

Bible: The Seven Checkpoints Curriculum Guide (5 credits)

- I. **Course Description** This semester course introduces and explores seven student-specific checkpoints every student needs to learn to grow as a follower of Christ.

II. Course Objectives

A. Checkpoint #1: Authentic Faith

1. Defend the reliability of God's character
2. Explore the faithfulness of God's promises
3. Journal answers to key questions
4. Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6

B. Checkpoint #2: Spiritual Disciplines

1. Outline the importance of personal devotional time with God
2. Develop a habit of regularly meeting with God
3. Journal answers to key questions
4. Memorize Romans 12:1-2

C. Checkpoint #3: Moral. Boundaries

1. Explain the importance of and foundation for moral boundaries
2. Establish clear, written moral limits
3. Journal answers to key questions
4. Memorize 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

D. Checkpoint #4: Healthy Friendships

1. Describe the affect of close friendships on a personal relationship with God
2. Make a list of healthy and unhealthy characteristics of companions
3. Journal answers to key questions
4. Memorize Proverbs 13:20

E. Checkpoint #5: Wise Choices

1. Begin a list of "Principles to Live By" along with a foundational Scripture
2. Demonstrate decision making skills utilizing biblical principles
3. Journal answers to key questions
4. Memorize Ephesians 5:15-17

F. Checkpoint #6: Ultimate Authority

1. Describe the relationship between freedom and authority
2. List earthly authorities and how to relate to each
3. Journal answers to key questions
4. Memorize Romans 13:1-2

G. Checkpoint #7: Others First

1. Describe the "kenosis" of Jesus described in Philippians 2
2. List ways to imitate this attitude
3. Journal answers to key questions
4. Memorize Philippians 2:3-5

III. Course Outline

A. First Quarter

1. Checkpoint #1
2. Checkpoint #2
3. Checkpoint #3

B. Second Quarter

1. Checkpoint #4
2. Checkpoint #5
3. Checkpoint #6
4. Checkpoint #7

IV. Instructional Materials

- A. *The Seven Checkpoints — Student Journal*, Andy Stanley, Howard Publishing Co., 2001
- B. New International Version of the Bible

V. Teaching Methods

- A. Independent Reading
- B. Partnered Exercises
- C. Group Discussion
- D. Oral Review of Memorized Verses

VI. Evaluation

A. Components

1. Completion of reading assignments
2. Participation in partnered exercises
3. Participation in group discussion
4. Completion of Student Journal
5. Evaluation of Verse Recitation

B. Grading Scale

1. 100—90%=A
 2. 89—80%=B
 3. 79—70%=C
 4. 69—60%=D
- Lower than 59