

North Plains Biblical Seminary & Bible School
Letter from the President
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Congratulations! And I really do mean it! Congratulations. You are reading this letter in this Academic Catalog, which means you are interested in pursuing further STUDY of the WORD OF GOD. That interest should be congratulated.

NPBS is founded and grounded in the Word of God – the Living Word (Jesus, The Christ) and the Living Word (The Bible). We are unashamed in our declarations that there is no greater pursuit in life than to pursue understanding and knowing the Word of God. Someone might say, “Well, isn’t the greatest commandment to ‘love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?’” We would answer, “Yes, of course, the Bible tells us that. However, there is really only one way for anyone to grow to love God with their whole being, and that is through diligent study of the Bible. In fact, all paths to spiritual growth and having a vital and productive Christian life and ministry are paved with the diligent study of the Word of God.

Psalms 119, the brilliant, passionate reflections of a man who loved God with his whole heart, says, “The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of shekels of gold and silver.” (v. 72) In fact, we could go on and on with quoting verses from Psalm 119 about the importance of studying the Word of God with zeal and passion. We could go on and on as well, just quoting from Psalm 119 about the fulfillment and the satisfaction that is afforded to the person who does make the study of the Word of God his/her life pursuit. But that truth is compounded so many times throughout the Word of God that it is undeniable that the passionate pursuit of the study of the Bible is the most noble of all goals and investments in this life. When our Lord was praying for His disciples in His High Priestly Prayer, He prayed, “Sanctify them by the truth – Your Word IS TRUTH.” (Jn 17:17). God’s Word is an ‘extension’ of God Himself. 2 Timothy tells us that ‘...all Scripture is ‘God-breathed.’ There is no other ‘body of truth’ in this world about which that could be rightly spoken. The BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD.

So, I say again, that your interest in studying the Word of God is to be congratulated. Pursue this interest. Come and join with us at NPBS. We have become life-long students of the Word of God and we hope to ‘infect’ as many men and women as we can with that same passionate pursuit of the knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. Of course, study is not an end in itself, but a means to the end of loving our Lord with our whole heart and loving others as well. The study of the Word of God molds us and changes us into the people that God wants us to be.

NPBS offers a high quality, biblical and theological education at a very affordable price. NPBS is an educational institution that is technologically advanced, approved by the State of North Dakota to operate as a degree granting institution, pursuing accreditation with TRACS

(Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools), and committed to providing quality biblical and theological training here in the Northern Plains and beyond. As reflected in our Doctrinal Statement we have several distinctives that make us unique in the Evangelical Biblical and Theological Education community – namely we believe in a literal, grammatical hermeneutic of the Bible and we hold a Free Grace perspective and classic and traditional Dispensationalism. You will find a friendly, welcoming Christian community where we seek to honor our Lord Jesus Christ and share His love and grace with one another and with others who have not yet come to know Him. Come—join us. You will be glad you did.

Terry Kern, ThM

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