

Commitment to Biblical Counseling

I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another (Romans 15:14).

All Christians struggle with sin and its effect on our lives and our relationships. Whenever believers are unable to overcome sinful attitudes or behaviors through personal efforts, God calls them to seek assistance from other believers, and when needed, from church leaders (see Rom. 15:14; Gal. 6:1-2; 2 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 13:17; Jam. 5:16). Therefore, we encourage believers to seek counsel from each other and confess sins to one another.

There will be times when it will be necessary for church leaders to become involved in the counseling process. Since our leaders often do not have sufficient time to meet with every person who asks for counseling, they will give priority to people who have formally joined the church (Gal. 6:10).

We believe that the Bible provides thorough guidance and instruction for faith and life (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Therefore, our counseling is based on scriptural principles rather than those of secular psychology or psychiatry.

As Christians counsel one another, we should treat each other with respect and courtesy, and avoid even the appearance of impropriety or impurity (Eph. 5:3). Therefore, we will be willing to seek counsel with at least two believers when it is appropriate to protect from unwarranted accusation and any appearance of evil (1 Thes. 5:22).

In cases where confidential information is shared, we will not try to compel those counseling us to testify in any legal proceeding or otherwise divulge the confidential information in a way that will be used for selfish or personal gains (Prov. 11:13, 25:9).