**The Life of the Pastor**

**Reformed Theological Seminary, Dallas**

**Spring 2019, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00PM**

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The examination of the essential life components that impact the effectiveness of the pastoral role, the spiritual life that sustains it and the obstacles that will be encountered.

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES
2. To understand one’s God given makeup and its development and how it impacts your pastoral job
3. To clarify core values, convictions and ministry goals
4. To explore the relationships that lead to pastoral health
5. To create an awareness of problems and obstacles the pastors encounter and wisdom toward practical solutions
6. COURSE TEXTBOOKS
7. Required:

Eugene Peterson – *The Pastor*

William Hendricks – *The Person Called You*

*The Personal Profile System*. Wylie Publishing Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Included in this course is a comprehensive report called the DISC Personal Profile System, which measures your Motivated Behavioral Style. The cost is $ per person and includes the standard DISC assessment. Information provided when class begins in the fall.

 Oswald Chambers – *Spiritual Leadership*

1. Suggested:

 David Ale and Scott Pau – *Pastoral Theology*

 Robert Dale – *To Dream Again*

1. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

 Reading Assignments:

1. Read the required texts and handouts before the date of the discussion in class.
2. Turn in a 3 x 5 card indicating that you have completed the texts on the following dates:
	1. September
	2. October
	3. November

Written Assignments:

1. Create a Life Map
2. Complete the Personal Profile and one for your spouse if married
3. One page paper on “Why I believe I am called to be a Pastor”
4. Three page paper on What I hold as my core values and core convictions.

 Ministry goals and dreams – 10 years from now

 20 years from now

1. Weekly homework assignments as given.
2. Summary Project of what you have gained in the class and a pastoral ministry development plan. What do I need to develop to be an effective pastor and how will I get there.
3. COURSE POLICIES
4. Letter/Numerical Grade Scale

A+ 99-100 A 96-98 A- 94-95

B+ 91-93 B 88-90 B- 86-87

C+ 83-85 C 80-82 C- 78-79

D+ 75-77 D 72-74 D 70-71

F 0-69

1. Weighting of Course Requirements for Grading

Daily assignments 20%

Short paper 20%

Reading 20%

Summary project 40%

1. COURSE LECTURE AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Class# Date Content Assignment Due

#1 Syllabus, Introduction of Pete Deison

 Why do I want to be a pastor?

 What do I want to know?

#2 Who has God made me to be?

#3 Life Map presentations

#4 DISC explanation

#5 What are my core values, convictions about ministry practice

#6 What are my hopes and dreams for my ministry

#7 Personal devotional life

#8 Marriage and Family

#9 Friendship and Mentors

#10 Board Relationships

#11 Building a Shepherding Team

#12 Building a Team Continued

#13 Shepherding Teams

#14 Women/Staff

#15 Shepherding Teams

#16 Counseling

#17 Handling Problems and Difficulties: Saying No

 Interruptions

#18 Opposition

#19 Time Pressure

 Misunderstandings

#20 Pain Sharing

#21 Funerals/Weddings

#22 Communication

#23 Summary Project Presentations

#24 Summary Project Presentations