

## **Equip Biblical Institute**

Church Planting \* Team Leadership \* Pastors Institute

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# Marriage - Love and Respect

Professor:

**Training Center City:** 

Semester and Year:

## **Course Description**

This course focuses on how to apply and teach the biblical roles in marriage. Topics include love and respect, the keys for a great relationship, handling conflict, speaker-listening techniques, friendship, supporting one another, playing together, sexuality, and spiritual intimacy. Students will create visual projects and applications for marriage and spiritual development.

### **Course Design**

This 14-week course is designed to equip pastors, church planters, and next-generation leaders with Bible knowledge, Christian character, servant leadership, and disciple-making skills with the goal of life change. It addresses the learning styles of adults through active discussion, charts, visuals, Internet resources, team-building, and presentations. To ensure transfer of credit, changes to this course syllabus must be approved by both Equip Biblical Institute and Southern California Seminary. Over 1,200 leaders have completed EBI courses. Suggestions for improving course design are appreciated.

## **Required Textbooks**

- 1. *Jeremiah Study Bible.* Annotated by Dr. David Jeremiah. Worthy Publishing, 2013. <u>CBD</u> or <u>9781936034895</u>
- Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Needs. Nashville, TN: Integrity, 2004. CBD 9781591451877
- 3. Dr. Howard J. Markman, Dr. Scott M. Stanley, and Dr. Susan L. Blumberg. *Fighting for Your Marriage*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2010. CBD 9780470485910
- Stephen Kendrick and Alex Kendrick. The Resolution for Men. Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing, 2011. CBD 9781433671227

Priscilla Shirer and Stephen Kendrick. *The Resolution for Women.* Nashville, TN: B & H Publishing, 2011. CBD 9781433674013

#### Additional Books for Pastors, Leaders, and Advanced Students

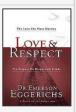
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Professors – Click here to receive the Notes by email. The intent of this course is to equip you with the Word of God, to strengthen your character and integrity, and to develop your relational and servant-leadership skills for the glory of God.

Internet Resources <a href="http://www.focusonthefamily.com/">http://www.focusonthefamily.com/</a> \* 4truth.net \* bible.org \* blueletterbible.org \* carm.org/apologetics \* gotquestions.org \* helpmewithbiblestudy.org \* jeremiahstudybible.com \*





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## **Learning Outcomes**

The student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- 1. Explain how understanding our different needs is the secret to a better marriage.
- 2. Explain how to spell love to a wife.
- 3. Explain how to show respect to a husband.
- 4. Explain the energizing cycle for improving a marriage.
- 5. Explain what to do if a husband is a workaholic.
- 6. Explain what men need from their wives—and why they need it.
- 7. Explain how to handle conflict with speaker-listener techniques and ground rules.
- 8. Explain how to enjoy each other as friends, supporters, and playmates.
- 9. Explain how to stay the course through expectations, hope, and commitment.
- 10. Write a 10- to 15-page term paper titled, "Applications from Love and Respect for Marriage and Spiritual Development."

#### **Methods of Instruction**

Instruction emphasizes active learning, problem-based learning, project-based learning, presentation-based learning, team-based learning, reflection, discussion, interactive lecture, collaboration, visuals, term papers, and exams, with the goal of long-term and real-world learning that results in life-change and leadership skills. The major pedagogical premise of this course is that students should be treated like the servant-leaders they are becoming.

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## **Accelerated Adult Learning Strategies**

Authentic learning involves observation, interpretation, and application. The goal of balanced instruction is to address the learning strengths of adult learners, including verbal, visual, musical, logical, kinesthetic, reflective, interpersonal, natural, and spiritual. Student-centered instruction is most effective when it impacts the mind, will, and emotions.

#### **TEAM-based Active Learning Principles**

Students are encouraged to study in teams to develop application skills, leadership/relational skills, and presentations. Students are not to give answers to co-learners, but help them learn how to find the answers. **TEAM** = **Together Everyone Accomplishes More.** 

## The Cone of Learning After 2 weeks. we tend to remember ... I see and I forget. I hear and I remember. Reading 10% of what we RFAD I do and I understand. · 20% of what we HEAR Seeing · 30% of what we SEE Watching a Movie Looking at an Exhibit Watching a Demonstration Seeing It Done on Location 50% of what we SEE & HEAR Participating in a Discussion Giving a Talk 70% of what we SAY Doing a Dramatic Presentation lating the Real Experience Doing the Real Thing

#### **Student Requirements**

**First**, answer the **questions** in the **portfolio** before class. This will assist student-leaders in focusing on core information and developing the time-on-task study skills and writing skills essential to effective learning and long-term memory. Each student must do his or her own work.

