

BAKKE GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Number:	TOW 601 ab 701ab
Course Title:	Theology of Work – Business as Stewardship and Mission
Credits:	3,4
Professors of Record:	Dr. R. Paul Stevens and Dr. Gwen Dewey
Class-Session Date:	Monday to Friday April 26-30, 2010 9.00-4.00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 9.00-9.00 p.m. Thursday including dinner; 9-12 Friday
Location:	Nyack College, DC Campus, 444 North Capital Street NW

Note: Topics may be changed

Monday April 26, 2010 9.00-12.00 a.m. 1.00-4.00 p.m.

1. *Why a Theology of Work*

- a. The sacred-secular dualism (Dewey)
- b. What it looks like Monday to Sunday (Stevens)
- c. A short history of the marketplace ministry movement (Dewey)
- d. What outcomes might we expect from a theology of work course (Stevens)

2. *The Biblical Basis of a Theology of Work – the Controlling Story*

- a. God the worker (Stevens)
- b. Work before the Fall – Humankind as creating creature (Dewey)
- c. Human beings as decision-makers and people who can make a difference (Dewey)
- d. Discussion
- e. What Went Wrong with Work and What We Can Do About It (Stevens)
- f. Case Study: Banking on the Future (Stevens)
- g. Discussion: Gendering Work: Is there a difference between the way men and women work and lead? (Stevens)

Tuesday April 27 9.00-12.00 a.m.

3. *The Biblical Basis Continued*

- a. The stewardship mandate (Dewey)
- b. Discussion
- c. Redemption of work in the Old Testament: history, prophets, (Stevens)

Tuesday April 27, 1.00-4.00 p.m. Visiting businesses and professional offices - doing theology from the bottom up

Wednesday April 28 9.00-12.00 a.m.

4. *The Biblical Basis Continued*

- a. Wisdom Books – Work-Wise (Stevens)

- b. Jesus, the Kingdom of God and Kingdom work (Stevens)
- c. Power and empowering (Dewey)
- d. Discussion

Wednesday April 28 1.00-4.00 p.m. Visiting businesses and professional offices - doing theology from the bottom up

Thursday April 29 9.00-4.00 p.m.

5. *The Biblical Basis Cont.*

- a. The Apostolic Letters (Stevens)
- b. Worldview and how this matters (Dewey)
- c. Discussion
- d. Case study: Organizational Culture (Flow)
- e. Eschatology: The heavenly good of earthly work (Stevens)

Thursday April 29 5.00-9.00 p.m. Community Dinner

Friday April 30 9.00-12.00 a.m

6. *Outcomes*

- a. Empowering the church for marketplace ministry (Stevens)
- b. Servant Leadership (Dewey)
- c. Experiencing Joy at Work (Stevens)
- d. Sharing and Evaluation

Other courses available in distance learning format:

“Business Ethics” (with Dr. David Gill, Patti Towler and Paul Stevens) – an audio cd course with manual available for 1 or 3 credit hours

“Marketplace Ministry” (with Paul Stevens) – a VCD (playable only on computers) with manual. Available for 3/4 credit hours.

“Taking Your Soul to Work: Growing Spiritually While At Work” (with Paul Stevens) – an audio cd course with manual available for 3/4 credit hours

“Vocation, Work and Ministry: Finding Your Personal Mission” (with Paul Stevens) – a DVD or VCD course with manual available for 3/4 credit hours

(In process) Toward a Biblical Theology of Work (with Paul Stevens) – an audio cd course with manual, available fall 2010.

