



Biblical Soul Care in the Local Church

Biblical Counseling is Being the Church





Biblical Counseling and the Public, Personal, and Private Ministries of the Word

How can God use you to encourage this couple?

- Romans 15:4, 13, 14
- Proverbs 18:13, 17; 20:5
- Galatians 6:1-2
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Corinthians 10:13

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God's Word is the critical, indispensable element in all forms of Christian discipleship.

We rely on and apply sound doctrine to personal situations.

THE WHOLE CHURCH

More formal
(counseling)



Less formal
(discipleship)
Looks more like fellowship

Intensive,
for particular needs,
more problem-oriented



Less intense
more general in nature,
less problem-oriented



What is the public (saints) ministry of God's Word?

- 2 Timothy 4:1-2: Preaching
- Acts 19:8-9

What is the public (saints) ministry of God's Word?

You place yourself under the authority of God's Word publicly.

You invest yourself in how God is changing us into Christlikeness as His disciples and as His spiritual family.

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Biblical counseling supports the preaching/teaching ministries of the church by ministering sound doctrine as an extension of these ministries.

What is the personal (self) ministry of God's Word?

- Acts 20:19: Serving others out of who you are in your own walk with Jesus.
- 1 Timothy 4:6-7, 15-16

What is the personal (self) ministry of God's Word?

You place yourself under the authority of God's Word personally.

You invest yourself in how God is changing you as His disciple and follower.

What is the personal (self) ministry of God's Word?

Biblical counseling is a means for you to be a faithful steward of the truth and change God is developing in you as you come alongside others in need of truth and change.

What is the private (sinners/sufferers) ministry of God's Word?

- Galatians 6:1-2; Acts 20:20, 27: One-on-one counseling and instruction
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Timothy 3:16; Ephesians 4:15

What is the private (sinners/sufferers) ministry of God's Word?

Biblical counseling supports the preaching and teaching ministries of the local church.

Biblical counseling applies the truth in love in the lives of others in an effort to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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