**Second**, maintain the **journal** in the portfolio. (1) What is God teaching you in this session? (2) How are you going to apply these concepts to your life, family, and ministry? (3) How can your church apply these concepts to making disciples and developing leaders? This will assist student-leaders in developing reflection, application, and decision-making skills essential to spiritual growth.

**Third**, participate in the **discussion** of the questions and applications in the portfolio during class. Through discussion students learn from one another and sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron. This will assist student-leaders in developing the relational, speaking, and creative/critical thinking skills essential to effective teaching and servant-leadership.

**Fourth**, complete the **midterm exam**. This will assist student-leaders in developing long-term memory through multiple reviews of the core material.

**Fifth**, participate in an individual or **group presentation** on one of the chapters in the textbooks. The ability to make engaging presentations will multiply your influence, leadership, teaching, and preaching. Discuss applications found in that book. This presentation can be a PowerPoint, drama, role-play, charts, or drawings. This will assist student-leaders in developing the creative/critical thinking and teamwork skills essential to effective teaching and servant-leadership. Week 13

Sixth, type a 10- to 15-page term paper titled "Applications from Love and Respect for Marriage and Spiritual Development." The ability to write well will multiply your influence, leadership, teaching, and preaching. Footnote all the ideas, paraphrases, and direct quotes in your paper, whether from books or the Internet. Font should be Times New Roman 12. Include illustrations and charts. This will assist student-leaders in developing the creative/critical thinking and writing skills essential to effective biblical teaching, preaching, and servant-leadership. Week 13

**Seventh**, complete the **final exam** in the portfolio. This will assist student-leaders in developing long-term memory through multiple reviews of the core material and in focusing on transformational leadership and teaching skills. Week 14

## Course Objective Is Life Change

Our mission is to bring glory to God by assisting local churches to equip believers to live and minister biblically based on the inerrant Word of God. This equipping includes Bible knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills. The objective is to take student-leaders from where they are and move them to where they need to be. Students will learn how (1) to read with their brains; (2) to remember what they have read; (3) to sharpen their thoughts through journaling; (4) to speak effectively before others; (5) to work as learning teams of leaders; and (6) to biblically apply what they are learning to life, family, and ministry.

#### **Accelerated Adult Learning Techniques**

Adults learn in unique ways and so this course incorporates multiple learning styles. According to the **Cone of Learning**, writing, discussing, and applying concepts are the keys to accelerated adult learning. The portfolio is foundational to learning because students remember more of what they write, discuss, and apply. By applying these principles of champion learners, students will experience transformational growth. Welcome to the accelerated disciple-making process!

Session	Date	Session Content	Assignment Due
1		The Simple Secret to a Better Marriage Why She Won't Respect Appendixes Go over this syllabus and the portfolio. Preview the study guides for the exams. Discuss the appendix. Discuss portfolio questions and journal applications. Demonstrate how to get the most out of the Topical Index in the Jeremiah Study Bible and the textbooks. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Print 342 Marriage - Love and Respect portfolio and notes.</li> <li>Pay the honorarium to the director.</li> <li>Skim the textbooks and be prepared to discuss how these books are unique as learning tools.</li> <li>Study chapters 1-3 and the Appendixes in Love and Respect.</li> <li>Apply the introduction and chapter 1 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Explore the resources in the Topical Index of the Jeremiah Study Bible or at www.jeremiahstudybible.com.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio questions and journal applications in preparation for the discussion and group activity.</li> <li>Begin writing the term paper.</li> <li>Read about marriage in the Baptist Faith and Message in Resources at http://www.sbc.net.</li> </ul>
2		What Men Fear Most She Thinks She Can't Forgive Him Welcome guests and encourage students to share what they have learned so far. Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 4-7 in Love and Respect.</li> <li>Apply chapter 2 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> <li>Students are encouraged to invite friends to see how the course works.</li> </ul>
3		How to Spell Love to Your Wife: Closeness Openness Understanding Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 8-11 in Love and Respect.</li> <li>Apply chapter 3 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>
4		Peacemaking Loyalty Esteem Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 12-14 Love and Respect.</li> <li>Apply chapter 4 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>

