

LIFELINE BIBLICAL COUNSELING MINISTRIES
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Are you interested in Biblical Counseling at LifeLine Biblical Counseling Center? If you are, we encourage you to please read the following statement and then sign at the designated place at the end of this document.

The counselors at LifeLine are available to take a limited number of counseling cases. Our counselors (by design) are not certified by the state of Indiana, but have had extensive training in biblical counseling.

If you seek counseling from LifeLine we want you to know and understand that **all counseling will be conducted in accordance with the counselor's understanding of the Scriptures**. Your counseling will be **Biblical** meaning that the Scriptures will be the authority in all cases. If you are unwilling to use the Bible as the final authority and are unwilling to do homework assigned, sessions will be terminated.

If you are attending a church other than Liberty Baptist Church we encourage you to invite the pastor from your local church or someone in its leadership to accompany you to the counseling sessions. We recognize and respect the authority and the discipline of your church. This will also make the transfer back to the pastoral care of your church much easier to effect. If you are not attending a church, we strongly encourage you to attend Liberty Baptist Church on a weekly basis. Our experience has been for changes in people to be lasting, people need more than the help they receive in formal counseling. They need the total ministry of a church in which the preaching, teaching and fellowship are providing the same kind of help that is given in the counseling sessions.

Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrusted to us. There are some situations, however, when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others: When a counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem, and needs to seek advice from another pastor or elder in the church; when a counselee attends another church and it is necessary to talk to his or her pastor or elders; when there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless others intervene; when obligated by certain laws; or when a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20). Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer not to disclose personal information to others, and they will make every effort to help you find ways to resolve a problem biblically and as privately as possible.

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LifeLine Biblical Counseling, of Liberty Baptist Church, does not does not charge a specific fee for counseling. However, since there are cost involved in maintaining the ministry, counselees may want to express their thanks and help maintain the ministry in a tangible way. Donations should be made to Liberty Baptist Church and designated for LifeLine Counseling, not to the counselor. This can be placed in the container in the hallway at LifeLine. Also, part of the weekly homework assignment may require purchasing materials that relate to the counseling being done. Counselees are expected, if possible, to pay for this material.

It should be understood that biblical counseling will involve giving scriptural teaching and making practical application of the same to each individual. The counselee is held, fully responsible for how they implement that counsel.

We are confident that the Bible has all of the information necessary for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). There are no problems between persons or in persons that the Bible fails to address either in general or specific principles. Our counselors, are not infallible, nor do they pretend to know all there is to know about biblical teaching and its applications to life, but they are well equipped and competent to help people change. They will make a point to differentiate between God's commands and their suggestions. Counselor will also honestly tell you if they are stymied and will seek help. (Please note we do not give medical or legal advise.)

If a conflict should arise between the counselee and the counselor, both parties must agree to resolve the dispute outside the secular court system. Conciliation will be sought under submission to and direction of the elders and pastors of Liberty Baptist Church of Sweetser, Indiana.

Having clarified the principles and policies of our counseling ministry, we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and to be used by Him as He helps you to grow in spiritual maturity and prepares you for usefulness in His body.

Please sign below indicating that you have read the conditions for counseling set forth and agree to enter into counseling in accordance with them:

Signed _____

Date _____