

## **Why Biblical Counseling?** ***The Purposes of Biblical Counselors***

We help believers overcome sin. Many problems have, as their root, sin. Lust, anger, lying, lack of self control, selfishness and the lack of biblical love are among the many sins that can lead to problems so serious that people need help (sought in the form of counseling). Through the truths and enabling strength of God's Word, believers put off sin and put on righteousness (Ephesians 4.22-24). The Word (Psalm 119.9-11) is used to enable brothers and sisters to have victory over these and all sins.

We help Christians overcome other problems. Sometimes Christians need the encouragement of the hope found in God's Word. Some do not know what the Bible teaches about communication, how to resolve conflicts, how to parent, how to forgive or how to change and grow. Others are weak in faith. We provide life-changing information from the Word along with genuine Christlike love and care. We become involved in lives (Philippians 1.8). It is a great blessing to be able to serve these fellow believers.

We also provide discipleship. Along with a process of change in regard to the life problems that are the focus of counseling, concurrently the counselee is helped to develop the close personal relationship with Christ that will be the key to overcoming the future storms of life. The believer glorifies God by making patterns of daily quality Bible study, prayer and involvement in church resources and ministries.

Our mission is to be used by God to help Christians become more like Christ. We work to help brothers and sisters deal with difficulties with the tools of the Word. They simultaneously grow in spiritual maturity.