

CONSENT TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING

OUR GOAL – The goal in Biblical Counseling is to point people to Jesus Christ in the midst of their crisis. We want to help Christians better understand how to apply the Truth we are given in the Bible. Only by abiding in Jesus Christ can we heal, reconcile, overcome and celebrate in victory (John 15:5).

BIBLICAL BASIS – We believe that the Bible provides thorough guidance and instruction for faith and life (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, our counseling is based upon scriptural principles. This is not a government licensed counseling/therapy service. We use the Bible which is not an acceptable practice for most secularly based, government licensed counseling services.

COMMITMENTS – Biblical Counseling consists of the counselor providing truth from the Bible and the counselee applying that truth in their life. The counselor's responsibilities include diligent study of the Scriptures and proper preparation for each counseling session. The counselee agrees to accept the authority of the Bible, to make every effort to attend each counseling session with a teachable spirit, and to complete the assigned homework. Homework usually requires a commitment of twenty minutes per day for six days a week. You are also expected to regularly attend services at your local church.

TERMINATION – At any time during the counseling, for reason(s) sufficient to him or her, either the counselor or counselee has the option of terminating the Biblical Counseling. Main reasons for termination include not attending counseling sessions or failure to complete projects for growth.

CONFIDENTIALITY – We will appropriately keep confidential the information you entrust to us. However, that does not mean that your information will be kept confidential in all circumstances. Because you are seeking Bible based, Biblical Counseling, we want you to understand that there may be times for the sake of shepherding or safety when it is necessary to share such information with others. For training purposes under the guidance of the counselor, counselors-in-training may periodically observe sessions.

COST – There is no charge for the first session. The first session gives the Biblical Counselor an opportunity to gather information and to develop a path for moving forward. The first session also gives the counselee an opportunity to gain a better understanding of what Biblical Counseling is and to decide if that is the path that they want to pursue for growth and recovery. Following sessions are \$80 for approximately a one hour session. Most counselees complete their counseling in 8 to 12 sessions. Sessions following the first session, must be prepaid within two days of the subsequent session. If prepayment is not made then the next session will be canceled and not rescheduled until payment is received. This is to improve scheduling and reduce time spent collecting for past appointments. Counselees are expected to purchase any materials which correspond to their homework. These materials are yours to keep.

CONCLUSION & SIGNATURE – Having clarified the principles and policies of Biblical Counseling LLC, we welcome the opportunity to serve you in the name of Christ and to be used by Him as He helps you to grow in spiritual maturity and prepares you for usefulness in His body. If you have any questions about these guidelines or conditions, please speak with your Biblical Counselor.

Having read the foregoing information and conditions fully and completely, my signature below indicates that I understand all the material presented and fully agree to comply.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name*: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

* only required if counselee is under 18 years of age