



Family Church Ministries

Leadership Mastery I Training Certification

Portfolio Transcript

The Leadership Mastery I Training certification is granted for demonstration of the competencies of having an understanding of the first principles as believers in the faith and of building strong families and godly households according to biblical standards and sound doctrine.

The leadership training is designed for the following:

- Individuals who are wanting to grow and mature more in their faith
- Men and women who want to grow in their ability to lead their families well according to biblical roles
- Small group leaders and household heads
- Individuals interested in pursuing higher Leadership Mastery certifications as well as the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate degrees in Ministry or Theology

General objectives of this program as well as ensuing ministry certifications and degrees:

- Comprehensive development in character, skills, and knowledge for effective ministry.
- Life development and lifelong learning orientation.
- Recognition of and participation in the centrality of the local church in the plan of God.
- Ability to master biblical content, benefit from significant contributions of scholars, and build strategic models of ministry accordingly.
- Develop a foundational understanding through an integrated core of interdisciplinary studies.

The general objective of all Ministry Degrees and programs is to help train those who desire to be part of a leadership and ministry team that is one-minded in ministry, vision, and philosophy. Out of this team would come those who commit themselves long term to local church leadership or those who desire to train to be part of a missionary team involved in planting or establishing churches in other areas.

Specific program objectives of the Leadership Mastery I Training Program:

- Establish and strengthen believers in their faith with the ability to teach and disciple others as well
- Orient individuals and families in an understanding of the household texts in Scripture
- Developing leaders through whole life mentoring
- Prepare individuals for further educational opportunities toward accredited bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees through the development of lifelong learning habit.

The following competencies need to be demonstrated in order to earn the certification:

Life and Ministry Development

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your HEART, and with all your SOUL, and with all your MIND, and with all your STRENGTH" – Mark 12:30

Whole Life Mentoring and Discipleship

1.0 Credits

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we are called to be whole hearted learners and disciplined followers of our Lord. Jesus commanded that this involves teaching and learning all that He commanded. Looking at the scriptures, we see that these teachings covered all areas of our lives. Through Life and Ministry Development, you will work with other leaders and mentors to grow in every area of your life and develop an individually tailored life and ministry plan for each of your life dimensions. Credit will be given as you interact with the material and your mentor monthly.

Monthly Life Dimension Assessments

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00 Core - Established in the faith with a clear knowledge and understanding of one's identity in Christ and loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Acts 14:22, Rom 1:11, 1 Pet 5:10)

Mind - Mind of Christ,

Will - God's will and not your own,

Emotions - Overflowing with joy and gratitude

01 Family - Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of specific roles within the family as well as the household of God and developing wisdom toward godly living.

02 Education - Demonstrate growth toward maturity in learning process involving knowledge, understanding, and wisdom

03 Work - Developing life habits with a kingdom mindset in their work that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

04 Financial - Not a lover of money, maintaining a monthly budget and working toward eliminating all debt.

05 Social/Community - To be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men and loving your neighbor as yourself.

06 Lifestyle and Hobbies - Not loving the world nor the things in the world, denying fleshly and worldly desires

07 Physical and Health - Establishing healthy habits and physical routines recognizing our body as the temple of God

08 Church and Ministry - As a fellow worker with Christ, living out the functions of His church according to sound doctrine, building up one another in love and doing good to all people, especially those who are the household of the faith.

09 Bible and Prayer - Devoting yourselves to prayer, praying at all times without ceasing, growing in the handling of the word with confidence.

10 Personal and Leadership Development - Seeking knowledge, discernment, wisdom, and understanding and growing in favor with God and men.

Life and Ministry Plan

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Credit for developing a whole life ministry and discipleship plan through identifying roles and responsibilities in each dimension of your life and developing and refining your individual dreams, goals, and desires to be in alignment with scripture and God's Truth as well as developing the associated habits and routines that will be carried forward to a lifetime of learning.

