

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# The Pastoral Epistles

Course Lecturer: John R. W. Stott, DD

## Course Description

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This course identifies biblical answers to crucial leadership questions from three of Paul's letters, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, which primarily address issues of pastoral leadership and ministry. In his twenty lectures, Dr. John Stott walks his listeners through an exegetical analysis of Paul's words to Timothy and Titus. He shares valuable insight from the historical background and an investigation of the Greek New Testament. Dr. Stott covers such topics as how a congregation should appoint leaders, the role of women in the ministry, the primary function of a minister's work, and how to deal with false teachers while remaining true to "sound doctrine."

## Course Objectives

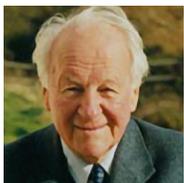
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Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Understand the special introductory problems of the Pastoral Epistles, particularly Pauline authorship.
- Enter sympathetically into the life and work of the author and his readers.
- Demonstrate interpretive skills by wrestling with difficulties in the text.
- Develop a biblical approach to identifying and ordaining church leaders.
- Develop an informed approach to the controversial issue of women in the ministry.
- Obtain realistic expectations of life as a minister regarding suffering and duty.
- Understand the responsibility of and need for Christian churches and leaders to commit to "sound doctrine."
- Develop an approach for handling false teachers, their doctrines, and their methods.

## Course Lecturer

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*John R. W. Stott, DD (1921-2011)*

**Education:**

- Multiple honorary doctorates from British, Canadian, and American universities
- Lambeth, DD
- Ridley Hall Theological College at Cambridge, MA equivalent
- Rugby School and Trinity College Cambridge, double first (BA equivalent) in French and Theology

## Career Highlights:

- Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church in London—served there for more than 60 years
- Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II
- Knighted as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire
- President, Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion
- Chairman, English Evangelical Council
- President, British Scripture Union
- Founder, Langham Partnership International
- Chairman, International Council of World Evangelization where the famous Lausanne Covenant was penned and ratified
- Lecturer at various colleges and universities, including Trinity Evangelical Divinity school
- Led more than 50 university mission trips and trained thousands of leaders in Africa, Asia, and South America
- Billy Graham noted about Dr. Stott, “I can’t think of anyone who has been more effective in introducing so many people to a biblical worldview.”
- Named by *Time Magazine* in 2005 as one of the most influential people in the world

## Publications:

- More than 40 books, including *The Cross of Christ*, *Between Two Worlds*, *The Contemporary Christian*, and his best-known work, *Basic Christianity*, which has been translated into more than 50 languages

## Recommended Reading

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Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning.

Mounce, William D. *The Pastoral Epistles* (Word Biblical Commentary). Waco: Word, Inc. 2000.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

## Course Methods

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The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

## Course Requirements

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To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 20 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course

and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.