

## LESSON THREE

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# Counseling

## Topics

*“It would be labor in vain to endeavor  
to cleanse the stream of a polluted fountain.  
Prune the crab tree if you please,  
it still will not bring forth apples.”*

**C.H. Spurgeon**  
**[Concerning the counseling of the unsaved.]**

# Counseling



## On Salvation

You should seek to help them solve as many of their problems as you can. The Holy Spirit will guide them to solutions to their problems. If they are not saved, then the Holy Spirit cannot be a part of solving their problems.

- 1. Never be afraid to ask them if they are saved.*
- 2. If you discover they are unsaved, then their salvation should become your immediate concern.* Their biggest need is eternal life, else solving their problems in this life will only be a temporary solution. Also, the Bible is a spiritual book, they will not understand it nor its teachings if they are unsaved.
- 3. Explain the plan of salvation to them.*

Then follow up with an encouragement that they be baptized. This gets them started on the right track in their new spiritual life; and confidence that God can now help them in solving their problems.

# Counseling



## Helping Those Who Are Bitter

Bitterness is a choice we make; and it cannot be compartmentalized. It will pervade every area of a life. It is a flaw in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ life and is to be avoided by the Christian and we are to help those seeking counsel to not become bitter; or, if they are already bitter, to help them put it away from themselves.

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

### TEN EXCUSES FOR BITTERNESS:

1. *When a child feels that his parents have not spent enough \_\_\_\_\_ with them.*
2. *Bitterness results when one sibling is seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ over another sibling.*
3. *It can result when a leader \_\_\_\_\_ us.*
4. *It can result because of the absence of a leaders \_\_\_\_\_.*
5. *It can result because of \_\_\_\_\_ abuse.*
6. *It can result because of \_\_\_\_\_ abuse.*
7. *It can result because of \_\_\_\_\_ abuse.*
8. *It can result because of not \_\_\_\_\_ something we want.*
9. *It can result because of \_\_\_\_\_.*
10. *It can result because of \_\_\_\_\_ by peers.*

### THE SOLUTION FOR BITTERNESS:

1. *They must admit that bitterness is \_\_\_\_\_.*

Whatever the excuse they have for their bitterness; no matter how they may have been truth-fully wronged; no matter what someone may have done to them that was wrong; they must admit that their being bitter is sin on their part. The other person's sinful behaviour does not justify their own sinful behaviour. They must admit that their own bitterness is sin. They need to realize that, "If I am bitter, it is **not** a grudge, it's **not** justified anger, my bitterness is sin."

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

2. *They need to \_\_\_\_\_ their sin of bitterness.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ They need to not only acknowledge their sin of bitterness; but they need to confess it to God and ask forgiveness for it.

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

They also need to confess his bitterness to the one with whom he has been bitter- **only** if the person knows he is bitter. They must do so in the right way- mildly, and **not** by telling the person **why** we are bitter. We are there confessing to them the fact of our bitterness, not the why's of it.

3. *The bitter person must realize the importance of dying to \_\_\_\_\_.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

We must be dead to self and allow Christ to live through us. He had every right to be bitter; but He was not. Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

4. *Once they have conquered bitterness, they must stay dead.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ABOUT  
DEALING WITH EMBITTERED PERSONS.**

1. *We must learn to hate the sin rather than the \_\_\_\_\_.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

2. *They need to know that they may become \_\_\_\_\_ the person they are bitter against.*

3. *When you deal with a bitter person you must work to \_\_\_\_\_ that life.*

# Counseling



## Forgiveness

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

1. *Teach that forgiveness is by \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Explain \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness is.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Explain \_\_\_\_\_ we should forgive.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
4. *Explain how \_\_\_\_\_ we should forgive.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
5. *Explain \_\_\_\_\_ we are to forgive.*  
In a simple phrase: "WE MUST FORGIVE ALL!"
  - A. *We must forgive all \_\_\_\_\_ debts.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. *We must forgive people who \_\_\_\_\_ against us.*
  - C. *We must forgive the one who \_\_\_\_\_ against us.*
6. *Teach them they must \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness and why.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
7. *Teach them that Christians should forgive, using the example that \_\_\_\_\_ has given us.*  
When someone sins against us, we need to write the words *Completely Canceled* on that person account- just like Jesus did.
8. *Teach them that we should confess to God and repent of a lack of forgiveness concerning \_\_\_\_\_ matters.*

# Counseling



## The One Who Is Contemplating Suicide

Make them understand that God gave them life and that only God has the power and the right to take it. Those contemplating such a move must feel as overwhelmed as Job after he lost everything that he cared for. He showed the proper attitude toward his loss.

