

# HOLISTIC FORMATION

Scripture describes growth for a Christian in holistic terms developing all aspects of the human being. From Jesus calling us to love God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, touching on all aspects of a person, to loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, implying that we must first know and love ourselves and others through God's holy love for us – all of this focuses our attention on a comprehensive method of formation and growth (Colossians 6 -10). At Praxis Bible College, what is taught is not separated from who teaches it and how it is taught. Biblically, education is always a personal, communal, and covenantal act of spiritual nurturing (see Luke 6:40; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4). According to Jesus, a student, when mature will be like his teacher (Luke 6:4). An education that separates knowledge from real people, people who live in community and accountability, would be curtailed at best. Imparting truth, beauty, and ethic to students requires a present, experiential, and authoritative body – a real live community with godly character, spiritual maturity, and intellectual integrity. Important to the College's program is close personal interaction among students and between students and faculty.