spouse and make an actual schedule of how you might meet these goals over the future. Think big about your goals and realize that some of these goals will be long-term—but they are goals you can think about and begin planning for.)
- H. Parenting objectives and calendar (create your own list of ways you can be a good parent and make an actual schedule of how you might meet these goals over the future. Think big about your goals and realize that some of these goals will be long-term—but they are goals you can think about and begin planning for.)

V. Course Grading

- A. 25% All required reading (approx. 1085 pp. for Masters students; 840 pp. all others)
- B. 25% All Scripture memorization
- C. 25% Marriage objectives and calendar
- D. 25% Parenting objectives and calendar

VI. Course Schedule

Class #	Date	Class Topic (subject to change based on progress)	Personal Studies (reading and Scripture memorization should be completed by the end of the next class)
1	Aug. 3		Men's reading: Men read <i>The Exemplary Husband</i> (1-86) Women's reading: Women read <i>The Excellent Wife</i> (1-) All read <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> (1-59) Scripture memorization: Gen. 2:18-25; Deut. 6:4-9; Mal. 2:15-16; Matt. 19:6
2	Aug. 10		Men's reading: Men read <i>The Exemplary Husband</i> (87-174) Women's reading: Women read <i>The Excellent Wife</i> ()

			All read <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> (60-130) Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: Prov. 1:8-9; 4:23; 5:1-6; 1 Cor. 7:1-5
3	Aug. 17		Men's reading: Men read <i>The Exemplary Husband</i> (175-260) Women's reading: Women read <i>The Excellent Wife</i> () All read <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> (131-171) Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: Eph. 5:22-33; Ecc. 9:9
4	Aug. 24		Men's reading: Men read <i>The Exemplary Husband</i> (261-363) Women's reading: Women read <i>The Excellent Wife</i> () All read <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> (172-211) Scripture memorization: Eph. 6:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:6, 15
5	Aug. 31		All read <i>Your Family God's Way</i> (1-112) Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: Tit. 2:1-8; Heb. 13:4
6	Sep. 7		All read <i>Your Family God's Way</i> (113-227) Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: 1 Peter 3:1-7; 3 John 4
No Class	Sep. 14		Work on projects
Fall Quarter Begins	Sep. 21		Turn in last Scripture memorizations. Turn in reading reports Turn in marriage goals and calendar Turn in parenting goals and calendar

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