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**List 6 people in the Bible who wrongfully committed suicide and the Bible references:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**List 3 people in the Bible who could have committed suicide but who did not take the easy way out. List the Bible references also:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICAL POINTS CONCERNING SUICIDE COUNSELING**

1. *If they come for counseling and casually mention suicide, take them very \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *If it is a teenager, by all means address the issue with their \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Never promise to keep such feelings secret. Approach the parents with the teen.
3. *Help the one contemplating suicide to realize and know that they are \_\_\_\_\_.*
4. *Help them to know and realize that \_\_\_\_\_ loves them.*
5. *They need to know that the Bible teaches \_\_\_\_\_ suicide.*
6. *You need to give them \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
7. *He obviously faces problems that he believes are to big to be \_\_\_\_\_.*
8. *Explain to them that they may fail in their attempt and may be in a vegetative state for the rest of their life because God does not want them dead at \_\_\_\_\_.*
9. *Advise them to stay on their regular \_\_\_\_\_ of activities.*
10. *Teach them that God \_\_\_\_\_ him for his wrongdoing.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
11. *Teach him that the temptation to commit suicide can be \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
12. *Teach him that if he is unsaved, he will go to Hell when he dies.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
13. *Teach him that if he is saved and he kills himself that he will \_\_\_\_\_ himself.*  
He will forfeit all the rewards he might have earned had he chose to live out his life as God had planned. Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
14. *Teach them, if they are saved, that one or more persons may go to Hell because of their \_\_\_\_\_ in killing themselves.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
15. *You may need to meet with them on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis concerning their needs.*



# Counseling



## Finances

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

This chapter contains both Biblical and extremely practical day to day guidelines concerning finances. Certainly, no one person will practice them all, but everyone should practice many of them.

1. ***You earn your money by spending your \_\_\_\_\_.***

Time is life.

2. ***The way you spend your money is the way you spend your \_\_\_\_\_.***

To waste your money is to waste your life. To be foolish with your money- is to be foolish with your life. To be stingy with your money is to be stingy with your life. To be wise with your money is to be wise with your life.

3. ***Stealing is somewhat akin to \_\_\_\_\_.***

If you steal you have taken something that was purchased with time from a persons life. You have also stolen the time from their life that they will give to earn the money to replace the stolen article. Therefore, to steal is to steal someone's life. To take away a life is, in essence, to kill.

4. ***Most financial problems are not money problems but \_\_\_\_\_ problems.***

They need to learn to obey God, as well as themselves and their budget.

5. ***Your most important debt to pay is your \_\_\_\_\_.***

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

6. ***Everyone needs to learn proper \_\_\_\_\_.***

A. Your first priority is your tithe of your \_\_\_\_\_ not your net salary.

B. Second is your \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Third is your \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Fourth is your \_\_\_\_\_.

7. ***Pay your bills \_\_\_\_\_ or even \_\_\_\_\_.***

Grace periods are for genuine emergencies.

And remember, many times there is a high late fee.

8. ***If you are going to be late, \_\_\_\_\_ your creditor.***

**9. God teaches a \_\_\_\_\_ system for handling finances.**

The tithe, which is the *tenth*, which is God's; then, the other 90% to be distributed among our debts, necessities, and, lastly, luxuries.

**10. A \_\_\_\_\_ is the best way to control your money flow.**

Take your annual income and divide by 52 in order to arrive at approximate amounts for the budget.

