

Evangelism in the Counseling:

Maximizing every divine appointment

Biblical reference: John 8:32, 36

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I. **Biblical pre-counseling – *the theology of spiritual darkness***

- A. Every counseling interview prior to one's saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is a Pre-counseling interview – no exceptions.
- B. 1 Corinthians 2: 14
- C. Four reasons to justify a biblical model of *pre-counseling*:
 - 1) Lost people are not _____ to change biblically, not obey God's Word – **No _____!**
 - 2) Every lost person is a set-up for _____ problems without Spiritual light – _____!
 - 3) The unsaved counselee will remain _____ regardless of the appearance of success in problem-solving _____!
 - 4) The counselee, without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, cannot and will not _____ the Lord (Romans 8:12) - regardless of what works in change - ***They will be _____ even problem free.***

II. **The Proper Gospel – *the theology of spiritual light***

- A. The gospel is best utilized in a setting of _____ or interest (John 4)
 - 1) You have the counselee's attention by their _____.
 - 2) They came to you for answers and help
 - 3) Trust is developed in the counseling setting by _____.
 - 3) Salvation is the work of the _____ in cooperation with the revealed Gospel.
- B. The gospel must be the _____ of the pre-counseling setting.
 - 1) Be concerned and sensitive but don't try to _____ at this point in the process.
 - 2) Be prepared & _____ in the opportunities to share the gospel.
 - 3) Take as many _____ as necessary to share the gospel with the counselee.
 - 4) Look for _____ in the counselee before giving grace.
- C. The gospel must be presented for _____ & transformation. (**Matt. 13:1-18**)

- 1) Know the difference between the “ _____ ” and the “ _____ .”
- 2) False converts usually come from the wrong _____. (**Luke 14**)
- 3) The real gospel includes _____. (**Even believing requires turning**)
- 4) The false gospel is _____.
- 5) The lack of interest, zeal, cooperation and _____ in counseling is commonly caused from the absence of the _____ in the new believer.

III. The three easiest illustrations to transition – *practical application*

- 1 - Turning on the Light to see the problem clearly. (**John 8:12**)
 - a) Illustration & example
- 2 - The River of Life to ascertain problem priorities. (**Matt. 7:21**)
 - a) Illustration & example
- 3 - Evangelizing those who *think* they are saved – (**Luke 6**)
 - a) The two fruit trees (**Galatians 5:21-23**)
 - b) Using a practical illustration in the counseling session (Creditability = Our words Vs Fruit?)

IV. Connecting Factor

- 1 - The long term picture and responsibility
- 2 - The Ministry Cycle Example:

Q & A

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