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Course Instructions

Undergraduate Level Instructions

You will need the following to successfully complete this course:

1. This workbook.
2. Leader of One Audio Lectures: 21 lectures on either audio tape, CD or MP3 CD.
3. **Collateral Reading:**
“*Developing the Leader within You*” by Dr. John Maxwell. Nelson Publishing. ISBN: 0785281126.
4. Final Exam.

Steps to Completing This Course

1. Read through the notes to each lesson and then listen to the audio lecture. Take notes on significant information from the lecture that are not contained in the notes.
2. Answer the lesson review questions at the end of each lesson. Once you have completed the questions, check them with the answers at the back of the workbook. [The workbook is self-graded. These questions are to help prepare you for the final exam.] Continue on with each lesson until you have finished all 21 lessons. **Note:** Lessons 11 & 19 have writing assignments that will be turned in with your exam and book report.
3. Read through the book “*Developing the Leader within You*” and develop a 15 page paper on significant insights you gained from the book as well as steps planned to implement those insights.
4. Mail in the exam, essays, journal and book report together for grading.

THIS COURSE IS WORTH FOUR SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

Graduate Level Instructions

You will need the following to successfully complete this course:

1. This workbook.
2. Leader of One Audio Lectures: 21 lectures on either audio tape, CD or MP3 CD.
3. **Collateral Reading:**
 “Developing the Leader within You” by Dr. John Maxwell. Nelson Publishing. ISBN: 0785281126.
 “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” by Dr. Stephen Covey. Free Press. ISBN: 0743269519.
4. Final Exam.

Steps to Completing This Course

1. Read through the notes to each lesson and then listen to the audio lecture. Take notes on significant information from the lecture that are not contained in the notes.
2. Answer the lesson review questions at the end of each lesson. Once you have completed the questions, check them with the answers at the back of the workbook. [The workbook is self-graded. These questions are to help prepare you for the final exam.] Continue on with each lesson until you have finished all 21 lessons. **Note:** Lessons 11 & 19 have writing assignments that will be turned in with your exam and book reports.
3. Read through “Developing the Leader within You” and “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.” Now develop a 15 page paper on significant insights you gained from each book as well as steps planned to implement those insights.
4. Mail in the exam, essays, journal and book reports together for grading.

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Lesson One

❖ Shema O Yisrael

Steps to Completing This Lesson

🎧 Listen to the audio lecture while reading along in this syllabus. Make sure to jot down notes as the Holy Spirit gives you insight.

✍ Answer the review questions at the end of the lesson. The review questions are self-grading – the answers are in the back of this syllabus.

🕒 You may want to listen to the lecture several times before proceeding on to the next lesson. When you feel you have a solid grasp of the materials presented in this lesson, proceed to the next one.

Introduction

It seems that anytime we teach on leadership, the subject will turn to how to walk in the one of the five-fold ministries (i.e. Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher). The Hebraic concept of leadership is so much more. As I read through the Bible, I see a pattern that does not start with being a pastor or prophet or apostle. Even in the Old Testament, we could consider being a captain of ten, a hundred or a thousand. Again, it does not start there . . . not even with a captain of ten! I believe that the Word teaches that it **MUST** start with ***the one***. *When you become a leader of one and do that very well, then and only then, can you become a leader of more.*

This course is not on how to become a Pastor or even an Apostle (although if it is carried out correctly, it could lead to that.) It is a course on biblical self-mastery or self-leadership. Until we can properly lead ourselves, how will we ever be ready to lead someone else?

Jesus and the Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:36-40 KJV

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Let me set the scene for you regarding this scripture. In verse 34, the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees. In the previous verses, they had tried to stump Jesus with one of the theological arguments that they had always used on the Pharisees that worked well. Instead of it tripping Jesus up, He put them to such shame that they dared not ask Him anything else. Since there was a struggle for power between the Pharisees and Sadducees, they saw this as a good chance to get one up on the Sadducees.

The answer that Jesus gave was so powerful and so exact that we find in Mark 12:32-33 the scribe fully agreed with Him:

AMP

32 And the scribe said to Him, Excellently and fitly and admirably answered, Teacher! You have said truly that He is One, and there is no other but Him; 33 And to love Him out of and with all the heart and with all the understanding [with the faculty of quick apprehension and intelligence and keenness of discernment] and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

The truth that Jesus placed forth is known as the “Declaration of Independence” from Egypt. It is the cornerstone of their (and our) faith. It is so powerful and important that Jesus said that “**On these two commandments hang all the law (Torah) and the prophets.**” (Matt 22:40). If Jesus said that it was the greatest, most crucial of all the commandments of God and the Scribes, Pharisees and even the Sadducees agreed with Him, just maybe we need to take a serious look at it for our study.

Shema O Yisrael

Deut 6:4-9 AMP

4 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord [the only Lord]. 5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might. 6 And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in your [own] minds and hearts; [then] 7 You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes. 9 And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Let me set the stage for you again for these verses. God had freed His people, Israel, from the power and control of Pharaoh and Egypt. He had given them

His commandments on Mount Sinai. They had wandered in the desert for forty years learning to trust in God. Now as they were getting ready to cross over the Jordan and enter into the Promised Land, they were going to really walk in God's blessings and the challenges of the enemies of God.

