

Lesson 9. The Minister as a Counselor

Resources: Barber, R. (2000) Profile of a Preacher. Murfreesboro: Sword of the Lord Publications.

Foundational Texts:

- Pro 11:14
- Pro 15:22
- Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Counseling Ethics. (Topcounselingschools.org)

- 1) Maintenance of a Work Ethic
- 2) _____
- 3) Avoiding Sexual Impropriety
 - a) No _____
 - b) No meetings _____ with those of the opposite sex
 - c) Be _____
- 4) _____ Integrity
- 5) Giving and Receiving _____
 - I. Counseling strategy
 - a. Listen
 - b. Pray
 - c. Apply Scripture
 - d. Discuss a plan of action
 - e. Take confidential notes
 - f. Follow up
 - II. Counseling concerns (www.counseling.org: 2014 ACA Code of Ethics)

- a. _____ is the cornerstone of the counseling relationship, and counselors have the responsibility to respect and safeguard the client’s right to privacy and confidentiality.
 - b. The general requirement that counselors keep information confidential does not apply when disclosure is required to protect clients or identified others from serious and foreseeable harm or when legal requirements demand that confidential information must be revealed. Counselors consult with other professionals when in doubt as to the validity of an exception.
 - c. Counselors practice only within the boundaries of their _____, based on their education, training, supervised experience, state and national professional credentials, and appropriate professional experience.
 - d. Sexual and/or romantic counselor– client interactions or relationships with current clients, their romantic partners, or their family members are prohibited. This prohibition applies to both in-person and electronic interactions or relationships.
 - e. Counselors are prohibited from engaging in counseling relationships with friends or family members with whom they have an inability to remain objective.
 - f. Counselors are prohibited from engaging in a personal virtual relationship with individuals with whom they have a current counseling relationship (e.g., through social and other media).
- II. Noteworthy remarks
- a. Don’t act like you _____ more than you do.
 - b. Avoid _____ things
 - c. Don’t use the common “cliché” answers
 - d. Be prepared to recommend a professional counselor if it is beyond your level of expertise
 - e. Guard your time in this area
 - f. _____ must remain top priority
 - g. Be careful not to give your _____
 - h. Give sound _____ advice