



2ND CORINTHIANS

The image features a background of ancient stone ruins with intricate carvings. Overlaid on this is a large, white, serif font text "2ND CORINTHIANS". The text is centered and framed by two decorative, symmetrical geometric patterns made of white lines, one above and one below the text. The patterns consist of interlocking arches and lines, resembling a stylized architectural or mathematical design.

Who Is Your Counselor?
Who is Your Comforter?

2 Corinthians 7:8-16

Corinthian Problems Simplified:

1. They are messed up.
2. They needed Godly counsel and to respond to it.

Corinthian Problems:

- Division.
- Followers of man.
- Worldly wisdom focused.
- Some exceedingly sinful.
- Prideful, self-promoting.
- Unloving.

Our Problems:

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“8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.”

2 Corinthians 7:8-9 NKJV₆

“10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

2 Corinthians 7:10 NKJV

“11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”

2 Corinthians 7:11 NKJV

“12 Therefore, although I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.”

2 Corinthians 7:12 NKJV

“13 Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true.”

2 Corinthians 7:13-14 NKJV

“15 And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him.
16 Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.”

2 Corinthians 7:15-16 NKJV

Process of True Repentance

- Confronted by the Word & Spirit of God.
- Produces Godly sorrow with hope.
- That sorrow produces Repentance.
- Repentance brings change, eternal life, diligence, clearing of self, indignation against sin and self, fear of the Lord which brings wisdom, and vehement desire and zeal.

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What Is Biblical Counseling?

Biblical Counseling is:

“The Christ-centered, Holy Spirit empowered, practical and therapeutic application of Biblical truths to a person's life through nurture, instruction, correction, and prayer, with the goal of personal maturity and fruitfulness.”

-Module 1 Session 1 TILBC Training

What Is Biblical Counseling?

“In our ministry circles, we define biblical counseling as, “Focused Christian discipleship in a problem area of a person’s life for a season.” (Warren Lamb)

-Warren Lamb TILBC President

“...His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue”

2 Peter 1:3 NKJV Trunc

Faith and Works

“You do what you believe, you cannot do otherwise”

See James 2:18-19 & 26

“18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

James 2:18-19 & 26 NKJV

God as Comforter and Counselor

He is our Paraklete: Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Wonderful Counselor.

(Jh 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7; 1 Jh 2:1; Heb 4:15; Isa 9:6)

What does Psychology Mean?

- ology: meaning “Study Of”
- psych: meaning soul or spirit

The study of the soul or spirit.

The fields of Psychology and Psychiatry are
built on a foundation of:

-Atheism: which is the belief that there is no
God

-Darwinism: is the belief that life has slowly
evolved without a Creator

The fields of Psychology and Psychiatry are
built on a foundation of:

-Materialism: meaning that Humans consist only of the material of cosmos, no soul or spirit.

-Naturalism: meaning that only natural laws and forces operate the world, no divinity

The fields of Psychology and Psychiatry are
built on a foundation of:

-Nihilism: traditional ethics, morals, ideas, beliefs, and even our existence itself has no objective worth or value.

-Humanism: People are basically good by nature and we can solve all of our own problems using our own reasoning.

The fields of Psychology and Psychiatry are
built on a foundation of:

-Utilitarianism: - a theory that the aim of action should be the largest possible balance of pleasure over pain or the greatest happiness of the greatest number.

-Determinism: all events in the universe, including human decisions and actions, are causally inevitable. Choices don't matter

Current Dogmas Accepted in Society about Mental Health Care:

- 1: science is the key to understanding mental illness
2. Medicine is the only viable way of treating most mental struggles
3. Religion and science are conflicting ideas

“8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

Colossians 2:8-10 NKJV

“5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”

2 Corinthians 10:5 NKJV

““6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more”

2 Corinthians 7:6-7 NKJV

“13 Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true.”

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“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NKJV

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2 Corinthians 1:4 NKJV trunc.

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