- A. Tithe . . . . . 10%
- B. Food . . . . . 15%
- C. Housing . . . . . 25%
- D. Utilities . . . . . 10%
- E. Insurance and savings . . . . . 5%
- F. Automobile . . . . . 15%
- G. Miscellaneous: wife, missions, others, taxes . . . . . 20%

**11. A budget does no good unless it is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**12. Never allow expenditures to \_\_\_\_\_ your revenue.**

**13. A person should only borrow with adequate \_\_\_\_\_.**

**14. Possessing money or wealth is \_\_\_\_\_ sinful.**

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ This reference shows that only the LOVE of money is the root of all evil.

If you have been financially blessed by God- carefully study the following:

- A. A rich person usually does \_\_\_\_\_ know who his friends are.
- B. Having money in the bank often means a person can lose his \_\_\_\_\_ on God.
- C. A rich person can easily allow money to become their \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. A rich person \_\_\_\_\_ take any of his money to Heaven with him.

Therefore, he should invest wisely in God's work to earn rewards.

**15. A person's expenses will \_\_\_\_\_ to his income.**

This does not have to be so, but in most cases it is. You must develop enough character to control your outgo. Then you will have enough.

**16. Satisfaction cannot be found in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

**17. \_\_\_\_\_ should diligently teach their children about finances.**

- A. Train them to be successful in their personal finances, whether or not you are in yours.
- B. Wise parents will not \_\_\_\_\_ their children.
- C. Wise parents will teach a child to \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Wise parents will teach a child to \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Wise parents will teach a child to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Wise parents will teach a child not to \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. Wise parents will teach a child to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**18. The misuse of credit cards causes many financial \_\_\_\_\_.**

Credit cards are not the problem, the problem is the misuse of them. Be sure you control it and that it does not control you.

**19. The credit philosophy says, "Enjoy now; pay later."**

"\_\_\_\_\_" will come sooner than you think. The Bible teaches to first \_\_\_\_\_ the item, then enjoy it more later.

**20. Borrowing money with interest is like \_\_\_\_\_ money.**

This is not always wrong, but it is not always wise.

**21. When you are deeply in debt, a way out \_\_\_\_\_ be found.**

**A.** Being debt-free is a \_\_\_\_\_ goal.

Of course you can never repay God for His goodness to us; but you can be debt-free with people.

**B.** To get out of bad-debts you may have to \_\_\_\_\_ some belongings.

**C.** When trying to get out of bad-debt, do not spend any money \_\_\_\_\_.

**D.** When in debt, learn to practice \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

NEVER hire someone to do something you can do, or learn to do, yourself.

**E.** You may need to obtain a part-time job.

Work that job only for a \_\_\_\_\_ time only.

**F.** When in debt, \_\_\_\_\_ go to work. Don't let bad debt depress you into missing work and multiplying your debt problems.

**G.** Know your \_\_\_\_\_ indebtedness.

**H.** Eliminate your \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

**I.** Never carry extra \_\_\_\_\_.

**J.** Never procrastinate about \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

**K.** No one should \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ checks.

**L.** The person in debt should \_\_\_\_\_ daily and ask for God's help and wisdom.

Ask for forgiveness if you have sinned financially.

**22. Not \_\_\_\_\_ debt is the result of poor financial practices.**

Sometimes emergencies arise; God is aware of these. We can learn to trust God more as a result of these times.

**23. Beg God for His help and guidance.** Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**24. Praise God for His provision.** Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**25. As a counselor you may need to help the one in financial straits to organize his \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the problem.**

Have him bring all of his bills to the appointment and help him to organize them.

**A.** Help him set up a \_\_\_\_\_. **B.** Figure it using only the \_\_\_\_\_ income.

**C.** Have him report to you weekly as to whether the budget is followed. **D.** Couples should pitch in and help- not cast blame at one another.

**E.** Sometime you find someone with too little character to conform. You may have to actually temporarily assume the task for them. (Be very careful in this.)

