

Syllabus for Marriage and Family (FMT 505)

Front Range Bible Institute

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I. Course Description

This course is to inspire and equip students to faithfully and fruitfully share in God's mission for marriage and family. Students will learn to see the meaning of our created human relationships and how they fit into God's eternal purposes in Christ. Students will have opportunity to develop biblical and practical ways to make their lives a part of this glorious vision.

II. Course Objectives

- A. Reclaim the glorious biblical vision of marriage which has been largely lost in contemporary society.
- B. Provide men with clear, biblical instructions on the glory and goodness of being godly husbands.
- C. Provide women with clear, biblical instructions on the glory and goodness of being godly wives.
- D. Provide men and women with clear, biblical instruction on the glory and goodness of being godly parents.
- E. Provide men and women with clear, biblical instruction on how to bring up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- F. Provide all students with an opportunity to begin taking concrete steps in how they can better serve their family members.

III. Required Course Materials

- A. For all: *The Household and the War for the Cosmos* by C. R. Wiley (144 pp.)
- B. For men: *The Exemplary Husband* by Stuart Scott (363 pp.)
- C. For women: *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace (300 pp.)
- D. For all: *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp (240 pp.)
- E. For all: Instructor's Notes and Course Handouts
- F. For Master's Students: *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self* by Carl Trueman (432 pp.)

IV. Course Requirements

- A. Attend all classes
- B. All must read *The Household and the War for the Cosmos* over the first two weeks.
- C. Men and women must read from their respective book and complete it over the next four weeks.
- D. All must read *Shepherding a Child's Heart* over the final four weeks.
- E. Master's students must read the additional text by Trueman.
- 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% Attendance and all required reading
- 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 beginning of the next class)
1	Jan 5	God's Glorious Gift for God's Glory: Creation <i>ex nihilo</i> and the meaning of creation, the human, and the body	Scripture memorization: Gen. 2:18-25; Deut. 6:4-9; Matt. 19:6
2	Jan 12	Previous lesson continued	Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: Prov. 1:8-9; 4:23; 5:1-6; 1 Cor. 7:1-5
3	Jan 19	Marriage as a Mission: the nature and purposes of marriage	Reading from Wiley due Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: Eph. 5:22-33; Eccl. 9:9
4	Jan 26	The calling of the husband and wife	Turn in Scripture memorization from last week. Scripture memorization: Eph. 6:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:1-8
5	Feb 2	Productive dominion	Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:6, 15
6	Feb 9	Communion in the mission: communication and conflict resolution	Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: Tit. 2:1-8; Heb. 13:4
7	Feb 16	Communion in the mission: money and the marriage bed	Reading from Peace due (for women) and from Scott due (for men)

			Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Scripture memorization: 1 Peter 3:1-7; 3 John 4 Work on projects
8	Feb 23	Being fruitful and multiplying: procreative discipleship	Turn in Scripture memorization from last week Work on projects
9	Mar 2	Training Young Children	Work on projects
10	Mar 9	Training Older Children	Work on projects
11	Mar 16	Lifelong Mission	Reading from Tripp due. Turn in marriage goals and calendar Turn in parenting goals and calendar

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