

COURSE SYLLABUS

Making Biblical Decisions

Course Lecturer: John M. Frame, DD
Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary

Course Description

This course provides a biblical orientation to Christian ethics. Many believers today have lost their moral footing. Moreover, believers who want to live ethically are frequently confused by the complexities of ethical decisions. Even so, with proper study of the Bible's system of ethics, Christians can learn how to evaluate problems in ways that lead to biblical solutions. This course is based on the DVD lessons of Dr. John M. Frame.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Grow in the desire to make more biblical decisions and to live life in a way that honors Christ more fully.
- Understand the biblical and theological principles that should orient ethical decisions.
- Apply the biblical and theological principles properly in the process of making biblical decisions and living life to honor Christ.

Course Lecturer



John M. Frame, DD

Education:

- Belhaven College, DD
- Yale University, MPhil
- Westminster Theological Seminary, BD
- Princeton University, AB

Teaching Career:

- J.D. Trimble Chair of Systematic Theology and Philosophy, Reformed Theological Seminary
- Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy, Reformed Theological Seminary
- Founding faculty member (taught apologetics and theology courses), Westminster Theological Seminary, California (1980-2000)

- Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (1968-1980)
- Balanced time between teaching and extensive academic research

Other Career Highlights:

- Discerning media critic and talented musician, playing both organ and piano
- Local ministry work, training pastors and lay leaders
- Ordained by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
- Associate pastor in churches in Pennsylvania, California, and Florida
- Considered one of the foremost scholars on the thought of Cornelius Van Til and has been published extensively on Van Til's writings
- Activity in various professional societies and organizations for decades, including the Evangelical Theological Society and the Society of Christian Philosophers

Publications:

- Articles in *The Westminster Theological Journal* and *Christian Culture*
- Author of several books, including *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*, *Apologetics to the Glory of God*, *Salvation Belongs to the Lord*, and *The Doctrine of the Word of God*.

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage the students in learning and processing information, interacting with other students (when possible), and applying the learning to their lives. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, activities, etc. that students may use to supplement their learning.

Course Requirements

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

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
 - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
 - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Lectures:** 60-90 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
 - **Further Study:** Suggested further study that will help you dig deeper into the material.

2. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.