

The Christian Counselor S Manual

Shepherding God's Flock is both a textbook for students of pastoral ministry and a handbook for pastors. Jay Adams is well-known for his practical and thorough approach to the many issues of Christian counseling. That same practicality and thoroughness is found in this unparalleled handbook on pastoral ministry. Not only does it offer pastors one of the best resources in print, but it also provides church elders with an orientation and practical guide to aspects of ministry for which they have responsibility. It is truly a shepherd's handbook. The book is divided into three parts. Pastoral Life deals with the pastor, his calling, and the general care he provides the flock. Pastoral Counseling provides an overview of the task and a general approach for pastoral counselors. Pastoral Leadership offers a perspective on the ways the pastor can lead the church in its many tasks and responsibilities.

This book connects biblical doctrine with practical living. The reader gains an insight into the rich theological framework that supports and directs a biblical approach to counseling.

Seasoned counselors and professors Tim Clinton and Ron Hawkins provide a landmark reference that offers a capstone definition of the emerging profession and ministry of the Christian counselor. Appropriate for professional counselors, lay counselors, pastors, students, and teachers, it includes nearly 300 entries by nearly 100 top Christian counselors. This practical guide focuses on functional aspects of Christian counseling and explores such important topics as...Christian counseling as a profession, ministry, and lay ministry; Spiritual and theological roots; Social, emotional, and relational issues; Skills and essentials in Christian helping; Ethical and legal considerations; Intake, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning; and Premarital counseling, family therapy, and substance abuse. Counselors will also find up-to-date information on solution-based brief therapy, cognitive therapy and biblical truth, and trauma and crisis intervention. An essential resource for maintaining a broad and up-to-date perspective on helping others.

The Christian Counselor's ManualThe Practice of Nouthetic CounselingHarper Collins

Helps for Counselors

A Mini-Manual for Christian Counseling

Christian Counselor's Medical Desk Reference

A Layman's Guide for Soul Winning and Personal Counseling

A Theology of Biblical Counseling

Handbook for Christ-Centered Substance Abuse and Addiction Counselors

The Doctrinal Foundations of Counseling Ministry

The Gospel of John Since counselors are so intimately involved in dealing with people of various sorts, the great number of persons with whom Jesus deals in this Gospel (from Nicodemus to Judas) provides rich material for them. Counselors may learn much from the ways in which Jesus approaches, confronts, and changes these persons. No two are dealt with in exactly the same way. Jesus meets each one in his own milieu, often using the elements in that milieu to symbolize the truths He wishes to teach. The Letters of John . . . and Jesus Yes, Jesus Himself composed letters (in Revelation) to seven different churches and dictated them to John. That apostle was himself the author of three other epistles. All ten letters give us valuable material for use in counseling. 2 and 3 John are themselves counsel extended to individuals who were in trouble or danger while the letters in Revelation are counsel to entire churches.

One of the situations that the Christian counselor may face in his ministry is spiritual warfare. At the initial encounter, the symptoms may not appear to be a satanic situation. The only way you the counselor might be able to distinguish signs from any other condition, is through the Holy Spirit. Spiritual warfare has become an increasingly interesting topic for both secular researchers and religious believers alike. For this reason, the understanding of satanic activities should be one of the major subject matter the individual who is interested in being a Christian Counselor should research. He should investigate, analyze and gain knowledge in preparation for the unlikely event he encounters this situation.

Designed for the counselors of the Christian Broadcasting Network, this practical reference handbook is rooted in Scripture and cultivated by years of counseling wisdom and experience.

This book is a trilogy in which Dr. Adams leads both the novice and experiencedcounselor through the three key counseling sessions (or stages) which are commonto the entire counseling process.Getting Started: The First SessionWhat you do in the first session will set the tone for what follows--for good or for ill. If done well, it will help the counselee to gain confidence in your minister tohim and, more importantly, in the Word of God and the God of the Word.Breaking Through: The Turning PointThe turning point in counseling sessions is that point at which the counselor sees thebeginning of appreciable, observable change--a change of knowledge, ofunderstanding, of determination, of conviction, or of commitment. A turning point iscrucial because true Christian change--of the sort that pleases God--alwaysinvolves a closer approximation of the thoughts and life of the counselee to the"ways" of God presented in the Scriptures.Finishing Well: TerminationThis final section concerns those basic issues that have to do with closing out a seriesof counseling sessions--how to know when, how to do it, and how to follow up.

