

## Summit Bible College Course Syllabus

Class: 413 Family Counseling Issues

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Dates: Winter 2012

### Grading System:

**25% Online Tests** — Set up an account for yourself at [www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests/](http://www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests/).

**25% Notes** and class participation. You should be able to take 2 pages of notes minimum per class period. All distance students (all distance or local students who are absent from a class in any given week) must write a half a page to a page word review for their reading in that week. If there is no reading due that week, write on the topic of the lecture drawing from class discussion and your own observations.

**15% Reading--** What percent of the text above did you read? \_\_\_\_\_ % This question must be answered at the top of your final paper. This question is based on your honor, I am asking God to bless your ministry in proportion to your integrity regarding this questions.

**35% Final Exam** –3-5 pages due one week after class.

### **Reading and Multiple Choice Questions: Read Pages 19-43 to give you a background on prevailing statistics on the family.**

You will take a test on each of the Three Sections. They are SECTION 1: Clergy, Faith and Family Issues from pages 19-26, SECTION 2: What Makes a Family Strong? from pages 31-34, SECTION 3: “Diversity in American Families” from pages 37-44

**TAKING THE TESTS:** The tests are available online at [www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests](http://www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests). **THESE TESTS ARE DUE BY THE END OF WEEK THREE!**

### **Week One – Class Orientation**

**Lecture:** Clergy, Faith, and Family Issues -- Case 2 - Dual Earner Families: Should women stay home and raise their children? Case 3 - Becoming a Parent - Parenting: Are children valued in our culture?

**Class Discussion:** How do you counsel for family wholeness? What makes a family strong? Racial diversity in families

**Homework:** Read Cases 4 and 5. Write Counseling Evals on case studies and Chapter/s

### **Week Two**

**Lecture:** 4 - A Child with Special Needs: Mental Retardation, Case - 5 -- The Troubled Teen

**Class Discussion:** Are we “over labeling” children with special needs?

**Homework:** Read Cases 7, 8 and 9. Write Counseling Evals on case studies and Chapter/s

### **Week Three**

**Lecture:** Case 7 - Single Parents, Case 8 - The Divorced Parent, Case 9 - Step-parenting

**Class Discussion:** Divorced and dating. What can the single parent do to help raise emotionally stable children? What influence over children should the step parent have?

**Homework:** Read Cases 11 and 12. Write Counseling Evals on case studies and Chapter/s

### **Week Four**

**Lecture:** Case 11 - Grandparents and Parenting Grandchildren 12 - Retirement

**Class Discussion:** Can grand parents take the place of parents? What are the effective solutions of grand parenting grandchildren? Retirement and work ethic: How much is enough?

**Homework:** Read the Case Study/s 6, 19. Write Counseling Evals on case studies and Chapter/s

### **Week Five**

**Lecture:** Case 6 - Domestic Violence and Divorce, Case 19 – Alcohol Dependency

**Class Discussion:** When is divorce acceptable? How much abuse is enough? How do you counsel those affected?

**Homework:** Read the Case Study 10, 20. Counseling Evals on case studies and Chapter/s

### **Week Six**

**Lecture:** Case 10 - Sudden Job Loss, Case 20 - The Homeless Family

**Class Discussion:** Job loss, and healthy attitudes, How do you counsel those affected?

**Homework:** Read Case 18. Write Counseling Evals on case studies and Chapter/s

### **Week Seven**

**Lecture:** Case 18 - Severe Mental Illness: Bipolar Disorder

**Class Discussion:** Learning Disabilities and their affect on the family: How do you counsel those affected?

**Homework:** Read the Case Studies 13 -16. Write Counseling Evals on case studies and Chapter/s

### **Week Eight**

**Lecture:** Case 13 - Caring for a Family Member after a Stroke. Case 14 - Caring for a Family Member with Alzheimer’s disease Case, Case 15 - Placing a Family Member in Nursing Home, and Case 16 - Terminal Illness. Case 17 – Infertility

**Class Discussion:** How do you counsel those affected? When is institutionalizing necessary?

**Homework:** Do Final: See attached

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**Final** (Due 1 week after last day.)

**Part I**

Choose one of the 20 Cases that are in the book. You **may not** team up with another person unless there are more than 20 people in the class. If there are 21 people, for example, one report will be done by two people. (On a team each person must speak at least 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes each.)

Your assignment is completed by the following:

1. You will do a 10 minute overview report on your Case. Do not speak over 10 minutes per case.
2. Read the whole Case on the following topics and report on the four lettered areas.
3. Write a **3 page overview** of your Case using the following criteria:
  - A. Relevant History
  - B. Diagnostic Criteria
  - C. Response to Vignette
  - D. Pastoral Assessment
4. Add applicable scriptures and spiritual advice you think is relevant.

Sample

**Part II**

Take one of the cases from above and write a counseling session with a counselee in conversation form that has the problem of the case. Write 3-5 pages typed double spaced 10-12 font in Ariel or Times Roman, 1" borders. Your interview will be in the form of a dialog such as:

Counselor: Hello, Sally and Robert, I am Dr. John Smith, Christian Counselor you spoke to on the phone.

**Robert: Yes, we came by because Mary Richards recommended that we speak to you about our life and problems.**

Counselor: Well, good, I would be happy to speak with you, and with God's help we will be able to work through these issues. Do you know how I operate?

**Sally: Well, I am not sure but I know Mary said you are a Christian.**

Counselor: Yes, that's correct. I use scripture in my interview process and I do pray before, during and after our sessions so that I can be in tune with God as well as ask for His power to move in our sessions and in our lives. How's your spiritual life?

**Robert: I don't know, it's ok, I guess.**

**Sally: Well, we need God's help.**

Counselor: Well, I will begin with prayer and then I would like to ask you about that further. Is that ok?

**Robert: Sure.**

**Sally: Yes**

Counselor: Lord, ....etc...