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#1: The worshippers at Spirit Filled Church all of a sudden started to feel sick. All the relatives of the worship began to panic because none of the worshippers return home that Friday night. Little did they know that all worshippers got carbon monoxide poisoning and were in the hospital. The worshippers began praying for one another. These factors make this more complex it cause tension with my faith in what the worshippers believe in the power of prayer for healing and protection of whatever they were experience and the tension of was something happen physical or they experiencing a spiritual attack. There is also tension were they worthy of God's protection or was there hidden sin. People in the church will began to wondering why this was happening because since they are sons and daughters of God why is God allowing this? Some people depending on denominational affiliations will believe that God does punish and others would not. I believe that God does punish through trials and tribulations.

#6: As a woman of Faith, I believe that the world is filled with sinful human beings that use sinful thinking. Yes this statement contains truth because Jesus was the only one that was blameless and the only one without sin and everyone one is full of sin. This statement abolishes the validity of psychology because psychology is not just about sinful human beings and sinful thinking there is so aspects to it. For example the science aspect within in clinical psychology where the main focus is based on your emotional social, and intellectual performance and the developmental aspect in developmental psychology where the main focus your problem solving skills , moral understanding. Yes it does place constraints on psychology because it only limits it to one thing of everything being sinful the human beings and the thinking because no worldly person would believe this. If I was profitably reacting to this critique I would have the same reaction because money would not affect my knowledge of psychology.

#5: Being a follower of Christ make a tangible difference in how we approach psychology because we would explore the difference of what science says with numbers ,facts, and graphs and what the word of God says The Bible through biblical stories and scriptures. For example a follower of Christ and someone who isn't would offer different things. Such as as a follower of Christ we would offer prayer to someone that it sick or in need with anointing oil which is a sign of The Holy Spirit and someone who is not would prescribe medication because they believe that the oil is not special with anointing that is just cooking oil. The worldly psychologist would give answers based on science and A Follower of Christ answers are based on Faith.

#9: I believe that Christian psychology is a useful term because it names how Christians approach psychology with their beliefs/ values. Beliefs that Jesus died on the cross for us to be saved, we must love one another as we love ourselves, there is only one God. Values of a Christian are the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self control. The phrase Christian psychology is the study of how Christians approach Psychology using what values/beliefs /principles we follow. People may mean different things when using the term Christian Psychology because they would try to use science to back this up.