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5		How to Spell Respect to Your Husband Conquest Hierarchy Authority Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 15-18 and Appendixes in Love and Respect.</li> <li>Apply chapter 5 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>
6		Insight Relationship Sexuality The Energizing Cycle Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters. Review for the midterm exam.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 19-22 in Love and Respect.</li> <li>Apply chapter 6 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>
7		The Real Reason to Love and Respect The Truth Can Make You Free Pink and Blue can Make Purple Appendixes Welcome guests and encourage students to share what they have learned. Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 23-24 and Appendixes in Love and Respect.</li> <li>Apply chapter 7 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> <li>Students are encouraged to invite friends to see how the course works.</li> </ul>
8		Midterm Exam Take the midterm exam. Preview the second half of the course. Make corrections to the term paper in class. Discuss who would benefit from the EBI leadership training program.	<ul> <li>Apply chapter 8 in <i>The Resolution</i>.</li> <li>Review the study guide in the notes to prepare for midterm exam. Four hours of study are recommended.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Pay for textbooks for the next courses.</li> </ul>
9		Five Keys for a Great Relationship Changing Roles, Changing Rules Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 1-3 in Fighting for Your Marriage.</li> <li>Apply chapter 9 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>

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10		When What You Heard Isn't What I Said Controlling the Home Fires Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 4-6 in Fighting for Your Marriage.</li> <li>Apply chapter 10 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>
11		New Perspectives on Problems Safe Harbor: Friendship Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 7-9 in Fighting for Your Marriage.</li> <li>Apply chapter 11 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>
12		Supporting One Anger in Life Sense and Sensuality Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Group Activity: Prepare for next week's student presentations.	<ul> <li>Study chapters 10-12 in Fighting for Your Marriage.</li> <li>Apply chapter 12 in The Resolution.</li> <li>Type the answers to the portfolio.</li> <li>Work on the term paper.</li> <li>Review the study guide.</li> </ul>
13		Student Presentations and Term Papers Welcome guests. Participate in student presentations. Review for final exam. Make corrections to the term paper in class.	<ul> <li>Apply chapter 13 in <i>The Resolution</i>.</li> <li>Prepare for group or individual presentations.</li> <li>Bring a rough draft of your term paper for peer-review and corrections.</li> <li>Students are encouraged to invite friends to watch student presentations.</li> </ul>
14		Final Exam and Course Evaluation Take final exam. Submit portfolio for grading. Submit term paper. Students will debrief by sharing how they are using what they have learned. Discuss how to recruit students who would benefit from the EBI leadership training program.	<ul> <li>Apply chapter 14 in <i>The Resolution</i>.</li> <li>Review the study guide for the final exam.</li> <li>Complete the 10- to 15-page term paper.</li> <li>Complete the portfolio.</li> <li>Distribute the textbooks, syllabi, portfolios, notes, and promotional materials for the next course.</li> </ul>

EBI holds to the *Baptist Faith and Message*. The inclusion of articles, books, or external links in this course does not imply that the opinions expressed represent the official position of EBI.

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- 2. Apologetics 4Truth www.4truth.net

- 3. Bible.org http://www.bible.org
- 4. Focus on the Family http://www.focusonthefamily.org
- 5. Got Questions http://www.gotquestions.org/

Christianity Today <a href="http://www.christianitytoday.com/marriage">http://www.christianitytoday.com/marriage</a>

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Family articles http://www.family.org/topics/

Focus on the Family marriage articles <a href="http://www.family.org/married/">http://www.family.org/married/</a>

Family Life Council <a href="http://www.familylifecouncil.net/">http://www.familylifecouncil.net/</a>

Family Life Today http://www.familylife.com/

Genesis Family Education http://www.soulcare.org/General/articles marriage family.htm

Home Improvement Ministries <a href="http://www.himweb.org/resources.htm">http://www.himweb.org/resources.htm</a>

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# Transfer of Credits to Southern California Seminary

#### **Attendance Policy**

Attending class on time is important to receive the most out of the course. Entering class late disrupts the learning process of all students. Students are permitted three absences for a 14-week semester course. For the semester (28 classroom hours plus 68 homework hours) courses, more than 10 minutes late is a *tardy;* more than 20 minutes late is an *absence*. Two tardies count as one absence. College credit cannot be transferred to Southern California Seminary when a student misses four or more class sessions. A grade of NC (No Credit) will be recorded when a student misses four sessions, does not complete coursework on time, or earns less than 700 points.

