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Hebrews - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

However, as counselors, we need to be wise, discerning, and strategic about how to use it with our counselees. I want to highlight the importance of spiritual assessment. You will be counseling people who have different religious backgrounds and even when you advise Christians; they may have varying levels of spiritual maturity and knowledge of Scriptures. Moitinho that discusses many ways in which we can use the Bible with our clients or counselees. It is necessary for the counselor [and pastors] to know why they are attempting to use scripture in a therapeutic setting. Is it to benefit them or the care seeker? The lecture indicated that the most important therapeutic uses of scripture are during the following counseling scenarios: The care seeker is: These eight roles that Johnson outlines suggest that Christian counselors have only begun to examine the potential of integrating the Bible and psychology. Whereas these arguments validate the use of scripture and its rightful place in Christian counseling and the psychology of science they are not presented as therapeutic. That statement is usually followed by a litany of scriptures used to prove the point that they are in conflict, depressed, or have feelings of guilt, anxiety, etc. After I get to know the person and a personal relationship has been established, and they trust me enough to reveal their concern and invite me into their world I can begin with the foundational role of scripture. Folks will tell me what they believe and why. I am open about what I think. Almost all of my counseling is conducted online because I have an online ministry. There is no body language to read or facial expressions to gauge. So, I always begin with the foundation role of scripture. People know my position and my belief systems because I do post scripture and what they mean to me as a child of God. People go to my devotional page on a regular basis, so they know that the Bible is my standard. They also know that I am not perfect because I am very open about things like that. I am constantly evaluating what I am doing, thinking, or about to type. I ask myself these question: Will using scripture with this person bring about a: We can do more harm than good. McMinn gave some stellar examples of how using scripture can enable some people and prevent them from seeing their part in their story. Never use Scripture to browbeat people. Strategies for biblical counseling [Discussion Board Post]. The Bible in Christian counseling[PowerPoint slides]. Using the Bible for spiritual formation [PowerPoint slides].

Chapter 2 : Biblical-Counseling-vs-Secular-Counseling

Bible verses about counseling Christian counseling is only using God's Word to counsel others and has nothing to do with psychological counseling. Biblical counseling is used to teach, encourage, rebuke, and guide to help with issues in life.

The very first thing that has to be decided by someone seeking counseling is whether or not they believe in God. There are three types of counseling offered in the world to help us deal with human problems and dysfunctional lives. Integrated Christian Counseling 3. Secular counselors go to secular colleges and graduate school programs and their training is in the field of psychology and the humanistic approaches to human difficulties and challenges. Their philosophy is based on man solving his own problems, using his own resources, and not relying on any outside source to guide us. Very rarely will they address moral issues and values and many times will go completely against what the Bible teaches. An example of this would be a client who comes to them because they are having an affair and they feel guilty about it and want to end it and confess the affair to their spouse. Secular counseling depends upon human reason and research to answer life questions about people, problems, and solutions. Secular counseling assumes that there is no final answer or meaning to life. It does not address the spirit or the soul at all. Many people after counseling with a secular counselor come away with the feeling that they did not learn anything about their situation that they already did not know. This is because secular counselors rarely give advice that is active and requires action on the part of the client. Usually they just "listen" and "parrot back" to the client what the client is saying. So people become frustrated because they did not come there to have someone just "listen. The problem is their knowledge of scripture is usually very limited, and other than saying they belong to a church, most of their counseling is secular with an occasional Bible verse thrown in for good measure. They, are instead trying to integrate Scripture and secular psychology to help people. Interestingly enough, psychology is a "new science" that has only been on the scene for about years, while theology and the Bible have been around for thousands of years. So actually psychology grew out of theology, not vice versa. Many of the personality theories that secular counselors are taught are very similar to what Jesus taught, but they give it a different name and do not give Jesus any of the credit. Authentic Biblical Counseling is based on the teachings of the Bible and a belief in God as our creator. It is based on the fact that we have the humility to know that God created us, and not the other way around. Since He created us, then He, above all others, should best understand how we think, how we operate, and how we work. Thus, He knows how to fix us. God can solve any problem that you could bring to Him. ALL dysfunctional problems that individuals and families face are the result of someone, at some point committing some sin that has resulted in turmoil, and suffering and destruction for many. Greed, lust, pride, adultery, stealing, lying, cheating, incest, sexual sins, arrogance, selfishness, murder, etc. And if we do He lays out the consequences of those sins. The Bible provides real answers for real people with real problems. God is the "source of wisdom" for every problem known to man. If you leave Him out of the equation and try to solve issues on your own, you will fail. A biblical counselor will work with you comprehensively. They will help you to identify the "root cause" of your problems, and show you the biblical prescription to solve them. They will help you to know God better, socially to love others more effectively, and self-consciously to apply and to understand who you are in Christ. Your biblical counselor will help you rationally to renew your relationship with Christ with the result that you will know the "mind of Christ" in all matters and be able to apply that to your life, others and yourself, so that you will have an eternal perspective on life, rather than a "no hope" secular one. Man is the creation; God is the Creator. Man cannot compete with God, on any level, for understanding how the life and the universe He created out of nothingness works. God does not think like us. In 1 Corinthians 3: Not only does God NOT think like us, but His ideas about how things operate often diametrically oppose ours. There are many reasons for this. So, in the end there are only two clear choices from which to counsel people: This is also of profound significance! All secular approaches to human problems have something in common: Secular counseling puts a "band aid" on the wound which temporarily covers it up. While Biblical counseling goes right to the "infection of the wound" and cleanses it,

