CENTRAL FLORIDA BIBLE COLLEGE CHM-101 EXCELLENCE IN CHARACTER Course Syllabus

Instructor's Name: Dr. Linda Hunt Date: 08/13-09/03/2018 (09/03 – Holiday)

Class Code: CHM-101 Semester: 1 Class: 1

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- 1. Understand what Excellence in Character means.
- 2. Obtain the Foundation of Excellence.
- 3. Know the Character of God.
- 4. Reap the Harvest of Godly Character and the Consequences of Bad Character.
- 5. Take the First Step to be Excellent in Character.
- 6. Learn Self-Control, Obedience, Relating to Authority, Truthfulness, Honesty, Divine Compassion, Attentiveness, Being Indispensable in the New Millennium, and Discretion.

CREDIT VALUE:

This course has a three-credit hour value.

COURSE TEXT:

Title Author

EXCELLENCE in Character ROBB THOMPSON

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Read the required text. See Schedule.
- 2. Attend all the classes. Call or email the instructor with any questions you may have regarding the class. (A password is required to view a missed class, call Academic Dean if you need the password.)
- 3. Ten (10) bonus points will be earned for answering the following questions about your character. Be honest with yourself.
 - a. Which principles define me as a person?
 - b. What are the unseen ideals that invisibly guide my life?
 - c. What are the non-negotiable issues for me as a person—the principles I will not break?
 - d. Are my ethics guided by the Word of God—or by the convenience of the moment?
 - i. "Ethics" refers to the code of conduct by which we live; the discipline of duty and obligation; or the behavior that governs our lives.

Bring to the instructor or email to the instructor by exam night. (Session 4 will be online due to holiday on September 3^{rd.})

4. Take the required exam (which will be online). The information for the exam will be emailed to you the last date of the class.

Course Schedule – To Be Read before each Session (Subject to Change)

SESSION ONE: Foreword, Introduction, Chapter One, Chapter Two, Chapter Three, Chapter Four (King Saul) – Pages 7-87

SESSION TWO: Chapter Four (David's Sin), Chapter Five, Chapter Six, Chapter Seven - Pages 87-173

SESSION THREE: Chapter Eight, Chapter Nine, Chapter Ten, Chapter Eleven (Up to section on Bathsheba) – Pages 175-293

SESSION FOUR: Chapter Eleven (Bathsheba through the end of Chapter), Chapter Twelve, Chapter Thirteen, Chapter Fourteen,

Prayer of Commitment, Quotations on Godly Character – Pages 294-398

SESSION ONE – August 13:

FOREWORD (Page 7)

The Christian Church must take the lead and reaffirm the biblical mandate to "buy the truth, and sell it not..." (Prov. 23:23 KJV).

INTRODUCTION (Pages 9-11)

In his book, Robb Thompson is concerned about our foundations:

- 1. As a parent, we should be building the foundation for our children. What foundation? The foundation of character.
- 2. The greatest need in the Body of Christ lies in this arena of character, for character is the foundation upon which all life is built:
 - a. Prize principles above relationships.
 - b. Don't show favoritism.
 - c. Don't tolerate double standards in our lives.
 - d. Live our lives according to what "GOD" thinks:
 - i. Not what we think;
 - ii. Not what anyone else thinks.
- 3. Robb Thompson asks us to answer the following questions:
 - 1) Which principles define me as a person?
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You simply can't stay the way you are if you want to achieve what God has planned for your life.

- 1. Be willing to change on a daily basis.
- 2. Be honest with yourself.
- 3. Look for the weaknesses in the mortar of your own foundation.
- 4. Begin to rebuild your foundation.
- 5. Pursue excellent character every single day.