The Biblical Counseling Guide for Women

A Comprehensive Resource for Christian Counselors

Counseling

An Introduction

Handbook of Church Discipline

A Right and Privilege of Every Church Member

The Quick-Reference Guide to Biblical Counseling

So you are a Christian, and you have grown some in your spiritual walk. But you'd like to be a better Christian. There is no such thing as instant godliness. Godliness, like so many skills, requires practice, endurance, and discipline. All who are struggling for a more godly life will benefit from this inspiring booklet. Impractical platitudes are missing. They have been replaced by direct and exciting challenges. - Back cover.

A quick reference guide of helpful hints and how-tos, covering all aspects of counseling, from common problems to procedure.

"June shows us how to use biblical truth to change minds, hearts, and lives." --Dr. Mark L. Bailey President, Dallas Theological Seminary Bestselling author June Hunt's Biblical Counseling Handbook is now available in hardcover! This powerful resource is based on many years of careful research, thousands of counseling phone calls, and countless hundreds of pages of written resources produced by Hope for the Heart. This 450-page handbook brings together the very best of June's extraordinary counseling ministry, which has offered Christ-centered hope and guidance to people around the world. The 50 chapters deal with the most pressing issues people face today, and offer practical solutions firmly based on Scripture. Among the topics are... anger & adultery fear & phobias alcohol & drug abuse guilt & grief codependency & cults rejection & rape depression & divorce self-worth & suicide Readers will want to keep this life-changing resource handy alongside their Bibles.

This companion volume to 'Competent to Counsel' and 'The Christian Counselor's Manual' is designed to help the user assimilate and apply the principles of nouthetic counseling. It is a great tool for all sorts of training and personal development programs, as well as the classroom.

Christian Counseling

(A Self Help Counseling Program)

An Indispensable Tool for Helping People with Their Problems

A mini-manual for Christian Counseling

How to Help People Change

Counseling Techniques

Shepherding God's Flock

A companion and sequel volume to Competent to Counsel. Indexes, a detailed table of contents, and many diagrams and forms make this one of the best reference books for Christian counselors.

Gain a knowledge of counseling methods that are practical and consistent with Christian theological convictions. What do the Scriptures say about counseling? What is the biblical basis for using Scriptures in counseling? What does it mean to think biblically about counseling-related issues? At the root of this book is the confidence that Christ and his Word are not only sufficient for effectively handling the personal and interpersonal challenges of life but are superior to the resources found in the world. The practice of psychological counseling is a ministry and should not belong only to the realm of humanistic and secular theories of the mind. Written to pastors, elders, deacons, seminary students, and laypeople; well-known pastor John MacArthur and contributors present a system of biblical truth that brings together people, their problems, and the living God. This kind of counseling is based on the convictions that: God's Word should be our counseling authority. Counseling is a part of the basic discipling ministry of the local church. God's people can and should be trained to counsel effectively.

Counseling: How to Counsel Biblically provides biblical guidelines to counsel people who are struggling. The contributors represent some of America's leading biblical teachers and counselors, including: Ken L. Sarles, David Powlison, Douglas Bookman, David B. Maddox, Robert Smith, William W. Goode, and Dennis M. Swanson.

Counseling Techniques provides a useful resource for any type of counseling practitioner. Presenting a wide variety of the most effective and commonly used techniques associated with various diagnoses, theoretical bases, and client populations, it offers experienced therapists and students alike a single, trustworthy resource for clinical reference and guidance. Each chapter includes a user-friendly, step-by-step explanation of the techniques covered. Sections survey the following: Basic types of techniques (cognitive, behavioral, experiential, and more) Techniques for children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families Techniques for a wide variety of individual and family issues, including emotional dysregulation, shame, loss, sexual abuse, trauma, domestic violence, attachment wounds, and much more Featuring a lineup of top-notch, highly experienced counselors and thoroughly integrated with a Christian worldview, Counseling Techniques will equip therapists and students in various helping disciplines for the frequent clinical issues that arise in all forms of counseling.

