

# Biblical Counselling

## Assignments for the Whole Course

**The Student will need to complete the set of four term assignments in order to receive a certificate.**

A completed assignment may be forwarded to the supervisor at the conclusion of each term. If a student has commenced this subject part way through the year, then assignments need to be forwarded at the end of an equivalent period of time.

### Introduction to Doing the Assignments

The Course which you are undertaking is a vast one which has drawn upon many resources for its structuring. The use of so many resources is because it is covering material which has not hitherto been put together formally. All the materials given need to be studied closely, and the student should be trying to use these in practical counselling whilst the Course proceeds.

#### **Part I-Lessons 1-10; Cassettes 1-6a**

This is an Introduction to the whole subject, seeking to place it in human thinking, both biblical and non-biblical. You are required to listen to the cassettes which have been recorded for these Studies, as they help to interpret the written material. You can realise that Assignment 1 will need a lot of covering and for this reason you will have to extend yourself in doing so.

#### **Part II-Lessons 11-14; Cassettes 6b-9**

This section on Biblical Anthropology requires you to read the book *The Meaning and Making of Man*, and this book is packed with relevant material. No non-biblical anthropology course can give the insights your course will give, though they, on the horizontal level, may have a certain value. Again, you will be required to give an extensive coverage in your Assignment on this Part.

#### **Part III-Lessons 15-19; Cassettes 10-14**

Part III will cover selected topics from the book *The Wisdom of God and the Healing of Man*. This book is quite practical in helping you to sense the help of Scripture in meeting the needs of Man as set out in the Parts I and II. The matters of anger and tranquillity, wounding and healing, and the action of the conscience on the human person, will require a full answer in your Assignment.

#### **Part IV-Lessons 20-22; Cassettes 15-17**

This section will also be from the book *The Wisdom of God and the Healing of Man*. The topics in this Part will again be most practical in their application, and will, again, require close attention. The Assignment will need to be as thorough as in any other Part.

Having finished the Course you will realise how widely it covers the whole matter of counselling, the need of sage advice from a wise person, one who has been specially informed by the revelation of God, Man and Creation which the Scripture gives.

## **Assignments for the Biblical Counselling Course**

No Assignment should be less than 3,000 words because of the amount of material which has to be covered. There should, however, be a limit of 6,000 on any Assignment. The title page should have only the name and number of the Part, the name of the Tutor, the name and address of the student. Only one side of each page should be used and each page should be numbered at the top. A margin should be on the left side and pages should be held by a paper clip or a staple.

### **Part I Assignment (Lessons 1-10)**

You should seek to cover the following, briefly:

1. The Introduction to the Course, showing what Counselling is and why we should seek to use it.
2. The reason for drawing our knowledge of wisdom from the Scriptures, showing the difference between biblical and non-biblical sources of knowledge and wisdom.
3. Show how we need to have a true knowledge of God, of Man and of the Creation, in order to be able to have that kind of wisdom which will (i) understand the person who comes to us for help, and (ii) how it is that we can then offer help for the particular stage and situation which that person is in.

### **Part II Assignment (Lessons 11-14)**

1. Describe the nature of Man as God made him in creation, and talk of the image of God; man and woman together; their innocence; their beautiful life; in short, what it was to be an unfallen human being.
2. Try to cover the whole matter of Man in his fallenness; what his separation from God meant in his existence; the problem of his sin and guilt; showing how valuable this knowledge is in meeting a person under the guilt of sin and so living in broken and inadequate relationships with God, with other human beings, as with his/her self.
3. Show how Man in the image of God may be restored from fallenness, how his relationship with the Triune God will enable him to have ontological harmony and renewal of the primal image through the Persons and the work of the Godhead. Discuss briefly the matter of the tension the new person finds in society which surrounds him, and show how he/she can live with it.

### **Part III Assignment (Lessons 15-19)**

1. Cover the whole matter of human anger, and show how a person can be released from that anger and find tranquillity.
2. Discuss the idea of God Himself wounding and healing a person. Introduce the idea of human accountability for human choices, and how healing can come from God.
3. Open up the whole subject of human guilt and the human conscience. Describe the 'forms' of conscience and show how the conscience can be purified and its value for the person relieved of his/her guilt.

#### Part IV Assignment (Lessons 20-22)

1. Take any *four* of the *six* subjects including 'The Cleansing of the Memories' and 'The Profitable Pursuit of Pleasure' and deal thoroughly with them.
2. Try to evaluate the whole Course on Biblical Counselling and describe how it has been of use in your dealings with other persons.

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