BS9021W  The Good Life

This unit will examine contemporary understandings of the good life in the light of biblical and theological traditions. Students will consider sociological, psychological and community development literature, alongside indicators of the good life in popular culture, including health and beauty, wealth, and leisure, and critique them from a biblical and theological standpoint.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate definitions of the good life
2. Demonstrate theological insight in analysing popular culture
3. Articulate the relationships between personal, social and environmental conceptions of wellbeing
4. Assess the relevance of selected biblical traditions to their own experience
5. Construct a theology of the good life.

Prerequisites: Foundational units in Field D & B

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment: One 1,500 word case study (30%)
One 1,500 word theological reflection paper (30%)
One 2,000 word essay (40%)

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Offered: 2016: Semester 2 (Also available online – see BS9721W)
[Unit offered alternatively as DP9021W]

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase