


# **Contemporary Christian Life Course Schedule**

Spring Semester 2012  
TR 1:40-2:55; Jen. 325

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## **Key**

 = Scripture Memory for this week

 = Mp3

WDW = *Water from a Deep Well*

Week 1  
February  
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### **Introduction to the Course Defining & Delimiting the “Christian Life”**

*Sticky Note: Identify ten top biblical descriptors of the “Christian Life,” with 1 supporting passage of Scripture for each. Now circle the top three most essential and write a defense of those three choices.*

Week 2  
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### **Making Space, Giving Attention, & Living Well**

*Article by Wendell Berry*

Duvall, 9-17

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### **Authority Structures & the “Triad of Interpretation”**

#### **The “Self-Awareness” Project**


*Self-awareness Project—How is your experience of the Christian life affected by the following (reflect deeply; make journal-type notes, writing from 1-5 sentences per topic; this does not need to be typed):*

*Your family history*

*Your spiritual history & gifts*

*Your theology*

*Your education*  
*Your emotional makeup and personality*  
*Your successes & failures*  
*Your work ethic/discipline*  
*Your communication patterns/How you express & receive love*  
*or correction (cont. on next page)*  
*Your learning style*  
*Your cultural contexts*  
*Your experience of pain & suffering*  
*Your denominational context*

 *Mark 12:29-31*

Week 3  
14

### **Living on Purpose**

*Explanation of Missions and Values Worksheet*


Duvall, 69-72

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### **Values and Vocation**

◀ Piper: “Don’t Waste Your Life” (access link on CCLP Website)

WDW, chapter 8

 *Ps. 90:17*

Week 4  
21

### **God’s Will**


*Mission and Values Worksheet Due*

Duvall, 98-122

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### **Guest Lecturer**

Duvall, 78-88

 *Ps. 37:3-7a*

Week 5  
March  
28

### **Scripture & the Christian Life**

podcast: “A Life Shaped by Shema”

(<http://soundcloud.com/bhpublishinggroup/e10-a-life-shaped-by-shema>)

Duvall, 19-22

Morgan, *100 Verses*, 3-46

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**Scripture Cont./Prayer**

WDW, chapter 9

◀ Tim Keller on “How to Pray”

Duvall, 151-60

***FOUR PRINCIPLES DUE***

📖 *Isa. 55:8-11*

Week 6

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**Prayer & the Christian Life**

Berding, *Walking in the Spirit*

Duvall, 123-35

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**Character & the Christian Life**

Duvall, 28-32

📖 *Phil. 4:4-7*

Week 7

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**Suffering and the Christian Life**

◀ Darlene Rose on Suffering (access link on CCLP Website)

WDW, chapter 1

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**Stewardship & Life’s Resources I**





*Dorothy Bass article (see Class Resources link)*



Duvall, 73-77

WDW, chapter 4

COURSE NOTEBOOK CHECKUP DUE

📖 *1 Peter 5:6-7*

Week 8		
	20	<b>Spring Break</b>
	22	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>Week 9</b>		
	27	<b>Stewardship &amp; Life's Resources II</b>
	29	<b>Sexuality &amp; Singleness in Biblical Perspective (Guest Lecturer)</b>
		Duvall, 57-62
		 <i>1 Thess. 4:3-5</i>
Week 10		
	3	<b>Marriage</b>
		Thomas, <i>Sacred Marriage</i> , chapters 1, 3, & 4
		<b><i>FOUR MORE PRINCIPLES DUE</i></b>
	5	<b>Marriage Continued</b>
		 <i>Gen. 2:24</i>
		Thomas, <i>Sacred Marriage</i> , chapters 6, 7, & 8
Week 11		
	10	<b>Marriage Cont.</b>
		Interview with Dr. and Mrs. Guthrie
		Thomas, <i>Sacred Marriage</i> , chapters 9 & 10
	12	<b>Parenting</b>
		 <i>Deut. 6:4-7</i>
Week 12		
	17	<b>An Interview with the Guthrie Family</b>
	19	<b>Open Discussion Day</b>
		Duvall, 136-44
		 <i>Eph. 4:15-16</i>
Week 13		
	24	<b>The Community of Faith: You and the Church</b>

		WDW, chapters 2 & 6
		Duvall, 38-47
26		<b>The Community of Faith &amp; Modern Culture: Us &amp; the World</b>
		Chester and Timmis, <i>Total Church</i>
		<b><i>FOUR MORE PRINCIPLES DUE</i></b>
		 <i>Matt. 28:18-20</i>
Week 14		
May	1	<b>Culture &amp; Christian Witness: The Gospel and Evangelism</b>
		WDW, chapters 10 & 11
		Duvall, 166-79
	3	<b>Christian Mission Cont.: Pastors Panel</b>
		 <i>Ps. 100</i>
Week 15		
	8	<b>Life as Worship</b>
		Duvall, 53-56
	10	<b>Worship Time</b>
		Duvall, 180-94
		<b>Course Notebook Due</b>
		<b>Final Reading Report Due</b>
		<b>12-20 Principles Due</b>
Week 16		<b>Finals Week (Your Notebook is Your Final)</b>