Overview
Devotional writings from the history of the church, as well as from more contemporary Christians, are read and discussed to deepen the student’s knowledge of and love for God.

Goals
This course exposes students to some of the most famous books in the Christian tradition authored by people on a quest for holiness. By discussing a cluster of popular texts and authors on the subject of godliness, this reading course helps students to read with discernment and to set our own devotion to God on a firm foundation.

- To grow in faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- To consider and critique different approaches to spiritual discipline and spiritual growth.
- To establish or confirm life-long habits of holiness in thought, word, and deed.

Requirements
Students are to write reading digests on the assigned texts, and to come to class prepared to discuss each of the texts under consideration.

5. Read Jonathan Edwards, *Heaven, a world of love* (Banner of Truth, Pocket Puritans), all. Write a 3-5 page summary of the book.

Assessment
Reading summaries, 80%. Class discussion, 20%.

Class Advice
1. Please come to class properly caffeinated and leave sufficient time to battle adverse traffic so that you can arrive on time.
2. Please come to each class prepared, with readings and reading reports completed. From the first class, I will call on students to discuss the lecture or assigned material. It is a courtesy to teacher and fellow students alike if your class contributions are informed by prior study, when appropriate. There are no reading reports due for the first class, but if you can begin to read ahead, it will serve you well.
3. Take notes of these discussions. These exchanges are a vehicle for learning and you will be expected to retain (and be tested on) the material that we discuss.
4. Please ask questions in class. A certain amount of class time is set aside each week for discussion and I would be disappointed if we did not pack it with useful comments and queries.
5. Give some thought to your questions. There is no question too simple to ask (although there are many that are too difficult to answer). But please do not stop the class to regale it with stories, ride hobby-horses, play teacher to your fellow students, or ask to have a word spelled.
6. Please turn off your cell phones. Checking your mobile phone in a class discussion or lecture is as thoughtless as checking it while holding a conversation with another person.
7. Please refrain from online chatting and the use of email in class.
8. You may quietly snack and drink and stretch in class, or pace about the back of the room if it helps you stay alert.