

**NORTH PORTLAND BIBLE COLLEGE (NPBC)**

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION  
PD 106 – 3 Credits  
Summer 2017  
June 26, 2017 to July 29, 2017  
Syllabus**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Examines biblical, historical and practical factors that are essential to a balanced spiritual life. Students will explore and be challenged to confront the essentials of spiritual growth.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- A. Cognitive Objectives (student should know):
  1. The distinctive role of “spiritual formation” in the believer’s experience.
  2. The biblical basis for a Christian’s identity in Christ.
  3. The biblical and historical components of the disciplines that empower our spiritual life.
- B. Affective Objectives (student should experience):
  1. A growing sense of identity in Christ, intimacy with God the Father, and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.
  2. A healthy sensitivity to sin and redemption.
  3. Greater appreciation for their own uniqueness in how they relate to God.
- C. Volitional Objectives (student should resolve to):
  1. Pursue a pattern of relating to God that fits their spiritual temperament.
  2. Model and teach others by example the importance and benefits of practicing regular spiritual disciplines.
  3. Write a paper reflecting their own spiritual make-up and presenting a plan for continued spiritual growth.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Thomas, Gary. *Authentic Faith: The Power of a Fire Tested Life*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002.

Thomas, Gary. *Sacred Pathways: Discover Your Soul’s Path to God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2000.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Attendance**

Class sessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30pm to 9:30pm, June 28 thru July 27, 2017.

You should clear your schedule so you can attend all sessions and arrange your commute so as to be on time for all class sessions. Should you need to miss a class it's your responsibility to contact the instructor and make arrangements to make up the work. Unexcused absences will be grounds for failing the class.

### **2. Reading and participation:**

Students will read the assigned portion of the text according to the class schedule. It is expected you will be prepared to engage actively in class discussion. Students will be graded on preparation for and participation in class discussions from these texts.

Time Requirement:       24 hours in-class  
                                  46 hours outside class

### **3. Assignments:**

- A. **Sacred Pathways paper** – students will do the survey at the end of each of the nine temperament types and have for discussion the week corresponding to the readings. Students will write a 2 page paper describing their own temperament and craft a plan to integrate this into their personal spiritual disciplines. Paper will be due July 18.
- B. **Authentic Faith paper** – students will write a three page paper interacting with the text. Instructions will be handed out by instructor. Paper will be due July 27.

Time Requirement: 2.5 hours

### **4. Examinations**

There are no exams in this course.

## **COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES**

### **NPBC Writing Standards:**

All written work must be typed in the format designated by the college. Excessive errors such as grammar, punctuation, format, and spelling will affect your grade.

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a serious breach of scholarship standards

at North Portland Bible College. When quoting the work of an author or an author's ideas are used in your paper, document, document, and document.

After the last day of the course, there will be no further extensions for work in the class, except for extenuating circumstances, such as family emergencies or medical reasons. Any request for an "INC" grade must be discussed with the professor prior to the last day of school. The professor must notify the office manager and provide copy of the work to be completed, or the grade of an "F" will be assigned.

**GRADING: (A ten percent penalty will be assessed for late work)**

Sacred Pathways Paper	(Due July 13)	200 points
Authentic Faith Paper	(Due July 27)	200 points
Class Participation		<u>100 points</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>500 points</b>

**GRADING SCALE:**

- 90 – 100 A
- 80 – 89 B
- 70 – 79 C
- 60 – 69 D
- 0 - 59 F

### SCHEDULE

Date	Class Session/Topic	Assignment Due
June 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation</li> <li>• Biblical foundation</li> <li>• Diagnosis</li> </ul>	
June 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical example</li> <li>• Review reading</li> </ul>	Reading: Sacred Pathways, chaps 1-3
July 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical example</li> <li>• Review reading</li> </ul>	Reading: Sacred Pathways, chaps 4-6
July 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical example</li> <li>• Review reading</li> </ul>	Reading: Sacred Pathways, chaps 7-9
July 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical example</li> <li>• Review reading</li> </ul>	Reading: Sacred Pathways, chaps 10-11 <b>Assign: SP paper</b>
July 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical example</li> <li>• Review reading</li> </ul>	Reading: Authentic Faith, chaps 1-4
July 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical example</li> <li>• Review reading</li> </ul>	Reading: Authentic Faith, chaps 5-8
July 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical example</li> <li>• Review reading</li> </ul>	Reading: Authentic Faith, chaps 9-Epilogue <b>Assign: AF paper</b>

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