**TITHING**

1. *What is the tithe?* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Is the tithe an offering?* No!  
An offering can only be given AFTER you return the tithe.
3. *Does the tithe apply to us today or is it only for Old Testament saints?*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
4. *What is the purpose of the tithe?* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. It helps you to learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Somehow God uses it to \_\_\_\_\_ His people.
  - C. It also supports the \_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_.
5. *To whom should the tithe be given?* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
6. *When should a person tithe?* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
7. *Does the tithe apply to more than money?*  
The tithe 10% of EVERYTHING! Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
8. *Should you tithe if you are in debt?* Absolutely! Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
9. *Should you tithe on the gross or the net of your income?*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ This reference teaches that you should tithe FIRST. (The gross.)
10. *You must be obedient to God's command to tithe.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
11. *Does the tithe affect in any area other than finances?*  
Yes! It affects you in the matter of \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember that people need time to grow in grace. Let the new Christian know of his responsibility to tithe; and then let God do His work in that person and let that person act upon his desire to do right.

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICAL POINTS FROM GOD'S WORD FOR THE COUNSELOR TO TEACH ON HOW ONE CAN LOSE MONEY**

1. *The person who commits \_\_\_\_\_ with a woman will lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Spending too much time in \_\_\_\_\_ will cause you to lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
3. *A person who gets his money by \_\_\_\_\_ means will suffer loss.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
4. *If you fail to \_\_\_\_\_ you will lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

5. *If you co-sign on a note for someone you don't know, you will lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
6. *The \_\_\_\_\_ person will lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
7. *A person who angers his family will lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
8. *If you get money by \_\_\_\_\_ means you will lose it.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_  
Wealth gotten by any means other than work will not be enjoyed by future generations; however, wealth gotten by hard work will increase and become an inheritance.
9. *A person who cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ and spends too much time talking will lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
10. *The person who cares not for the poor and does not help meet their needs will experience financial loss.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
11. *If you overly enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of life you will lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
12. *Drinking \_\_\_\_\_ beverages will cause you to lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
13. *A person who takes from the \_\_\_\_\_ will lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
14. *A person who is a \_\_\_\_\_ will eventually lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
15. *A person who charges an unjust rate of \_\_\_\_\_ will lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
16. *Associating with people who are self-\_\_\_\_\_ or are vain will cause a person to lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
17. *Trying hastily to become \_\_\_\_\_ will cause a person to lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
18. *A \_\_\_\_\_ person or a "Mr \_\_\_\_\_" will lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
19. *If you take financial advantage of your \_\_\_\_\_ you will lose money.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
20. *A person who lives a life of \_\_\_\_\_ will lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
21. *If you waste your God-given \_\_\_\_\_ you will lose money.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICAL POINTS ON HOW TO SAVE MONEY**

These points were compiled by Bro. Owens' wife.

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

How many money-saving hints are under each of the following headings in the text:

**GROCERY SHOPPING?** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLEANING SUPPLIES?** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLOTHING?** \_\_\_\_\_ **MISCELLANEOUS WAYS TO SAVE MONEY?** \_\_\_\_\_

# Counseling



## Helping a Person to Overcome Bad Habits

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

The following illustrations from the children of Israel's flight from Egypt are used to explain the process of breaking a habit (bondage.)

### Six steps for getting out of bondage- breaking a bad habit:

*Step 1. They must \_\_\_\_\_ that they have a bad habit.*

*Step 2. They must use and practice the law of \_\_\_\_\_.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

*Step 3. They must practice the law of \_\_\_\_\_ separation.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

*Step 4. They must practice the law of \_\_\_\_\_.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

*Step 5. They must practice the law of \_\_\_\_\_.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

*Step 6. They need to give God praise for His \_\_\_\_\_.*

Give me 2 example illustrations from the textbook of bondage that can be broken.