A Classic in the Field of Christian Counseling Competent to Counsel has helped thousands of pastors, students, laypersons, and Christian counselors develop both a general approach to Christian counseling and a specific response to particular problems. Using biblically directed discussion, nouthetic counseling works by means of the Holy Spirit to bring about change in the personality and behavior of the counselee. As Dr. Jay Adams points out in his introduction, "I have been engrossed in the project of developing biblical counseling and have uncovered what I consider to be a number of important scriptural principles. . . . There have been dramatic results. . . . Not only have people ' s immediate problems been resolved, but there have also been solutions to all sorts of long-term problems as well." Since its first publication in 1970, this book has gone through over thirty printings. It establishes the basis for and an introduction to a counseling approach that is being used in pastors ' studies, in counseling centers, and across dining room tables throughout the country and around the world

Healing Relationships

A Theology of Christian Counseling

Five Approaches

The Christian Counselor's Casebook

Christian Premarital Counseling

Gospel-Centered Family Counseling

A Christian's Manual for Lay Counseling

Christian Premarital Counseling for counselors. The question is, "How does one conduct premarital counseling?" Many have not received any training in this area. I faced this same problem. As a pastor, I had to figure out how to conduct premarital counseling. The benefits were plainly evident. Session by session, couple by couple, I finally figured out a plan. I have since then enhanced it a bit and made it available to others. Everything one needs is here including handouts and forms with many downloads to enhance use in our internet age.Purpose: To aid pastors, elders and other church leaders involved in premarital counseling to challenge and prepare engaged couples to have good and godly marriages.

This is a handbook for pastors, elders, and all Christians who want to see how Scripture presents the process of discipline that should operate in the Christian community. It was written in response to the various concerns that threaten to tear apart marriages, families, friendships, and congregations--concerns that call for a biblical approach to discipline that can heal fractures, restore right relationship, and ensure the health of the church. Developed around the five corrective steps found especially in Matthew 18:15-17, this book helps church leaders deal with the sorts of problems that require the church's disciplinary response. Charting a course that combines discernment with appropriate action, this simple, readable handbook can have a profound effect on the community of believers.

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Now in its fourth edition, this classic reference book helps counselors, pastors, and individual Christians with specific personal needs find sound scriptural guidance for resolving problems and growing in faith. The updated cover and packaging will attract new buyers to this already popular reference tool.

Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage in the Bible

Therapeutic Expedition

Caring for the Souls of Children

Quick Scripture Reference for Counseling

More Than Redemption

Preparing the Two to Be One

A Biblical Counselor's Manual

The guidance every woman needs for any difficulty can be found in the pages of Scripture. Join counseling professor John D. Street and his wife, Janie, as they offer clear descriptions and careful direction for some of the most common physical, mental, and emotional struggles faced by women today.

All that was done to us, what we have done to others, the failures, the ills, the violations of our persons, the brutalities, the perversions of life, rejections, death of loved ones, tragedies, loneliness, abandonment, Jesus paid the penalty for all these sins, and provided the means to handle the tragedies of life. We do not need to deal with these violations and tragedies on our own. Christ is in us to work out our salvation daily (Phil. 2:12-13; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 6:3-6; Ezek. 18:20). Being in Christ, we are new creatures and we are to deal with life now from the biblical perspective. Our problem is not with Satan, not with people, not with the circumstances of life, but our problem lies in our relationship with God. Our focus is to change from a concern about self, to a concern about God's glory and that is accomplished by our godly responses to others and life in general (Rom. 5:17; Cor. 5:21). Thus, the answer to healing the soul lies here: loving God by obeying His commands (John 14:21), and dealing with unresolved actions of the past in a spirit of repentance and reconciliation (Matt. 7:5).

