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GROWING UP SPIRITUALLY COURSE SYLLABUS

Diamonds In The Rough

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Arranged by e-mail

I. Course Materials

A. Textbook: **Bible**

B. Recommended Reading: Growing Up Spiritually, Kenneth Hagin, Course Study Handout

II. Class Preparation 2 Timothy 4:2

Be Prepared. It is critical to be fully prepared. A minister of Jesus Christ must prepare in order to preserve and promote the interests of the Kingdom of God and the integrity of the ministry offices' of God. A lack of preparation may result in a lost opportunity to win the lost, and a poor representation of the excellence and divine order of God's operation, which in turn may have adverse consequences to the minister in terms of not being trusted as a capable vessel and viewed as irresponsibility. How you spend your days now will influence the manner in which you spend your life. Invest in the development of excellent preparation habits now. It will pay dividends for your future in

ministry and business – including your short-term future, i.e., the final examination, and your long-term future, i.e., your calling.

Doing your homework: During each class period for the next four weeks, there will be rewards for doing your homework. When you are familiar with the materials, the benefit you will derive from class discussion will be magnified. In addition, preparation will assist in fortifying your readiness to be called upon in class.

Discussions Reviewing Material presented during the class held in the immediately preceding week. Student should take the opportunity to ask questions relating to the immediately preceding class. In addition, students may be called on randomly to summarize general concepts, points, and elements relating to the material from the preceding week. This shall not require a detailed presentation, but student presentations will be expected to reflect a general understanding of the subject matter. The purpose of conducting these reviews includes: determining whether students have achieved a grasp of the materials covered in the previous class – important for ensuring that the materials are fully presented; encouraging students to study the materials covered in the previous class considering that such materials generally serve as a foundation for materials to be subsequently covered.

In Class Preparation: Being prepared for class means that you have read, analyzed, and thought about each assigned section of the course guide, and have a working understanding of the concepts, scripture references, personal and practical application, social relevance, and how to properly explain why you believe what you believe. Students should also prepare careful notes with regard to the handout and any information that you or I deem important to write down. Organizing the relevant portions of the notes *in your own words* will at once test your understanding of the subject, and prepare you for class.

After Each Class. Following class discussion on a topic, you must then prepare yourself for taking the final exam. You will need to work from your class preparation materials and your class preparation notes. There **may** be pop quizzes of the previous class session that necessitates you having a overall good handle of the information.

III. Timely Attendance

You will be responsible for your attendance. Each student is expected to be present and ready to participate when the class period begins. In the rare event of tardiness, enter the room through the rear door (if there is such an entrance in the classroom) and sit in the back until the next break so as to minimize any disturbance of the class proceedings. Remember, God is taking attendance. If you are called to ministry, then you should approach this very necessary process of your training with extreme gravity and importance.

God requires a higher level of excellence from those that He has called to labor in His vineyard. We must walk worthy of that vocation. Unless an extreme case, an emergency, or uncontrollable circumstances **DON'T MISS CLASS! DON'T BE LATE! PERIOD.**

IV. Class Presentations

Students will be routinely and randomly called upon to explain certain class material and to respond to follow-up questions on the material and related matters.

V. Professionalism in Class

- ◆ Courtesy
- ◆ Respect for all others
- ◆ Listen carefully before responding
- ◆ Participate in discussions - volunteer
- ◆ Be prepared (for yourself, and based on respect for others)
- ◆ Be on-time
- ◆ Use only professional language – avoid slang
- ◆ Cooperate with each other

VI. Assessment of Student Progress.

There will be a final exam that will assess your understanding, and retention of the taught and reviewed information of this course. There will also be a term paper due on the last night of the class. You must quote (1) verse of scripture and (1) quote from teachers notes. Your grade will reflect your progress. Although a course grade does not determine the quality of your learning, it does aid in the assessment of your focus, your commitment to the training process, and the effectiveness of the class. Over the next four weeks each student should have a clear understanding of where they are in their knowledge of course material, and preparedness for the final exam.

VII. The Process

Enjoy it, and have fun!