Bondage: The habit of \_\_\_\_\_. How many steps to overcome it? \_\_\_\_\_

Bondage: The habit of \_\_\_\_\_. How many steps to overcome it? \_\_\_\_\_

# Counseling



## Employment Opportunities and Job Changes

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *be quick to make on-the-spot decisions concerning their employment.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Cash and fringe benefits are \_\_\_\_\_ the only basis for a decision in this matter.*  
The person's health can also be an issue. (And don't let their pride get in the way here.)
3. *If it's a woman seeking job counseling, her \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be in agreement in this matter.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
4. *If the job will frequently take a husband away from home, counseling them to take the job will happen very \_\_\_\_\_.*
5. *Ask them if they have researched the \_\_\_\_\_ of the prospective place of employment.* If not, go no further with the counseling until he does so.
6. *Have him talk with current employees there to see about annual \_\_\_\_\_ or eventual shutdowns.*
7. *Council him to give a \_\_\_\_\_-week notice at his current job if he decides to leave.*
8. *They should consider if there is a place for \_\_\_\_\_ at the new job.*
9. *Counsel them that accepting a new job to increase themselves is good; but to do so to run from personal relationships at his current job is not \_\_\_\_\_.*
10. *If they are currently struggling both financially and with their degree of personal character, they should work for someone who uses a \_\_\_\_\_.*
11. *If the new job opportunity comes shortly after a couples wedding date, you should counsel him to be careful about making a change at \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
12. *It is dangerous to go into business with other Christians \_\_\_\_\_.*
13. *Hourly wage should not always be the only \_\_\_\_\_ factor.*  
Sometimes a higher wage costs you money in lost benefits- check it out first.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ *time should be considered. Both from work to home as well as church and work should be considered.*

**15. They should attempt to obtain a job where they do not have to work on \_\_\_\_\_ mornings and evenings.**

(I would counsel them NEVER take a job that gets you out of Church on Sunday mornings.)  
They should also attempt to get a job that does not keep them out of church on Wednesday evenings.

**THREE TO THRIVE**  
**Sunday morning, Sunday night,**  
**and Wednesday night.**  
**- Dr. Lee Roberson -**

They need to be faithful to Church. Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**16. They should never take a job where they have to sell alcohol, pornography, gambling, etc.** Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Never associate with a company that has a bad name for taking advantage of the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ or one that charges unfair interest rates.**

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**18. If it is a sales job make sure they would \_\_\_\_\_ the product themselves.**

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**19. You should watch for a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude in the one you are counseling.**

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**20. The privilege to serve God in a full-time capacity should always be considered \_\_\_\_\_ when counseling about a person's future.**

A man who is called to preach will never be truly happy doing anything else.



# Counseling



## Helping Others Learn How to Make Decisions

Do not spend all of your time **seeking** God's will; rather, we must spend all of our time **doing** God's will. You must wait on the unknown while fulfilling the known.

Remember, the Bible is not a Book of confusion because God is not the author of confusion..

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

**Here are some guidelines that help in making decisions:**

1. Ask yourself, "Does this activity \_\_\_\_\_ God?" Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask, "Could \_\_\_\_\_ be a partner in this activity?" Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ask, "Would my activity grieve the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?"  
Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Ask, "Will my activity cause someone to \_\_\_\_\_?" Ref. \_\_\_\_\_  
That someone could be someone ELSE; or, that someone could be ME.
5. Ask, "Is the activity \_\_\_\_\_?" Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ask, "Does the activity have the appearance of \_\_\_\_\_?" Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Ask, "Is there to much \_\_\_\_\_?" Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

Every Christian must learn to make right decisions with the help of the following:

- a. A **strong** Christian \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ preaching.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Daily \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ reading.

If someone comes to you and asks if something is right or wrong, it is probably wrong because they have doubts about it. Remember however, it is not ALWAYS wrong, they may simply be a young or immature Christian and need some guidance in a certain area. Teach them HOW to make the right decisions.

The chart on the following page may be helpful; for you and for them.



# Counseling



## The Discouraged

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons Why People Get Discouraged:

1. *Sometimes they get discouraged and feel the opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ is gone.*
2. *Some become discouraged because of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*
3. *Some get discouraged when success does not come \_\_\_\_\_.*

Watching others achieve when they themselves are struggling often causes discouragement.