In principle, Christians believe knowing Jesus Christ is the original and abiding "cure of the soul." But in practice, the church's provision of personalized care and counsel has often been unthoughtful and unskillful. During the past 150 years, many other practitioners and theorists have filled the gap. Psychiatry and psychotherapy (transliterations of two Greek words for "cure of the soul") claim to offer the deep truth that explains a human being and the final word on how we can be cured from the troubles that beset us. Secularized explanations and cures call for no recourse to the Bible or Jesus. Beginning in the late 1960s, a biblical counseling movement sought to reclaim counseling for the church. It aimed to provide a coherently Christian alternative to mainstream psychiatry and psychotherapy. The Biblical Counseling Movement: History and Context is an informative and thought-provoking account of that movement. How did it begin and develop? What were the defining ideas? Where were the tension points and struggles, both internally and with evangelical psychotherapists? David Powlison's historical account combines careful scholarship with unique, eyewitness insight. This book is an invaluable resource for those who want to understand the biblical counseling movement. The core chapters were originally a PhD dissertation in history of science and medicine (University of Pennsylvania). This new edition adds a lengthy appendix, containing articles by Dr. Powlison. These extend and deepen the history, giving a fine-grained analysis of developments within the biblical counseling movement and in its relationship to evangelical psychotherapists. The author also freely expresses his point of view and personal convictions regarding the history he has carefully described.

Pastors and counselors regularly minister to people whose marriages or families are in crisis. Tempers run high and feelings are brought low when a marriage is hurting or a family is in disarray. Pastors and counselors need practical, biblical help in order to connect their theological training to the reality of modern messy relationships. These how-to training manuals provide relevant, user-friendly equipping for pastors, counselors, lay leaders, educators, and students, enabling them to competently and compassionately relate God's Word to marriage and family life.

Counsel for Couples

A Handbook on Pastoral Ministry, Counseling, and Leadership

How to Counsel Biblically

Competent Christian Counseling, Volume One: Foundations and Practice of Compassionate Soul Care

Equipping the Christian Counselor for the Journey
The Four-Step Biblical Process

Hurting people need help. But sometimes those who are faced with helping the hurting could use a little more information about the problems that needy people bring to them. The Quick-Reference Guide to Biblical Counseling provides the answers. It is an A-Z guide for assisting people--helpers--pastors, professional counselors, youth workers, and everyday believers--to easily access a full array of information to aid them in (formal and informal) counseling situations. Issues addressed include addictions, forgiveness, sexual abuse, worry, and many more. Each of the 40 topics covered follows a helpful eight-part outline and identifies: 1) typical symptoms and patterns, 2) definitions and key thoughts, 3) questions to ask, 4) directions for the conversation, 5) action steps, 6) biblical insights, 7) prayer starters, and 8) recommended resources. About the series The Quick-Reference Guides are A-Z guides that assist people--helpers--pastors, professional counselors, youth workers, and everyday believers--to easily access a full array of information to aid them in (formal and informal) counseling situations. Each of the forty topics covered follows a helpful eight-part outline and identifies: 1) typical symptoms and patterns, 2) definitions and key thoughts, 3) questions to ask, 4) directions for the conversation, 5) action steps, 6) biblical insights, 7) prayer starters, and 8) recommended resources.

Dr. Smith gives a frank discussion of various "diseases" that help the biblical counselor/pastor to determine if the problem(s) are organic in nature or not. Also discusses many of the psychotherapeutic drugs used today.

You aren't a licensed marriage and family therapist. You didn't do a doctoral dissertation on pastoral counseling. You're simply God's person caring for God's people in the local church. And the marriages in your church need help. Many pastors feel ill-equipped to handle the challenges that arise when a couple is going through marital difficulties. They feel lost and inadequate. What do you say? What counsel do you offer? Should I say anything or just listen? Do I schedule a follow-up appointment? Do I ask questions? What questions? If you are or have been in this situation before, this book offers you a practical guide to get started with the first sessions and then offers specific guidance on nine of the most common topics that come up in marriage counseling. Author and pastor Jonathan Holmes offers a solid, biblical theology and methodology to help you navigate through the world of marriage counseling with the fundamental conviction that God's word is powerful enough to address the deepest of marital issues, and robust enough to handle whatever might come your way. In each chapter, you'll meet a new couple dealing with a different issue, much like the people in your church, office, and neighborhood. Through the book you'll also hear advice from several respected voices in the biblical counseling community. Whether you're a novice or already knowledgeable, Counsel for Couples provides theologically sound and biblically practical tools to help you as you help couples in need.

