

**Reformed Theological Seminary
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—Classics of Personal Devotions
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Study of devotional classics across the centuries with special reference to their theological setting and their enduring spiritual challenge for Christians of our day.

Course Objectives

1. To aid students toward an integration of systematic and practical theology.
2. To provide broad exposure to major devotional classics which have emerged from twenty centuries of church history.
3. To encourage students toward personal growth through making this rich heritage a part of themselves and their ministry.
4. To develop students' critical faculties in assessing devotional works as to their fidelity to biblical norms. Students will be expected to express their own theological views orally and in written form.

Requirements

A. Reading

The textbook is *Devotional Classics* by Foster and Smith (Harper, 2005). This is required reading. An additional minimum of 125 pages is required.

Reading levels may be roughly calculated as follows:

A	500 pages
B	400 pages
C	300 pages
D	200 pages

Heaviness of material read is a factor. A report on reading (author, title and pages is due on April 9. Please total your pages. Check to see that you have signed your report.

B. Research

Write a response paper (approximately six pages) on the work of a devotional writer, indicating what doctrinal view of sanctification is reflected in the material examined and your own personal response to the volume. The writer should

be set within his times with enough material on his life and work to give an adequate foundation to understanding his thought. Suggested areas for research: how the author relates justification and sanctification, his interpretation of Paul's views, particularly as expressed in Romans 6-8, and the place of the Holy Spirit in his system. (Footnote documentation and bibliography required.)

Choice of a volume may be made from the professor's list or from the syllabus bibliography, including books by (but not about): Athanasius, Bernard, Francis, Loyola, Luther, Fenelon, Pascal, Taylor, Fox, Woolman, Kierkegaard, and Bonhoeffer.

Computation of Grade

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| A. Reading | 25% |
| B. Response paper | 75% |
| C. Attendance will be a factor | |

Note: Papers are due on April 9. Students will be asked to report their preliminary findings in class. Penalty for late work is one point per day (on the scale of 100).

SELECTED WORKS FOR DEVOTION

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1. Andrewes, Lancelot *The Private Devotions of Lancelot Andrewes*
2. Augustine *The Confessions of Augustine*
3. Baillie, John *A Diary of Personal Prayer*
4. Baxter, Richard *The Saints' Everlasting Rest*
5. Bonar, Andrew A. *Diary and Life*
6. Bonar, Andrew A. *Memoirs of M'Cheyne*
7. Bonar, Horatius *God's Way of Holiness*
8. Bonar, Horatius *Words to Winners of Souls*
9. Bonhoeffer, Dietrich *The Cost of Discipleship*
10. Bunyan, John *Grace Abounding*
11. Bunyan, John *The Pilgrim's Progress*
12. Bunyan, John *The Holy War*
13. Calvin, John *Golden Booklet of the True Christian Life*
14. Chambers, Oswald *My Utmost for His Highest*
15. Cowman, Mrs. Charles E. *Streams in the Desert*
16. Drummond, Henry *The Greatest Thing in the World*
17. Edman, V. Raymond *The Disciplines of Life*
18. Edwards, Jonathan *A Treatise on Religious Affections*
19. Edwards, Jonathan *The Life and Diary of David Brainerd*
20. Kelly, Thomas R. *A Testament of Devotion*
21. Kempis, Thomas a *The Imitation of Christ*
22. Krummacher, F.W. *The Suffering Savior*
23. Kuyper, Abraham *Near to God*
24. Law, William *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*
25. Brother Lawrence *The Practice of the Presence of God*
26. Lewis, C.S. *The Screwtape Letters*
27. Marshall, Walter *Gospel Mystery of Sanctification*
28. Morling, G.H. *The Quest for Serenity*
29. Murray, Andrew *Humility*
30. Nouwen, Henri *The Way of the Heart*
31. Pascal, Blaise *Pascal's Pensees*
32. Rutherford, Samuel *Letters of Samuel Rutherford*
33. Scougal, Henry *The Life of God in the Soul of Man*
34. Simpson, A.B. *The Self Life and the Christ Life*
35. Spurgeon, Charles *Christ's Words from the Cross*
36. Spurgeon, Charles *Morning and Evening, Daily Readings*
37. Stalker, James *Christ Our Example*
38. Stalker, James *The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ*
39. Tozer, A.W. *The Divine Conquest*
40. Whyte, Alexander *Bible Characters*
41. Whyte, Alexander *The Walk, Conversation and Character of Jesus Christ Our Lord*
42. Zwemer, Samuel *The Glory of the Cross*

