



# MIN 151 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry - Syllabus

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## Instructor

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## Course description

A biblical approach to the relationships that are important to the minister, both personally and professionally. It looks at temperament theory and its relevance to human relations. This course examines relationships and ethics in view of the minister's personal growth, ministry challenges, people in the community, and other ministers.

## Course schedule

Thursdays 7PM-8:30PM - Room 302, Reach Church, 294 Old Mamaroneck Rd., White Plains NY 10605

## Office hours

In person: Thursdays 6PM-7PM, Saturdays 12PM-1PM

Virtual: Phone: Monday-Thursday: 2PM-5PM; Zoom; By appointment

## Required Text

The Bible - NKJV or ESV translation

Online Course from Global University

Integrated Text by T.Ray Rachels

Instructor Notes sent to you by email before the course begins

Session	Topics	Reading
Sept 5	Course Introduction; Personal Relationships	Chapter 1
Sept 12	The Minister's Foundation for Relationships	Chapter 2

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Sept 19	Building a Strong Marriage and Family	Chapter 3
Sept 26	Relationships and Differences	Chapter 4
Oct 3	Relationships in the Church; Preaching to Connect	Chapters 5, 6
Oct 17	Ministry Relationship Challenges	Chapter 7
Oct 24	Building Trust in Ministry	Chapter 8
Oct 31	The Minister and the Community Evangelism	Chapters 9, 10
Nov 7	Crisis in the Community Integrity	Chapter 11, 12
Nov 14	Moral Failure Discouragement and Depression	Chapter 13, 14
Nov 21	It Is the Finishers Who Count	Chapter 15
Dec 5	Review	

### Exam Schedule

Date	Subject
Dec 12	Final exam

### Weekly Quizzes

There will be a short 5 or 10 question multiple-choice quiz at the end of each class. The quizzes will be corrected but the grades will not be recorded. The quizzes serve to help you gauge if you are being thorough in your reading and the quizzes are your best guide to the type of material that will make up your final exam. You have readings scheduled for every week, including the first week of class.

### Email and Text Contact and Class Time

I will send you by email the electronic version of my class notes for coming session every week by Monday afternoon. We will have hard copies each week of the worksheets that we will use in class. All course content will be covered in the classroom but I may also send you supplemental articles and readings by email to expand your learning. Please check your email address at least once a week in between classes, particularly on Monday mornings. I am available for questions and comments via email and text at any time and will respond to your contact within 24 hours. Please use the live and virtual office hours as a way to dialogue with your instructor for additional clarifications on the lectures. Please do your best to arrive on time as classes will begin and end on time, every week.

## Additional Information and Resources

Reach Bible Institute (RBI) operates as a study group affiliated with Global University's Berean School of the Bible, a highly esteemed, fully accredited, non-profit Christian university. RBI provides comprehensive instruction in biblical and doctrinal studies, ministry skills, and leadership development. In addition, RBI's courses fulfill the educational prerequisites for individuals seeking credentials with the Assemblies of God Fellowship, enhancing their qualifications for ministry roles.

### RBI Values

**Commitment to Scripture:** RBI upholds the reliability and authority of the Bible as the foundation for all teachings and studies.

**Support in Ministry Calling:** RBI recognizes that all believers are called to be ministers and seeks to equip individuals accordingly.

**Focus on Spiritual Maturity and Leadership:** RBI aims to produce spiritually mature adults capable of assuming leadership roles through a rigorous curriculum encompassing biblical, doctrinal, and ministry studies.

**Vision for Gospel Transformation:** RBI has a vision to share the life-transforming power of the Gospel in every sphere, reaching deeper, learning and living Gospel truth.

### University standards

#### Basic Standards of Academic Integrity

Registration at Global University requires adherence to the university's standards of academic integrity. Many of these standards may be intuitively understood and cannot in any case be listed exhaustively; the following examples represent some basic types of behavior that are unacceptable: 1. Cheating: (a) using unauthorized notes, aids, or information when taking an examination; (b) submitting work done by someone else as your own; (c) copying or paraphrasing someone else's essays, projects, or other work and submitting it as your own. 2. Plagiarizing: submitting someone else's work and claiming it as your own or neglecting to give appropriate documentation when using any kind of reference materials. Plagiarism, whether purposeful or unintentional, includes copying or paraphrasing materials from the study guide, textbook, someone else's writing, or any other source (published or unpublished). Any words, thoughts, or ideas taken from any other source must be properly documented according to the Global University Undergraduate Form and Style Guide. 3. Fabricating: falsifying or inventing any information, data, or citation. 4. Obtaining an unfair advantage: (a) stealing, reproducing, circulating, or otherwise gaining access to examination materials prior to the time authorized by the instructor or examination supervisor; (b) unauthorized collaborating on an academic assignment; (c) retaining, possessing, using, or circulating

previously given examination materials where those materials clearly indicate they are to be returned to the examination supervisor or to the Global University offices at the conclusion of the examination. Disciplinary action for not maintaining basic standards of academic integrity may range from lowering a grade for a paper to dismissal from the program, depending on the severity of the offense.

#### Code of Conduct

Global University is a Christian educational institution aiming to, among other things, equip students to fulfill God's calling on their lives. Christian conduct is therefore an expected norm. While Global University reaches many cultures around the world, it is understood that some practices acceptable in one culture may not be acceptable in another. As Christians we look to the Scripture to guide our conduct. Therefore, students are expected to conduct themselves according to biblical principles of behavior. Examples of such principles are found in Romans 12:9-21; Galatians 5:22-23; and Ephesians 4:1-3, 25-32. The Code of Conduct also applies to verbal and written communication with Global University representatives, faculty, staff, and students. Furthermore, it extends to all electronic communication, including threaded discussions and e-mail with faculty and students. Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the program.