

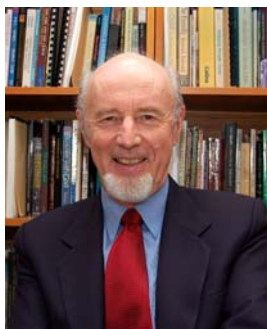
Ministry and Spirituality: A Theology and Spirituality of Work and Ministry for the Whole Church

February 24-26, 2008

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Paul has been a pastor for 20 years (Montreal and Vancouver), a student counselor with IVCF, a businessperson (Habitat Woodcraft) and a professor in an interdisciplinary theological college for the whole people of God. From 1999 until 2005 Paul was the David J. Brown Family Professor of Marketplace Theology and Leadership at Regent College, Vancouver, BC. His mission is to empower ordinary people to integrate their faith and life from Monday to Sunday. He does this through teaching, coaching, advocating and writing. His major works include *Liberating the Laity*, *The Other Six Days*, *The Complete Book of Everyday Christianity* (co-edited with Robert Banks), *Doing God's Business*, and *Living the Story* (co-authored with Michael Green).

Course Description

This course addresses the need for integrating personal spirituality, biblical revelation and actual ministry as it is exercised in either the church/parachurch or workplace in society. The goal is to develop both understandings and disciplines that will be formational for an authentic Christ-honouring ministry over a lifetime.

Educational Outcomes

The participant will gain a deeper self-knowledge, practical steps in discerning appropriate vocational expressions, a theological basis for life and ministry whether one is in a Christian service career or chooses a societal occupation. Spiritual disciplines appropriate for a life of service in the church or workplace in society will be explored.

Course Requirement

The course will be offered in English. All participants must have a recognized undergraduate degree (mature students will be considered on a case by case basis) and should be sufficiently proficient in English for graduate theological education.

Location

February 24: **North Point Alliance Church (The Education Building)**, 2/F, Maximall Phase 2, City Garden, 233 Electric Road, North Point (Exit B, Fortress Hill MTR)

February 25-26: **Tung Fook Bible College**, 1/F, Park Commercial Centre, 180 Tung Lo Wan Road, Causeway Bay (Exit B, Tin Hau MTR)

Program

Participants may participate in the entire course or only the Open Lecture (Part One) of it. Part Two and Three are not offered as stand alone sections.

Feb 24 (Sun)
4.00-7.00pm

Open Lecture

Part One: Dealing with the Challenges of a Life of Service

Towards a True Spirituality and Authentic Ministry: Overcoming the Temptations of Ministry and the Crisis of Piety Today (see outline below)

Feb 25 (Mon)
9.00am-7.00pm
(lunch break
1.00-2.00pm)

Intensive Course - Day 1

Part Two: Discovering Spiritual Resources for a Life of Service

1. **Introduction to the Course Process**
2. **Ministry: The Universal Priesthood of the People of God**
3. **Case Study: "A Higher Call?"**
4. **Ministry: Prophets, Priests and Princes in the Church and the World**
5. **Whose Work Matters to God?**
6. **Biblical Spirituality—Old and New Testament**
7. **Traditions of Christian Spirituality**
8. **Spiritual Disciplines—Journey Upward, Inward and Outward**
9. **Spiritual Warfare**
10. **Spiritual Friendship**

Feb 26 (Tue)
7.00-10.00pm

Intensive Course - Day 2

Part Three: Developing the Whole People of God for a Life of Service

1. **Equipping God's People for Societal Service**
2. **Vocational Discernment**
3. **Spiritual Leadership**

Open Lecture

Today the outside world sees busy, active, educated Christians, but not many deep Christians. This lecture is about the connection between ministry and spirituality—is it functional, instrumental or fully integrated? Ministry—either in the church or workplace in society—is an arena in which our spiritual life is both revealed and challenged. In the face of superficial religious piety, privatization of faith and professionalization of Christian leadership, a fully biblical spiritual theology will be explored to help us live a true spirituality for the world. Further, unpacking a Trinitarian approach to ministry we will find resources to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil.

Book

Participants of the entire course are requested to read R. Paul Stevens and Michael Green, *Living the Story: Biblical Spirituality for Everyday Christians* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003) preferably before coming to the course. Book order service is available and ordered book will be dispatched by registered mail.

Fees

(excluding book & meal)

| | On/before Jan 31 | | After Jan 31 | |
|---|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Entire Course | Open Lecture | Entire Course | Open Lecture |
| Practitioner | \$1,600 | \$150 | \$1,800 | \$200 |
| Pastor/parachurch worker or full-time seminarian | \$1,400 | | \$1,600 | |
| CGST Alumni | \$1,200 | \$100 | | |

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Please use a separate form for each applicant

Name: (Mr./Ms./Miss) _____

(Chinese) _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Work) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email: _____

Occupation/Profession: _____

Organization: _____

Position: _____ Church: _____

Please list previous degrees, qualifications or highest level of education attained, including institution(s) attended:

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| Practitioner | \$1,600 | \$150 | \$1,800 | \$200 |
| Pastor/parachurch worker/full-time seminarian* | \$1,400 | \$150 | \$1,600 | \$200 |
| CGST Alumni | \$1,200 | \$100 | | \$200 |
| Book Order: <i>Living the Story</i> (when stock lasts) | \$200 | | \$200 | |
| Total | | | | |

* Limited scholarship is available for full-time seminary students. Please contact us for details.

Payment Method: Cheque (No.: _____/Bank: _____) Direct bank deposit

I have read and accepted the General Terms and Conditions as advertised in your website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with your cheque made payable to "Vocatio Creation Limited" to Suite A, 12/F, Empire Land Commercial Centre, 81-85 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Alternatively you may deposit the fees into our Hang Seng Bank account 768-121790-883 and fax us your payment slip together with the form. An email confirmation along with a ticket, and a complete course outline if you register for the entire course, will be sent to you upon successful registration. No refund will be considered after registration. Transfer is permitted for the Open Lecture but your place in the Intensive may only be transferred to another eligible person upon our prior approval.

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