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

4. *Some get discouraged when they do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ for their lives.*

### Helps For The Discouraged Ones:

1. *Teach them that with God there is always opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Tell them not to become \_\_\_\_\_.* Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Tell them that nobody is an \_\_\_\_\_ success.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

4. *Help them to find a \_\_\_\_\_ and some \_\_\_\_\_ in their life.*

Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ your work. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ your plan. (3) Don't get \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Our opportunity for success is _____.	With God there is _____ opportunity for success.
We are _____.	We need to get our eyes off of _____ and be glad for another's success.
We are not _____ successful.	We need to realize growth is necessary and normal.
We have a lack of _____, for _____ or _____.	We need to utilize God's plan & purpose everything and organize our discouragement

# Counseling



## General Principles I Never Change

These principles work 99 out of 100; therefore, use them 100% of the time.

1. *Never advise \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *Never advise a ministerial student to go anywhere but a \_\_\_\_\_ college that is under the administration of a Baptist pastor.*
3. *Never find only \_\_\_\_\_ party at fault.*  
Never make anyone feel the problem is all their fault.
4. *Never advise two couples to be “ \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ” couples.*  
The exclusiveness of the relationship between the couples can lead to marital unfaithfulness. They should have multiple close couples as friends.
5. *Never advise church members to go into \_\_\_\_\_ together.*  
Family-owned businesses, however, are a different matter. Ref. \_\_\_\_\_
6. *Never do \_\_\_\_\_-person counseling.*
7. *Never tell a man whom he should \_\_\_\_\_.*
8. *Three \_\_\_\_\_ in the case of a person attending a secular college:*
  - A. *The prospective student should never live in the \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - B. *They should never go where there is not a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ church.*  
Just as you do not accept a \_\_\_\_\_ where there is not such a church, so it is not in God’s will for you to attend a \_\_\_\_\_ were there is not such a church.
  - C. *They should never go far away from \_\_\_\_\_.*  
This makes it easier to keep them involved in church affairs.
9. *Never tell a man going into the pastorate that you know for a fact \_\_\_\_\_ he should pastor.*
10. *Never advise a preacher to resign without having a place to which he can \_\_\_\_\_.*
11. *Never advise a layman to move because of a \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity or \_\_\_\_\_.*  
Money can never be the deciding factor in a move. Nor can the will of his boss be the deciding factor. If they do decide to move against your advice, love them, and keep the lines of communication open so that you can help them if it doesn’t work out.
12. *Never advise anyone to change fundamental colleges until he has \_\_\_\_\_ what he started.*

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**13. Never advise a preacher to accept a call to start a church with a \_\_\_\_\_ off of a fundamental church.**

**14. Never give advice if it is not \_\_\_\_\_.**

**15. Never advise anyone to \_\_\_\_\_ until one year before college graduation.**

Any time before that can be too big a financial strain and may cause one or both of them to forfeit their finishing college.

**16. Never give advice if a decision has \_\_\_\_\_ been made.**

**17. Never advise a couple to adopt any child other than an \_\_\_\_\_.**

The parents and the child need to grow together. It is not wrong to adopt an older child; it is just best to advise adoption of infants only.

**18. Never advise anyone to drop out of college for a \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred they won't go back.

**19. Never advise a couple to adopt when they have a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of their own.**

**20. Never advise a couple to allow a \_\_\_\_\_ to live with them.**

**21. Never perform a marriage for someone who seems \_\_\_\_\_ about marrying.**

Let some time pass to mature the relationship and settle his/her questions.

**22. Never believe \_\_\_\_\_.**

Only believe someone is guilty when they are \_\_\_\_\_ guilty.

**23. Never perform marriages for people who are unsaved.**

Marriage is a Christian institution. They need to be saved, baptized, and in Church.

**24. Never advise people to follow a \_\_\_\_\_ when he moves.**

**25. Never begin appointments with \_\_\_\_\_.**

**26. Never \_\_\_\_\_ accept a resignation from a good person.**

Ask a man to take a six-week waiting period; and a married lady to take a four-week waiting period. (Of course her decision should include her godly husband's input.)

This will avoid hasty decisions on the part of the one resigning.

**27. Never give marital counseling if only \_\_\_\_\_ party will come.**

You can counsel the one coming on how to be a good Christian; but you should not give marriage counseling when only one spouse will come.