BIBLICAL COUNSELING FUNDAMENTALS PART 2

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Recognize your limitations

Proverbs 11:14

¹⁴ Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 15:22

²² Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed.

Remember!

Focus your counseling on the person who comes to you

Proverbs 9:9

⁹ Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.

Proverbs 19:20

²⁰ Listen to counsel and accept discipline, That you may be wise the rest of your days.

Remember!

Be a great listener like God is to us

Psalm 4:3

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself; The LORD hears when I call to Him.

Psalm 34:17

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD hears And delivers them out of all their troubles.

Remember!

A great listener will ask questions

Consider how often Jesus asked questions

Consider how important it is that the Lord knows you

Remember!

Church attendance is very important

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Remember!

Assignments are generally a useful part of counseling

Reading/studying the Bible – Psalm 119:97

Scripture memory – Psalm 119:9-11

Self-evaluation-2 Cor 13:5

Putting off and putting on – Rom 13:14

Remember!

It is as wrong to set the standards too high as it is too low

- 1 Corinthians 4:6
- ⁶ Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.

Remember!

Sin is irrational

Consider King Saul

Consider the Nation of Israel

Consider Judas

Remember!

Church discipline is essential

Matthew 18:15–17

¹⁵ "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.

17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.