

**4PT 513 The Christian Life
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Course Description:

Never before has ministry been so difficult, so painful and so confusing. Most of us have thought that the remedy for the difficulty, the pain and the confusion is to acquire an increasing number of pastoral skills and to apply them to the church. Thereby, we believe, we will be able to “fix” the problems, become successful and see the church as increasingly effective in bringing glory and honor to God.

While there is nothing wrong with the acquisition of pastoral skills and, in fact, those are necessary, sometimes real help comes, not from knowing more or becoming more skilled at what we do know, but from returning to the basics of our faith and drawing supernatural power, freedom and joy from that return.

The purpose of this course is to “return” to the roots, i.e. the incredible joy and freedom we knew at the beginning of our walk with Christ. In this course, you will be required to examine the layers of ecclesiastical, institutional and personal issues which have layered over and robbed you and the church of the power of grace. To that end, you will be required to...

Reading List:

The one page standard reading report on each book read is due on the same due date of the integration paper.

Brown, Steve (All Steve Brown Titles are available through Key Life Ministries www.keylife.org and RTS Bookstore www.mindandheart.com)

2005 *Scandalous Freedom* (Howard Publishing)

2007 *What Was I Thinking (Things I've Learned Since I Knew it All)* (Howard/Simon Schuster).

Bevington, Bob and Jerry Bridges

2007 *The Great Exchange* (Crossway Books)

Chapell, Bryan

2001 *Holiness By Grace* (Crossway Books)