

CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

—Course Requirements—

PMP 2011-2012

Description: The study of the biblical basis of the church; its government and discipline; the offices, qualifications, and duties of church leaders; effective church management.

READINGS The main textbooks are Jay Adams', *Shepherding God's Flock*, and Ken Sande's *The Peacemaker*. Other readings may be found online or from the WRS Bookstore.

- Miller, Samuel. *The Ruling Elder* (available at http://www.reformed.org/books/ruling_elder/)
Pp. 20-48 (OT/Synagogue system)
- Bannerman, **Douglas**. *The Scripture Doctrine of the Church*
(electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 88-96 (OT names for the Church)
Pp. 97-103 (OT gov't)
Pp. 122-162 (Synagogue System)
- Spurgeon, Chs. *Lectures to My Students* (electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 22-41 (Call to the Ministry)
- Bridges, Chs. *Christian Ministry* (electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 1-5; 24-31)
- Bannerman, **James**. *The Church of Christ*, vol. I. (electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 421-435 (office of the minister)
- Adams, J. *Shepherding God's Flock: The Pastoral Life (I)*
Chapters I-X, pp. 1-70
- Hodge, Charles. "What Is Presbyterianism?"
(available at <http://www.pcahistory.org/documents/wip.html>)
- Bannerman, James Vol. II. Pp. 260-95 (Prelacy)
- Bannerman, James Vol. II. Pp. 296-331 (Congregationalism)
- (Recommended, but not required: Witherow, Thomas. *The Apostolic Church: Which Is It?*)
- Constitution of the BP Church*. Pp. 127-60 (Form of Govt) or an alternate form of government
- Bannerman, James Vol. II. Pp. 186-200 (Discipline)
- Harris, T.J. "The Challenge and Beauty of Church Discipline" in *Antithesis*, I:3, pp. 22-26
(Online at <http://www.reformed.org/webfiles/antithesis/index.html>)
- B.P. *Book of Discipline* (or alternate book of church discipline)
- Adams, Jay. *Handbook of Church Discipline* OR Wray, Donald. "Biblical Church Discipline"
- Sande, Ken. *The Peacemaker* (you may skip chpts 3 & 5 if you like)
- Adams, J. *Shepherding God's Flock: Leadership (III)*

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS (first two due by March 1; the last two due May 31)

- 1) Write a biblically based, theological essay (two pages typed or three pages by hand) on “The uniqueness of the office of the minister.” Is this calling on a par with other vocations (viz., are all callings as “one” before God), or does it involve a special equipping and unique commissioning in contradistinction to secular employment?
Support with biblical references; start by looking at I Cor. 9:16, Gal. 1, Eph. 3, I Tim. 1, Heb. 5, and pre-read the assignments pertaining to “the call.”
- 2) Read at least two commentaries on I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 and then catalog in an alphabetical glossary the qualifications of deacons and elders. Define and explain/illustrate these qualifications in your glossary and include the text reference for each term.
- 3) Do Adam’s student project on pages 501-503 of the “Leadership” section. The program planner as found in Appendix C may be applied to your present church or one you have recently and regularly attended. Don’t name the church.
- 4) Read a book like *Management: A Biblical Approach* by Rush, or *Management for Christian Leaders* by Hendrix. Submit a synopsis of your book, one paragraph per chapter.

GRADING

2 Exams = 55%

Readings = 25%

Assignments = 20%