Christian Ministry 3 Moving Into a Ministry Lifestyle Syllabus

Week	Topic	Memory Verses	Homework
1	A Lifestyle of Self-Giving Love: The Big Picture	Matt. 16:25* Gen. 12:1-3** Matt. 28:18-20*	See the assignment at the end of your notes
2	Staying On Course: Principles of Spiritual Guidance	Rom. 12:2* Jn. 7:17* Matt. 13:12*	Study these passages on spiritual gifts: 1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12:3-8; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Pet. 4:10,11. In your own words, answer the following questions: • What are spiritual gifts? • To whom are they given? • Why are they given? • How should they be exercised? • What spiritual gift(s) might you have?
3	Loving One Another: Spiritual Gifts QUIZ	1 Cor. 12:4-6**	Read Rom. 12-15. Identify and record all "one another" or "each other" phrases in these chapters. For each phrase, give an example of when you did this for someone else and/or when someone else did this for you.
4	Loving One Another: Encouragement & Admonition	Rom. 15:14* 1 Thess. 5:14* Heb. 10:24,25*	Read these passages about evangelism: 1 Cor. 3:6,7; John 12:32,16:8; Col. 4:2-4; Luke 15:3-10; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:11,18-20. In your own words, describe what they teach about God's role in evangelism and/or what they teach about our role in evangelism.
5	Loving the Lost: Evangelism	2 Cor. 5:18-20* Col. 4:3-6**	 Talk to a non-Christian and record their answers to the following questions: Do all religions basically teach the same thing? Why do you think that? What does it mean to be a tolerant person? Write a full paragraph response to each of these common objections to Christianity: "Why should I regard the Bible as God's Word? What about all of the other scriptures?" "How can your religion consign people to hell if they have never even heard about Christ?" HINT: There are two distinct issues in this objection—God's judgment and whether he judges all people who didn't have access to the Bible.

6	Loving the Lost: Answering Objections QUIZ	1 Pet. 3:15*	 Carefully read 2 Cor. 8,9 and: Identify and describe in your own words several principles of Christian financial giving in this passage. (You should be able to identify at least 6 principles.) Explain briefly why each of these principles is important. (i.e., What good things happen if we observe these principles? What problems develop if we neglect them?)
7	Loving Through Financial Generosity: Principles of Christian Giving	2 Cor. 8:7* 2 Cor. 9:6-11** 1 Cor.16:2*	Complete the "Discerning Materialism" assignment.
8	Loving Through Financial Generosity: Resisting Materialism	1 Tim. 6:9* 1 Tim. 6:17-19**	Complete the <i>Ministry to the Poor Assignment</i> . Read the article titled "Catch the Vision" and write a one paragraph summary of what you read.
9	Loving the World: Missions and the Poor QUIZ	Matt. 24:14* Prov. 14:31* Ps. 140:12*	Study for the exam
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^{* =} Memorize the book and chapter reference, exact verse quote, and its application.

REMEMBER: QUIZZES ARE ON *ALL* OF THE <u>PREVIOUS</u> WEEKS (not only the weeks since the last quiz: Quiz 2 is on weeks 1-5; Quiz 3 weeks 1-8)

^{** =} Know the book and chapter reference, general content of the verse, and its application.