#### **Class Time and Homework Policy**

To transfer credits to Southern California Seminary, each 2-unit course must include at least 28 hours of class time discussion and 68 hours of portfolio homework during the 14-week semester. Courses with less than 28 hours of class time do not meet EBI requirements. Since "time plus focus equals learning," increased classroom time and active learning result in increased learning—and learning is the key to leadership and service. Courses start the week of January, May, and September. For maximum learning, it is recommended that working students take 2 courses per semester or 6 courses per year.

#### **Late Work Policy**

Completing work on time is an important habit for leaders to develop. Homework should be completed weekly before the class discussion and application. The grade for work that is between 1 and 7 days late is lowered by 20%. The grade for work that is between 8 and 14 days late is lowered by 40%. Work that is over 14 days late will not be accepted. Professors are to send to the EBI offices the grade sheet within 15 days of the end of each course so that transcripts can be updated each semester.

# **Portfolio Policy**

To transfer credits from Equip Biblical Institute to Southern California Seminary, students must present a complete portfolio of their course work. The portfolio consists of the questions, journal applications and reflections, term papers, and exams for each course. Upon successful completion of the Associate of Biblical Studies, students may transfer **66 units** into the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree. If the portfolio for a course is not complete, the credits may not be transferable. Portfolios must be completed individually—not as couples. Answers to portfolio questions are subjective so each student must do his or her own work.

# **Grade Scale**

Grade		Percent	Points				
Α	=	95-100%	950-1,000				
A-	=	90-94%	900-949				
B+	=	87-89%	870-899				
В	=	84-86%	840-869				
B-	=	80-83%	800-839				
C+	=	77-79%	770-799				
С	=	74-76%	740-769				
C-	=	70-73%	700-739				
NC	=	Below 70%	0-699				



Student Evaluation	Percent	Points
Portfolio/Group Activities	55%	550
Midterm Exam		100
Student Presentations	10%	100
Term Paper	15%	150
Final Exam	10%	100
Total	100%	1,000

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Midterm 8	Session 9	Session 10	Session 11	Session 12	Presentation 13	Term Paper 13	Final Exam 14	Points	Grade
50	50	50	50	50	50	50	100	50	50	50	50	100	150	100	1,000	ABC

	Course Grading Rubric						
Grade	Requirements	✓					
Α	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 15-page paper with zero errors.						
A-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 12-page paper with less than 2 errors.						
B+	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 11 page paper with less than 4 errors.						
В	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 8- to 9-page paper with less than 6 errors.						
B-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 6- to 7-page paper with less than 8 errors.						
C+	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay are completed with few errors.						
С	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay are completed but need corrections.						
C-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay need individual tutoring or peer coaching.						
NC	Students earn less than 700 points or miss more than 3 sessions.						

It is possible to earn a "C" by writing an essay rather than a term paper, but it is necessary to write a term paper to earn an "A" or "B". Writing clarifies one's thoughts and is a key skill for an effective leader. Initially students may have difficulties in developing writing skills, but they will improve and gain confidence with each course they complete. It is important that professors help students improve their writing skills to maximize their thinking and leadership skills. Students should use the term paper rubric, sample term paper, and type-over template to write their term papers. Since students have different abilities, goals, responsibilities, and schedules, students can choose the grade for which they are aiming.

Writing is one of the most important skills that a leader can develop. As part of the academic agreement with Southern California Seminary, to earn an "A" students are required to email or mail a copy of their academic work to the EBI Registrar. The goal is to catch students doing something right and affirming them. The objective is to recognize and analyze the best term papers and to prepare next generation leaders for university level education by helping them improve their writing skills, thinking skills, and leadership skills.

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EBI is a religious exempt school and not accredited by the US Department of Education; however, EBI Associate degrees are transferable to Southern California Seminary and other schools.

As students take each course their brains will develop a multitude of new neural connections increasing their ability to read with comprehension, make practical applications from what they are learning, and improve their communication, leadership, and writing skills.