



APPLICATION FOR THE BIBLICAL COUNSELING NETWORK

PERSONAL INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHURCH NAME: _____ ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER: Y / N

PASTOR'S NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHURCH OR COUNSELING WEBSITE (**REQUIRED**): _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF YOUR INTEREST IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING. WHY DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS TYPE OF MINISTRY? WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROMOTING THIS IN YOUR CHURCH OR COUNSELING PRACTICE?

ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH OTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH WHOM YOU ARE ABLE TO SHARE YOUR STRUGGLES AND FROM WHOM YOU CAN RECEIVE ADMONITION, PRAYER, AND ENCOURAGEMENT?

PLEASE LIST ANY DEGREES OR PREVIOUS TRAINING IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING:

DO YOU HOLD A LICENCE TO COUNSEL IN YOUR STATE? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION (A POSITIVE RESPONSE WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BAR YOU FROM THE NETWORK. PLEASE LIST NATURE OF OFFENSE, THE RELEVANT DATES, AND THE NAME OF YOUR PAROLE OR PROBATION OFFICER AND YOUR CURRENT STATUS):



YOUR PHILOSOPHY OF COUNSELING (FEEL FREE TO USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR THIS SECTION)

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE GOSPEL IN COUNSELING PEOPLE?

WHAT ROLE DOES JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, AND GLORIFICATION PLAY IN THE COUNSELING PROCESS?

DO YOU EMBRACE A PARTICULAR THEORY THAT SHAPES YOUR COUNSELING? IF SO, PLEASE LIST AND EXPLAIN.

WHAT ROLE DOES THE BIBLE PLAY IN COUNSELING?

WHAT ROLE DOES PRAYER PLAY IN COUNSELING?

OTHER THAN THE BIBLE, PLEASE LIST THE FIVE BOOKS THAT HAVE MOST IMPACTED YOU AND YOUR PHILOSOPHY OF COUNSELING? CHOOSE ONE BOOK, AND EXPLAIN WHY IT HAS HAD SUCH AN IMPACT ON YOUR APPROACH TO HELPING OTHERS.



CASE STUDY

JOHN AND DEBORAH HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 10 YEARS. THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING SIGNIFICANT MARITAL ISSUES FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. JOHN SAYS HIS PARTICULAR STRUGGLES BEGAN WHEN HIS WIFE EXPRESSED HER DISSATISFACTION IN HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE HOME. JOHN EXPLAINS, "EVER SINCE I HEARD THE WORD DISAPPOINTMENT COME OUT OF HER MOUTH, IT PLACED A MAJOR BLOW ON MY SELF-ESTEEM, AND NOW I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO LEAD OR SHOW LOVE. AS A RESULT, I JUST CLOSED IN ON MYSELF, AND HAVE AVOIDED INTIMACY WITH DEBORAH. MY SELF-CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN DESTROYED."

FROM WHAT YOU READ IN THIS CASE STUDY, WHAT IS/ARE JOHN'S BIGGEST PROBLEM(S) (FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE AS COUNSELOR)?

HOW WOULD YOU APPLY THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES TO JOHN'S SITUATION AT SOME POINT IN THE PROCESS?

- LUKE 10:27
- ROMANS 8:28

WHAT GOALS WOULD SHAPE YOUR COUNSEL WITH JOHN?



PERSONAL TESTIMONY

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO SHARE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY IN PLACING YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST:



FAITH STATEMENT: I BELIEVE AND WILL UPHOLD THE BELIEFS THAT

God Rules the Universe: God is creator and sustainer of all creation. He is the one true God revealed in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Our Biggest Enemy is the Enemy Within: Mankind is naturally a slave to sin, and can by no means of his own power obtain salvation from God. Since the law of sin is perpetually at work within him, his attempts to obtain salvation by works or good deeds are futile.

Grace is Sweet beyond Measure: Since mankind is bound by the law of sin and therefore helpless to satisfy the righteous requirements of the Law, God, who is full of mercy and love, sent his own Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty of sin for all who, by faith, believe upon Him.

God Gloriously Transforms Lives: God continues His redemptive work in the life of the believer by progressively transforming him or her into the image of Jesus Christ. The Christian is instructed by Scripture to pursue holiness in God, and should seek to do so. Simultaneously, the ultimate hope of the believer in transformation and persevering in the faith rests in the hands of the eternal God who assures completion of the work He alone initiated.

