

Biblical Principles on the Integration of Faith and Learning

When questioned as to the greatest commandment, Jesus offered the following declaration:

“And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30

As a scholarly community of excellence, Shorter University seeks to embody this commandment in the following ways:

A. Academic Excellence/Scholarship (Strength and Mind). We commit ourselves to explore our disciplines with scholarly excellence and with diligence and to help develop in our students a biblical worldview, thus preparing them for servant leadership in the world through their chosen academic disciplines. The mission of Shorter University includes the integration of biblical faith and learning in its educational experiences which are designed to enrich scholarship, Christian discipleship, and lifelong learning within the disciplines. University faculty and staff will pledge themselves to integrating biblical faith into every aspect of the life of the University in which they serve.

1. University Faculty

University faculty will submit an annual plan with their contract that includes the following goals:

- a. An approved plan for developing their scholastic, educational, and instructional skills in order to stay current in their particular academic disciplines
- b. An approved strategy for integrating biblical faith into the academic disciplines

2. University Staff

University staff will submit an annual plan with the letter of agreement that details how they will integrate the Christian faith into their specific areas of work.

B. Spiritual Vigor (Heart and Soul). Shorter University employees commit themselves to cultivating a campus environment that encourages spiritual, moral, and intellectual growth in concert with a biblical worldview.

1. Shorter University employees will encourage the spiritual development of our students by sharing with them the biblical message of Jesus Christ and by encouraging them to implement biblical truths in their daily lives and decisions.
2. Shorter University employees will strive to practice biblical standards of ethics, morality, and behavior in all endeavors and among their colleagues and with students in all endeavors, contexts, and situations.

