BIBLICAL ESSENTIALS // BE501 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course equips the student to develop a personal code of ethics based on a worldview grounded in absolute Biblical truth. Christian ethics are compared and contrasted to other major ethical systems. Critical thinking exercises are applied to contemporary ethical issues.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Form and enhance a Christian worldview based on the absolute truths of the Bible.

• Explore the presuppositions and claims of other major ethical systems.

• Evaluate the Christian ethical system based on absolute moral truth to other Christian and non-Christian ethical systems.

• Critically apply the Christian ethical system to the evaluation of current moral problems.

• Develop and articulate a personal code of ethics.

• Reflect on the application of this personal code of ethics to daily life.

COURSE SYLLABUS // 16 HOURS

Week 1: Introduction to Ethics

Week 2: Ethics and Critical Thinking

Week 3: Major Ethical Systems: Part 1

Week 4: Major Ethical Systems: Part 2

Week 5: Ethics & Morality: A Biblical Perspective

Week 6: Christian Ethics: Absolutism & Relativism

Week 7: Developing a Personal Code of Ethics

Week 8: Christian Ethics & Contemporary Moral Problems

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Geisler, Norman L. *Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues and Options. 2nd Edition*. (2010) Baker Academic, Grand Rapids, MI.