

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary

A Biblical Primer on Madness

PS 620

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Course Calendar

Course Week	Date	Content	Madness Case Stud
Week 1	Monday, January 30, 2023	Introduction	Fear, Anxiety
Week 2	Monday, February 6, 2023	Biblical Anthropology vs. Secular Psychology	Depression
Week 3	Monday, February 13, 2023	NO CLASS	
Week 4	Monday, February 20, 2023	Motives, Conscience, Heart, Mind	Anger/Rage
Week 5	Monday, February 27, 2023	Causes of Madness, Issues of Life and Snares	Mania/Bipolar
Week 6	Monday, March 6, 2023	Shaping Influences	Schizophrenia
Week 7	Monday, March 13, 2023	Physical Realm of the Brain & Genetics	ADHD
Week 8	Monday, March 20, 2023	Overview of Diagnosis, Doctrine of health	OCD
Week 9	Monday, March 27, 2023	Pharmacotherapy for Christians	TBD
Week 10	Monday, April 3, 2023	Pharmacotherapy for Christians	TBD
Week 11	Monday, April 10, 2023	Suicide in the Bible	TBD
Week 12	Monday, April 17, 2023	NO CLASS	
Week 13	Monday, April 24, 2023	Biblical Implications for Local Churches	TBD
Week 14	Monday, May 1, 2023	tbd	
Week 15	Monday, May 8, 2023	tbd	

Suggested Reading:

Berger, D. *Mental Illness: Volume Four - The Influence of Nurture*. Taylors, SC. Alethia International Publications, 2016.

Breggin, P. *Toxic Psychiatry*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1991.

Strouse, M. *Pure Religion When it Costs: An Exegetical Commentary on the Epistle of James*. Cromwell, CT. Bible Baptist Theological Press, 2021.

Whitaker, R. *Anatomy of An Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness In America*. New York. Broadway Books, 2015.

Course Requirements:

- 300 pages of reading
- Self-assessment of shaping influences
- 8-page Essay: Choose a form of madness from Scripture and provide an overview of heart motives/issues, external manifestations, and a Scriptural remedy. Indicate how Scripture differs from the core philosophies of modern psychiatry.