heals it, and erases it completely. Which would you prefer? A temporary fix that will come back or a permanent healing that will never surface again? So biblical counseling goes to the "root" of the problem not the "symptom" of the problems. And the "root" of the problem really means the "heart of the matter. The heart is wicked and deceitful, who can understand it? When someone becomes a Child of God, they are a "new person. While we alone cannot change another person, God, can change another person or circumstance. Many times He does this in ways we could never have anticipated, that are far better than what we thought should happen. Secular counseling depends on biochemistry, genetics, and family of origin issues. And while these do factor in, they are not our destiny. Besides WHO gave you your biochemistry, your genes, or the family that you were born into? Was it not God? A genuine understanding of what is wrong in our hearts and in the hearts of those we are dealing with is the true solution and healing. Some secular counselors will tell you that you are your "own God" and that as long as you love everyone and no one gets hurt, then there are many sins you can get away with. However, as you will find, sin has a circular life cycle. ALL sin, eventually leads to destruction and death. It never leads to healing and life. This requires a belief in God as our creator, and an understanding that we are the "created" and thus we are not capable of knowing what is the best for us without His guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit operating on our behalf and in our lives. If you are in need of biblical counseling please do not hesitate to contact Patricia Jones M. We accept PayPal and all other major credit or debit cards. Once you hit the PayPal button it will allow you to pay with PayPal or another major credit or debit card. No PayPal account is required.

Chapter 3 : Scripture and Counseling: God's Word for Life in a Broken World by Robert W. Kellemen

Bible verses about Counseling. John ESV / 7 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful. Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

How does psychology work with biblical counseling? Biblical, or nouthetic, counseling, on the other hand, is based squarely on the revealed Word of God. Biblical counseling sees Scripture as sufficient to equip the child of God for every good work 2 Timothy 3: This is not to say that a Christian counselor is not also a biblical counselor, but often Christian counselors are Christians who integrate secular psychology into their counseling. Biblical or nouthetic counselors reject secular psychology wholesale. Most psychology is humanistic in nature. Secular humanism promotes mankind as the highest standard of truth and morality and rejects faith, the supernatural, and the Bible. The Bible declares that mankind is a unique creation of God, made in the image of God Genesis 1: Secular psychology is based on the ideas that man is basically good and that the answer to his problems lies within himself. Therefore, the biblical counselor takes a drastically different approach: Biblical counselors, as opposed to psychotherapists and some Christian counselors, see the Bible alone as the source of a comprehensive and detailed approach to counseling 2 Timothy 3: Biblical counseling is committed to letting God speak for Himself through His Word. Biblical counseling seeks to minister the love of the true and living God, a love that deals with sin and produces obedience. The needs for self-esteem, love and acceptance, and significance tend to dominate. If these needs are met, it is believed, people will be happy, kind, and moral; if these needs are unmet, people will be miserable, hateful, and immoral. Biblical counseling teaches that true satisfaction and happiness can only be found in a relationship with God and a pursuit of godliness. No amount of psychotherapy can make a selfish person unselfish, for example, but the obedient servant of God will be satisfied in his joyful, unselfish giving 2 Corinthians 9: So, how does psychology work with biblical counseling? Secular psychology starts and ends with man and his ideas. True biblical counseling points clients to Christ and the Word of God. Biblical counseling is a pastoral activity, a product of the spiritual gift of exhortation, and its goal is not self-esteem but sanctification.

Chapter 4 : COUNSELING. What does the Bible say about Christian counseling?

counseling literature approaches the Scriptures, discusses the risks of its unthoughtful use, and sets out basic guidelines for more effective use—paying close attention to matters of purpose, contextualization, and client/counselor rapport.

