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Names & Titles of Jesus Lesson 17B - The Counsellor (part 2)

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He is called Counsellor by name. Isaiah 9:6... *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.* What a joy to have a personal relationship with the Counsellor Jesus the one to whom we can turn for counsel, advice, direction. He will always tell us the truth speaking from a heart of love. He knows the end from the beginning. He is the all wise, all mighty.

There are three ways of thinking that we want to consider:

1. The Bible way...
2. The world's way...
3. Lastly the modern church way influenced almost entirely by the world's way.

It is the norm amongst saved people today to say to a friend, a pastor, or a fellow church member; I am going to the pastor to get some counseling.

Here are some interesting facts to ponder:

- The word **counsel** is found 19 times in the New Testament.
 - a. Five times **counsel** is God taking counsel with Himself. It is the Trinity deciding on a certain course of action.
 - b. One time it refers to a man declaring God's **counsel**. What the Trinity decided when they took counsel together that a man declared.
 - c. Every other time in the New Testament the word **counsel** is used, it is used of men who are opposing God.

(Now if we want to be biblical, what does the New Testament say about counsel? It says that man's counsel is against God's word.)

- Now by contrast, in the New Testament...
 - a. "Preach" 44 times
 - b. "Preacher" 4 times
 - c. "Preaching" 26 times
 - d. "Preached" 58 times

(132 times God makes reference to **preaching** and it is all good. Now if every reference to man giving counsel to another man in the New Testament as something opposed to God and 132 times God makes reference to

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preaching, then what does it say to you when the modern Christian does not like preaching but wants to come to a preacher for counseling? It tells you that the inclination of modern man both inside and outside the church is anti-biblical.)

- In the New Testament...
 - a. "Teach" 33 times
 - b. "Teacher" 4 times
 - c. "Teaching" 23 times
 - d. "Taught" 46 times

(106 times the Bible refers to teaching God's word to others.)

There are 238 times where God says to somebody who knows the Bible have someone else sit and listen to teaching, there are zero times when the Bible says make special appointments so that a minister can sit and listen to your problems. Keep an open heart on this, please do not get offended; we are just getting started. The reason people want to pay a counselor for a counseling session is because they get to talk about their problems. The reason they do not want to go to church and hear a preacher teach the Bible is because they do not want to hear the word of God.

By means of a good Bible teacher it would take about three sermons to teach every husband what the Bible says he is supposed to do to be a good husband. Sure after that we could meet once a week for an hour and discuss your issues. But all of that is stalling while you decide whether or not you are going to do what the Bible says. Until you do what the Bible says all the counseling in the world is not going to make you a better husband. It does not matter how many sessions you have with a PhD educated Christian counselor.

Let us look at a Bible verses so often misused.

- Proverbs 11:14 *Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety*, let's look at the verse in its' context, Proverbs 24:6 *For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.*

What is our context here? It is a man going to war. If you were preparing to go to war you would gather together men who had served in previous wars and won through their experience this would give to a better advantage in winning and returning home safely.

You may be having trouble at home with your marriage; wife or children, the last place you would seek counsel from would be people that have failing marriages, children in juvenile detention, have dropped out of church to become advisors of others. The fact that you sought out a multitude of

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counsel does not fulfill these verses. If you want to win a war you ask people who won wars how they won the wars. If you want to find out how to have a good life, you seek out people who are living victorious lives.

- Proverbs 21:30 ... *There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.*

A multitude of counselors is a good thing as long as every one of them is counseling me to obey the Lord, showing me what the Bible says.

Here is a partial list of mental and psychological disorders according to the American Psychiatric Association.

ADULT DISORDERS (COMMON DISORDERS):

1) Alcohol and Drug Abuse. (That is not a disorder. That is something you pay money for.) No – you have lust in your flesh! The Bible calls it a sin. The Bible defines these who participate in swallowing these poisons as drunkards and commands that they stop.

2) Anorexia Nervosa. (That is when you starve yourself.) Now do you know why you are starving yourself? Because you are concerned about your appearance. There is no doubt it becomes an emotional problem a psychological problem. But it starts out as the lust of the flesh. We all remember Karen Carpenter singing “*I won’t last a day without food...*” It was within her reach, but she died because she would not eat.