Love is Key: All the Bible's teachings may ultimately be summed up in two phrases according to Jesus: love God, and love your neighbor. This is the highest call to all who believe on the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

God's Word is Life: The Bible is inerrant and inspired by the living God. It is a fountain of living water that flows from the very heart of God. It consumes the barren soil of self-reliance, and promotes a harvest rooted in the worship of God eternal. It is from these ever-flowing waters that the River of Life, found in the person of Jesus Christ, is revealed. Sufficient for the most parched of souls, Christ alone is the Truth that sets us free.

The Gospel of the Cross Alone Brings Peace: The Biblical message of sin, depravity, repentance, forgiveness and sanctification is built upon the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and His glorious resurrection. Faith in Christ alone brings freedom from both the penalty and power of sin. Man is unable to find freedom or peace by himself or in himself. It is only in Christ that man can draw near to God, have his sins forgiven, receive the hope of eternal life and experience the protecting power of God in the midst of sin and the trials of life.

I affirm my agreement to the above proclamations as evidence by my signature below:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

If you hold a certification in biblical counseling or have been trained in biblical counseling, please check the applicable certifying or training body.

___ ABC ___ Biblical Counseling Institute ___ CCEF ___ OIC
___ IABC ___ NANC ___ Other: List: _____

Qualified applicants who hold a certification or have extensive training/experience in biblical counseling are eligible for listing in the BCN upon approval.

STATEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO UPHOLD ABC PHILOSOPHY

PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES BELOW IF YOU UNDERSTAND, AGREE, AND AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

I understand that the official position of the *Association of Biblical Counselors* on the ministry of counseling is that the Bible possesses supreme authority as it regards mankind, human nature and motivation, the purpose and process of change, and man's relationship to God. I recognize that secular attempts to answer the ultimate questions of psychology and counseling (i.e., Who is man? Why do people do what they do? How do people change? Why should a person change?) fall short in their answers since they do not acknowledge the reality of a personal God in whose presence mankind is always functioning and developing. I affirm the Bible's sufficiency in constructing a comprehensive model of biblical counseling. I affirm that the work of biblical counseling is an endeavor in which all believers should participate, and that it is a work to be shared by the entire body of Christ.

I affirm that I have researched the laws in my state, and am conducting counseling within the parameters of those laws.

I affirm that I am a member in good standing of a church that professes Jesus Christ and upholds the efficacy of the Gospel as the only means to redeeming mankind. I will work diligently to discern and expose heresy and will seek to honor the Word of God in all counsel I seek to offer. As a member in good standing, I agree to function in my ministry under the authority of my pastor and/or governing elders.



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

In order to be considered for listing in the Biblical Counseling Network, the following must be included in your application:

1. Pastoral Letter: A letter of recommendation from your pastor stating (1) that you are a member in good standing, (2) that you are actively involved in worship, (3) a general rationale as to why he believes you are a good candidate for the BCN. ***This letter must be on church letterhead with contact information of the pastor included.***
2. Referring Pastoral Letter: A letter from a pastor or church staff member who regularly refers to you. This letter should be from someone other than your own pastor, but may be another staff member from your church. The letter will need to address the following: (a) Do you recommend the applicant to the Biblical Counseling Network? Please offer a rationale to your recommendation. (b) Do you refer parishioners to the applicant? If so, for how long have you referred? (c) Do you believe the applicant operates from a sound theological and biblical model of counseling? The letter may also include any other pertinent information.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Please provide the denominational/organization affiliation of your church and documentation that briefly outlines the doctrinal commitments of your church.

I authorize any references listed in this application to give the Association of Biblical Counselors any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for listing in the BCN. I hereby release an individual, reference or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or my family on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization.

I understand that these searches will be used to determine eligibility for the BCN through the Association of Biblical Counselors. Therefore, I authorize and consent for full release of records to the authorized agents and associates to the full extent permitted by law from any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, expenses or any other charges or complaints filed with any agency arising from retrieving and reporting this information.

I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application, I may invoke my right to inspect any information provided about me by any consumer reporting agency.

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation by me on this application will be sufficient cause for cancellation of this application and/or separation from the ABC's service if I have been accepted into the certification process.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING AND KNOW THE CONTENT THEREOF AND I SIGN THIS AS MY OWN FREE ACT.



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Applicant Signature

Date