Biblical counseling is used to teach, encourage, rebuke, and guide to help with issues in life. Counselors should instruct others to take their trust and mind off of the world and put them back on Christ. Scripture continually tells us to renew our minds. Many times the cause of our problems is that we stop focusing on Christ and become distracted by everything around us. We must allow Christ to be our main focus. We must set a time every day that we are alone with Him. We must allow God to change our minds and help us think more like Christ. I keep the LORD in mind always. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. I will teach you the way that you should go. I will advise you as my eyes watch over you. The Holy Spirit our counselor. He will speak what he hears and will tell you about things to come. Listening to wise counsel. Build each other up. We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming. And all Scripture is useful for teaching and for showing people what is wrong in their lives. It is useful for correcting faults and teaching the right way to live. Using the Scriptures, those who serve God will be prepared and will have everything they need to do every good work. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word. Let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. Signup today and receive encouragement, updates, help, and more straight in your inbox.

Chapter 5 : 25 Important Bible Verses About Counseling

Scripture and Counseling: God's Word for Life in a Broken World (Biblical Counseling Coalition Books) - Kindle edition by Bob Kelleman, Jeff Forrey, R. Albert, Jr. Mohler. Download it once and read it on your Kindle device, PC, phones or tablets.

Fowler You are free to download this outline provided it remains intact without alteration. You are also free to transmit this outline electronically provided that you do so in its entirety with proper citation of authorship included. The counsel of the Lord, it will stand" Isa. Greek word paraklesis - "to come alongside to encourage" John I will send Him to you" Rom. Historical background leading up to modern counseling emphasis. Development of psychology as academic field of study 1. Sigmund Freud 3. First degree program in psychology. Carl Rogers - On Becoming a Person - Early integration of psychology in the church. Franz Delitzsch - System of Biblical Psychology - 2. Liberal acceptance of psychological premises. Wayne Oates - s - Protestant Pastoral Counseling 4. Paul Tournier - The Meaning of Persons - 5. Henry Brandt - The Struggle for Peace - 6. Oswald Chambers - Biblical Psychology - Frank Lake - Clinical Theology - Evangelical Christian counseling movement. Gary Collins - Psychology and Theology - Trinity 3. Norman Wright - Marital Counseling Talbot 4. Jay Adams - Competent to Counsel. James Dobson - Dare to Discipline. Focus on Family 6. Charles Solomon - Counseling with the Mind of Christ. Larry Crabb - Principles of Biblical Counseling. Grace Institute of Biblical Counseling. Stephen Arterburn - Growing Up Addicted. New Life Treatment Centers. Neil Anderson - The Bondage Breaker. Concerns about counseling movement. Humanistic premises of secular psychology. Must avoid over-reaction of aversion to "psychology. Eclecticism, integration, adaptation of theology and psychology. Jumping on band-wagon of 12 step, victimization, codependency, etc. Professionalizing of Christian counseling. Counsel of men rather than God? Against Biblical Counseling; For the Bible. Kilpatrick - Psychological Seduction. Paul Vitz - Psychology as Religion. Thomas Szasz - The Myth of Psychotherapy. Consideration of Christian counsel. Spirit of Christ is the Counselor - Isa. Sin is the basis of human problems. All persons affected by past patterning of sin - "flesh" - Gal. Human behavior is derivative in spirit, soul and body - I Thess. Christians are enabled to behave differently by dependence upon Jesus Christ - Col. Christians should encourage one another to love, fellowship, growth, holiness, prayer, etc.

Chapter 6 : What are the biblical solutions for solving marriage problems?

Scripture and Counseling is both theologically robust and pastorally helpful. On its pages you will find a lively discussion that will bring you up to speed on the conversation taking place among contemporary biblical counseling.

Chapter 7 : BIBLE VERSES ABOUT COUNSELING

Second, Scripture may support certain forms of counseling in principle such as religious imagery (McMinn,). Additional examples may include support for dream analysis, retreats, and small groups ("The Bible," n.d.).

Chapter 8 : What Does the Bible Say About Counseling?

Scripture and Counseling encourages these individualsâ€”people like youâ€”to regain their confidence in God's Word for real life issues and equips them to grow in their competence in using God's Word to tackle the complex issues of life.

Chapter 9 : How does psychology work with biblical counseling?

Bible verses related to Counseling from the King James Version (KJV) by Relevance - Sort By Book Order Proverbs - Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised [is] wisdom.