3) Anxiety Disorders. The Bible says: *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.* Philippians 4:6 If your doctor says you have cancer, just turn it over to the Lord in prayer, supplication, giving of thanks. Take the treatment your doctor advises, but there is no sense in worrying about the outcome if you have given the outcome to the Lord.

4) Adult Attention Deficit/ Hyper-activity Disorder. Every boy in my school had attention deficit disorder. Every teacher in our school had a paddle. It is amazing how that paddle can make you sit still without a prescription.

Let us suppose out of seven billion people in the world there are some people who have trouble concentrating, trouble paying attention. What is wrong with that? Why is that a disease? Those people need to find a job that is constantly changing requiring that they be in motion or doing something with their hands... a desk job would not work for those people.

If the American Psychiatric Association has listed these as disorders... they say emotional and mental problems need counseling or medication. What is the standard of normalcy by which they determine these things are abnormal? The Bible speaks about sluggards, slothful people. Proverbs 20:4; Proverbs 19:15 What if it is not A.D.D. There are people who just want to vegetate? Who decided hyperactivity was abnormal and sitting in front of a

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video game for twenty straight hours in a chair was normal? If you do not have a standard how do you determine normal or abnormal? My standard is Jesus Christ. He did not mention any of this – He mentioned drunkenness, sluggards, slothfulness... He did not mention alcoholism.

- 5) Bipolar Disorder.
- a. Depressive episode
 - b. Manic episode
 - c. Hyper episode.
 - d. Mixed episodes.

The car will break down, there will be losses, people will accuse you unjustly; the Bible says all will have trouble. Job 5:6-7; Job 14:1 There is no need for a pill, all you need is Jesus. Psalm 50:15; Proverbs 3:5 People who cannot cope with life want somebody to diagnose them. We are not telling anybody to throw their pills away. We are saying why do you trust that shrink so much and do not trust the Bible?

The list of disorders is long, given the objective of this lesson we will not cover all of them, but will say, if you looked at all of them, we are sure you would find some which apply to you. We are all mentally defective according to the Bible as a result of sin. The Bible tells us how to deal with our disorders... 2 Corinthians 10:5 *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; ... Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths...* Isaiah 55:9 *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.* Sin has hurt our thought life, emotional life, and physical life. Jesus is the only way by which you can find peace. He is the way, the truth and the life, the Counsellor and the Prince of Peace. John 14:6; Isaiah 9:6

Ephesians 1:11-12 Why would you long for the rapture if nothing went wrong down here? Why would it be a blessed hope for Jesus to come and get us out of here if here wasn't a mess? *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.* By His counsel, He made a way that we can be saved, go to heaven, have eternal life. What a great counselor. Praise the Lord!

Hebrews 6:17-18 *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two*

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immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Now do you see what your Counselor does? He offers you a refuge. Why do you need a refuge if there isn't a storm? He is hope set before you for a time when you need hope. Have you lost a loved one? You're not going to get over that sorrow easily. Why would you want to medicate yourself out of remembering someone you loved so much? Life on earth is difficult and often hurts. We should all learn to depend on the Bible when the trials of daily life come. We should attend a Bible believing church where we would find people who have struggled enduring hardships. The scriptures tell us with assurance "It's impossible for God to lie" You can stake your life on it, HE did.

Notes

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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with all your answers, including the T/F.

1. When thoughts that cause us to sin come into our minds, what does the Bible tell us to do?
2. The American Psychiatric Association has a list of mental disorders, how does the Bible define that list?
3. What does the usage of the word "counsel" teach us in the Bible?
4. If you have a personal relationship with the Counsellor, what can you expect?
5. From what you have learned in this lesson, define Proverbs 1:2.
6. Define the following words:
 - a. sluggard
 - b. blessed hope
 - c. drunkard
 - d. multitude of counselors

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7. What is the purpose of having trouble?
8. How can a man learn to be a good husband or a woman a good wife?
9. What are the ways the Bible shows us to be instructed?
10. What are the two verses regarding counseling that are misused in the Bible?
11. Where can you apply to your life the scripture portion that says: "*it was impossible for God to lie*"?

True/false

- Alcoholism is not a disorder, it is sin.
- Drug addiction is not a disorder, it is sin.
- A.D.D. is not a disorder, it is sin.
- Anxiety is not a disorder, it is sin.

**Scripture memorization**

Proverbs 3:5-6; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Isaiah 55:9

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

Any Questions?