This book provides a forum for five major perspectives on the interface of Christianity and psychology to display their distinctions in a counseling context. Experts in each approach show how to assess, conceptualize, counsel and offer aftercare to a hypothetical client with a variety of complex issues.

Godliness Through Discipline

A Biblical and Practical Guide for Marriage Counseling

The Christian Counselor's Handbook

The Biblical Counseling Movement

An Equipping Guide for Pastors and Counselors

The Practice of Nouthetic Counseling

A Training Manual for Christian Counselors

A companion and sequel volume to Competent to Counsel. Indexes, a detailed table of contents, and many diagrams and forms make this one of the best reference books for Christian counselors. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Introduces the foundations of a distinctively Christian approach to counseling.

For undergraduates and those pursuing a master's degree in counseling, psychology, social work, or pastoral counseling, Therapeutic Expedition is the only comprehensive basic helping skills textbook built upon a biblical world-view. Authors John C. Thomas and Lisa Sosin pull from their combined fifty years of clinical and classroom experience to prepare future counselors for their professional journey, fostering specific skills application in the areas of: Creating a helping relationship Assigning homework Exploring the counselee's concerns Spiritual strategies Facilitating the sessions Using metaphors Assessing the counselee The book's unique combination of qualities-a practical approach highlighting professional and personal growth based on authoritative, interdisciplinary, and biblical worldview outlooks-makes this an outstanding text within its field. Workbook exercises to foster skills application are included with each chapter.

Under the guidance and approval of the American Association of Christian Counselors, more than forty Christian professionals have contributed to this reference book that provides a biblically based and empirically validated model of 21st-century Christian counseling that invites Christ into the heart of the helping process to meet the deepest needs of individuals and families.

Spiritual Warfare: Setting Captives FREE

Counseling and Christianity

Competent to Counsel

Gettings Started, Breaking Through, Finishing Well

The Gospel of John and The Letters of John and Jesus

History and Context

Biblical Counseling Manual

A Theology of Christian Counseling connects biblical doctrine with practical living. Salvation, that central concern of Protestant theology, is often too narrowly defined. It is thought of as “being saved from the consequences of sin.” But God is doing much more. He is making something new out of the old sinful nature. He is, in Christ, making new creatures.“No counseling system that is based on some other foundation can begin to offer what Christian counseling offers. . . . No matter what the problem is, no matter how greatly sin has abounded, the Christian counselor’s stance is struck by the far-more-abounding nature of the grace of Jesus Christ in redemption. What a difference this makes in counseling!”In this book the reader will gain an insight into the rich theological framework that supports and directs a biblical approach to counseling. And the connection between solid theology and practical application will become compelling. This book is one-of-a-kind.

“While touching on many aspects of counseling, this book . . . is specifically designed to elucidate the process of counseling. I have often mentioned and illustrated that process, but not in the focused and systemic way that the four-step biblical process is set forth here. . . . This book presents a fresh perspective not only on how to counsel, but also on what measures to take at what stages of counseling.”—Jay Adams, from the prefaceChange is the essential goal of the counseling process. And, in the author’s words, “substantial change requires the alteration of the heart.” How can a Christian counselor facilitate such change? The answer, of course, may be found in Scripture, specifically in 2 Timothy 3:14–17.Jay Adams is a well-known counselor who bases his whole approach on Scripture. This book provides an unparalleled opportunity to see how he discovers and applies biblical principles as well as the way in which Scripture functions as the basis for his counseling approach. This book answers two questions: “How does a counselor help people change?” and, “How does Scripture provide the source of a counselor’s method?”How to Help People Change has much to say about the ongoing discussion of the relationship between theology and psychology in the enterprise of Christian counseling.

'Healing Relationships: A Christian's Manual for Lay Counseling' is designed to equip you, the layperson, to minister to those who are hurting. Stephan Grunlan and Daniel Lambrides, both skilled counselors, explain how you can allow Christ's love to bring about a healing relationship. Sunday school teachers, youth workers, elders - every church member should have some training in counseling skills so they can turn their interpersonal relationships into healing relationships. In 13 informative chapters, 'Healing Relationships' presents clear counseling procedures and illustrates a variety of counseling situations for Sunday school discussion, Bible study, or personal application. For those who wish to use the book as a group study, a Leader’s Guide is also available.