Core Training Modules

Coursework

2.0 Credits

Credit gained for the learning that takes place through the individual's interaction with The First Principles Series 1 and 2. Credit is granted for evidence of completion of each book by summarizing the core teaching of each passage, completing the projects in the Apply the Principles section of each session, as well as with the individual showing how they plan to integrate the teachings into their own lives through the Committing your Heart, Mind, and Life sections at the end of each book.

The First Principles Series 1

Series 1 covers the process of establishing believers in their faith in the context of a local church—a household of God. Series 1 is to be completed with another individual or as part of a group study.

- 1.1 Becoming a Disciple
- 1.2 Belonging to a Family of Families
- 1.3 Participating in the Mission of the Church
- 1.4 Cultivating Habits of the Heart

The First Principles Series 2

Series 2 turns participants' attention from the household of God—a local church—to individual households—the family. God's plan for husbands, wives, parents, and children is set in the context of the local church family.

- 2.1 Enjoying Your Relationship
- 2.2 Passing on Your Beliefs
- 2.3 Envisioning Fruitful Lifework
- 2.4 Building for Future Generations

Reading and Lifelong Learning

1.0 Credits

Read through the following books, highlighting key quotes and passages, and providing a paragraph summary posted to Goodreads to demonstrate completion.

Reading Set 1

- One Book from "Lifelong Learning" section of a FP Series 1 Book*
- One Book from "Lifelong Learning" section of a FP Series 2 Book*
- One Core and Identity book from Reading List*
- One Devotional book from Reading List*
- One Biography from Reading List*
- One Classics book from Reading List*
- Interaction with one Biblical tools resource from Reading List*

Application in Life and Ministry

Ministry Practicum

1.0 Credits

Credit for learning that took place through guided ministry experience, particularly related to implementation and impact of lessons learned elsewhere in the programs (Credit is granted at a rate of 1 semester hour of credit for each 45 hours of approved ministry practicum.) Credit given for Ministry Practicum report that includes experience, reflections, concepts, and implementation. Individuals will choose from two of the following or work with their mentors to determine a tailored practicum specific to work in their existing ministry.

- **Prayer** - Growing you to become more devoted to prayer, to developing a greater intimacy with God, and to be a catalyst for a movement of prayer in ministry
- **Missions** - Cultivate a world vision, experiencing cross-culture ministry and training of national church leaders, and becoming well informed about the church and culture in a country outside the US
- **Biblical Counseling** - Developing the skills necessary to become a more skilled biblical counselor for individuals who are struggling with life-controlling problems such as anger, fear, depression and foolishness, for pre-engaged and engaged couples seeking premarital counseling, and for married couples seeking to reconcile or strengthen their marriage.
- **Evangelism** - Growing you to become a more skilled personal evangelist, able to skillfully equip other personal evangelists, and becoming more skilled in establishing new Christians in the faith
- **Church Planting** - Helping you discover a theology and philosophy of church planting at any level and the core functions of the church.

Teaching Practicum

0.5 Credits

Credit for learning that takes place through use of the BILD resources to teach others, particularly related to the lessons learned related to the content of the BILD resources and the skills of teaching effectively.

- **The First Principles Series 1 - Book 1** - Credit for learning that takes place through interacting with The First Principles Leader's Guide as well as teaching The First Principles Series I – Book 1 to others, particularly related to the lessons learned related to the content of The First Principles Series I and the skills of teaching effectively

Ministry Philosophy and Strategy

0.5 Credits

Demonstrations of integration of ministry philosophy and strategy related to one's ministry context (or anticipated context) and integration of competencies associated with First Principles Series I-III and The Story, particularly the work associated with the *Apply the Principles* sections and the final chapters on *Reshaping our Lives*, as well as your work developed for your individual Life and Ministry Plan.

- **Initial Ministry Philosophy** - Reflected on your ministry philosophy. Described the fundamental aspects of the faith, especially related to the role of expanding and establishing the church, while also describing the purposes for establishing churches.
- **Initial Ministry Strategy** - Reflected on your ministry strategies. Described your habits and strategy to fully participate in the ministry. Especially describe your one-year and then five-year plans, focusing on what it would take to accomplish your ministry philosophy.

Total Credits 6.0

*Each credit is equal to approximately 45 hours of effort)