In Deuteronomy, God is giving them their marching orders before they enter into true freedom, which would require great personal leadership.

1. There is so much in verse four, that I could teach for weeks on it. However I need to stay with the subject at hand. In true personal leadership and walking in the blessings and authority of Jesus, we must remember who God is. He is the LORD God. There is none like Him. In our freedom, we live to serve, worship and obey Him.

2. We are to love the LORD our God with:

a. All our heart.

Heart: 3824 לֵבָב lebab {lay-bawb'}

Meaning: 1) inner man, mind, will, heart, soul, understanding 1a) inner part, midst 1a1) midst (of things) 1a2) heart (of man) 1a3) soul, heart (of man) 1a4) mind, knowledge, thinking, reflection, memory 1a5) inclination, resolution, determination (of will) 1a6) conscience 1a7) heart (of moral character) 1a8) as seat of appetites 1a9) as seat of emotions and passions 1a10) as seat of courage. ¹

b. All our mind.

Mind: 5315 נֶפֶשׁ nephesh {neh'-fesh}

Meaning: 1) soul, self, life, creature, person, appetite, mind, living being, desire, emotion, passion 1a) that which breathes, the breathing substance or being, soul, the inner being of man 1b) living being 1c) living being (with life in the blood) 1d) the man himself, self, person or individual 1e) seat of the appetites 1f) seat of emotions and passions 1g) activity of mind 1g1) dubious 1h) activity of the will 1h1) dubious 1i) activity of the character 1i1) dubious. ²

c. All our might.

Might: 3966 מְאֹד me`od {meh-ode'}

Meaning: adv 1) exceedingly, much subst 2) might, force, abundance n m 3) muchness, force, abundance, exceedingly 3a) force, might 3b) exceedingly, greatly, very (idioms showing magnitude or degree) 3b1)

¹ Strong's Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 6.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. 2003.

² Strong's Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 6.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. 2003.

exceedingly 3b2) up to abundance, to a great degree, exceedingly 3b3) with muchness, muchness. ³

3. The Impossibility of It All.

The first few lines of the Shema is an impossibility for someone that is in bondage and cannot control and manage their lives. It was not spoken to a people that were in bondage in Egypt. It was impossible for them to love God in this fashion when they were under the whip of Pharaoh and making bricks from mud.

Once they were delivered by the hand of God and given His commandments, things began to change.

They wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. This is significant. Let's look at the number 40 biblically:

40 IS THE NUMBER OF PROBATION OR TRIAL. The Israelites wandered for 40 years (Deut. 8:2-5). Moses was on the mount for 40 days (Exodus 24:18); 40 days of Jonah and Nineveh (Jonah 3:4). Jesus was tempted for 40 days (Matt. 4:2).⁴

Although Israel had been freed by the hand of God from Egypt, in their minds they were still slaves. It had been ingrained in them. The first time they came to the River Jordan, they were still thinking and acting like slaves in Egypt. God gave them a probationary period to rethink their lives and their ways. For them, it took an entire generation to die out before they could go on. We have so much more available to us today! Let's now look at this from our position today in Christ.

a. We were slaves to sin and the Pharaoh of this world.

Before we made Jesus the Lord and Savior of our lives, our hearts were darkened. We were slaves to our sinful nature. Satan had us like puppets on strings.

b. Jesus gave His life in our place to set us free.

Through the shed blood of Jesus, we have forgiveness of sins. We are made a new creation in Him. All things in our lives have become new.

c. We are taken out of Spiritual Egypt.

Col 1:13 KJV

³ **Strong's Enhanced Lexicon.** BibleWorks for Windows 6.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. 2003.

⁴ <http://www.carm.org/questions/numbers.htm>

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

- d. He has placed His Spirit within us.

1 Cor 6:19-20 KJV

19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

- e. He had made His mind available to us.

1 Cor 2:16 KJV

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

I believe that when we are saved, our spirit man is made in the likeness of Jesus. We are as free from sin as we will ever be. Just like when Israel crossed over the Red Sea; Pharaoh could not get to them any more – physically.

Unfortunately, just like Israel of old, Pharaoh was still in their heads! When they were given the commandments of God, God was saying:

“Now you must work on yourself. You must learn how to think and feel like a child of God. I have given you all that you need to complete this work. Study, speak of my commandments to your children, and talk of them continually until what Egypt taught you in its school of lies is replaced.”

God then begins to give us a probationary period - a time to get control of our inner world and build His kingdom there. Then He will test us to allow us to see how far we have come.

This course is about learning to love God with all our heart, mind and strength. It is about how to build His kingdom within while tearing down the old fortified areas of the enemy.

Romans 12:1-2 KJV

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Shema (Modified)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 KJV

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Deuteronomy 11:13-25 KJV

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. 15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. 16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you. 18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: 21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. 22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. 25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Numbers 15:37-41 KJV

37 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: 39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: 40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. 41 I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.



Review Questions

1. What is the first step to becoming an effective leader in the Kingdom of God?

2. When the Word tells us to love God with all our heart, mind and might – what insights can we receive from the Hebrew meanings?

3. Compare the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egypt with our own deliverance from sin.