Since the beginning of the biblical counseling movement in 1970, biblical counselors have argued that counseling is a ministry of the Word, just like preaching or missions. As a ministry, counseling must be defined according to sound biblical theology rather than secular principles of psychology. For over four decades, biblical theology has been at the core of the biblical counseling movement. Leaders in biblical counseling have emphasized a commitment to teaching doctrine in their counseling courses out of the conviction that good theology leads to good counseling...and bad theology leads to bad counseling. A Theology of Biblical Counseling is a landmark new book that covers the history of the biblical counseling movement, the core convictions that underlie sound counseling, and practical wisdom for counseling today. Dr. Heath Lambert shows how biblical counseling is rooted in the Scriptures while illustrating the real challenges counselors face today through true stories from the counseling room. A substantive textbook written in accessible language, it is an ideal resource for use in training biblical counselors at colleges, seminaries, and training institutes. In each chapter, doctrine comes to life in real ministry to real people, dramatically demonstrating how theology intersects with the lives of actual counselees.

Providing Biblical Hope and Practical Help for 50 Everyday Problems

Introduction to Nouthetic Counseling

The Christian Counselor's Manual

The Sequel and Companion Volume to Competent to Counsel

The Popular Encyclopedia of Christian Counseling

Counseling Through Your Bible Handbook

The Billy Graham Christian Worker's Handbook

Dr. Michael Belzman is the founder of the Association of Christian Alcohol & Drug Counselors (ACADC). An educator, counselor and pastor, he is also a speaker at congressional hearings warning law makers against making laws that exclude Faith-Based counselors from participation in the professional arena or infringe upon their religious freedom. ACADC is the only Christ-centered counselor certification organization authorized by any state government. ACADC Institute trains their students biblically so they can provide addiction counseling to Christians in need of the biblical rather than secular options. Few thought it possible that a Christ-centered certification board could exist in today's postmodern society, yet ACADC was written by the hand of God into the California Code of Regulations, opening a door that no man could close. From a background of teaching psychology at secular universities, and a false belief in human solutions to the problems of the soul, Dr. Belzman surrendered his life to Christ in 1980. By nurturing a personal relationship with Him through prayer and Bible study, he found that God's life principles and promises changed his life in a way that psychology or prescribed drugs could not do. He saw first-hand how God's power not only overcomes deep addiction, but can direct the decisions of kings. Dr. Belzman pastors ACADC Christian Fellowship founded on the notion that healing of the soul best takes place in the context of Christ-centered relationships bathed in prayer. He lives with his family in Calimesa, California and welcomes communication from anyone desiring to serve God by becoming a Christ-centered counselor. He and his staff of Christ-centered professionals may be contacted by email at acadc@acadc.org, or by letter addressed to the Association of Christian Alcohol & Drug Counselors, attn: Mike Belzman, PO Box 8604, Redlands, CA 92375.

Many pastors, counselors, and theologians consider this book the most helpful on the issue of marriage and divorce.

Coming alongside struggling children can feel like an uphill battle. Counselors and parents mistakenly believe children somehow need different answers to life ' s problems than adults need—but Christ is always the way. Children struggle with the same desires adults struggle with, are lured by the same lies adults fall prey to, and can find hope in the same source adults can find hope—in our Lord and Savior. In this manual for biblical counselors, men and women will learn how to help struggling children with the hope found in our Redeemer as presented in the Word of God. Caring for the Souls of Children equips counselors, parents, pastors, and anyone else who wants to love children with the hope of Jesus to boldly trust in the sufficiency of Scripture. Rather than relying on different methods to reach children, this manual helps counselors share the truth of Christ—the way, the truth, and the life—all while tailoring interactions and teachings to the understanding of children. Edited by counseling professional and author Amy Baker, this in-depth resource offers the biblical wisdom and practical insights of contributing authors who are experienced in biblical counseling for children.

Critical Stages of Biblical Counseling