

III. The Ministry For Every Believer: The Counseling Ministry

Ultimate Question: Who is responsible to be involved in the counseling ministry of the church?

Answer:

A. Many Reactions to “Counseling”

B. You Already Counsel

C. Counseling= Ministry of Restoration
>Galatians 6:1

D. When I Refer to Counseling: The Biblical Concept of Counseling Is “_____ Counseling.”

1. Nouthetic= Gr. “Noutheteo” or “Nouthesia”

2. Translated:

Vines Dictionary of Biblical Words: “Nouthesia” literally means ‘a putting in mind’ and is used in I Corinthians 10:11 for the purpose of the Scriptures; in Ephesians 6:4 of that which is ministered by the Lord; and in Titus 3:10, of that which is to be administered for the correction of one who creates trouble (division/factions) in the church. Nouthesia is the ‘training by word’ whether of encouragement or, if necessary, by reproof... The verb ‘noutheteo’ means, ‘to put in mind, admonish, or warn’...”

3. Acts 20:31

E. Not Just a Paul Thing

1. Romans 15:14

2. Colossians 3:16

3. I Thessalonians 5:14 (3 categories/3 actions)

a. First Person: _____

“For Paul, helping the wayward did not involve some complex methodology or sophisticated psychological counseling program. Instead, other believers were to come alongside them and admonish (noutheteo) them. The King James Version translators rendered admonish ‘warn’, a meaning that connotes putting sense into someone’s head, or alerting him of the serious consequences of his actions. Noutheteo does not mean being judgmental or critical in a superior manner. Rather, it is the caring kind of warning against danger...”

b. Second Person: _____

>I Thess. 5:11

>Hebrews 10:24-25

c. Third Person: _____

4. NOTE: BE PATIENT WITH ALL MEN.

5. What This (Nouthetic Ministry) **DOESN’T** Look Like

6. What This **DOES** Look Like

A MINISTRY FOR EVERYONE
Selected Scriptures

I Put It this Way: “In order to help one another be like Jesus Christ (complete/mature-Colossians 1:28-29): we inquire a lot (Proverbs 18:13); we teach a lot (Colossians 1:28; 2 Timothy 3:14-17); we encourage a lot (Hebrews 10:25; I Thessalonians 2:11); we pray a lot (I Thessalonians 3:10; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-11); we weep a lot (Acts 20:31; Romans 12:15); we love (sacrificially) a lot (Acts 20:35; I Corinthians 16:14; 13:1-8; I Timothy 1:5); we open up our lives a lot (I Thessalonians 2:8; Philippians 4:9)—And when we are called by God (through His Word) to counsel, correct, admonish/warn (noutheteo) the one that we love, we do this with: 1) Humility (Acts 20:19; Philippians 2:3-5); 2) Gentleness (Galatians 6:1; cf; 2 Corinthians 10:1); 3) Gracefulness (Ephesians 5:29; Colossians 4:6); 4) Patience (I Thessalonians 5:14); 5) Compassion (Colossians 3:12); 6) Tenderness (I Thessalonians 1:7); 7) Thankfulness (I Thessalonians 3:9; 2:13; Philippians 1:3); 8) Boldness and Courage (I Corinthians 16:13) and 9) Love (Ephesians 4:15). So that when we need to correct/admonish (noutheteo), we won't have to do it all the time...”

F. The End Result (Ephesians 4:13-16)

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

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I. EPHESIANS 4:11-16

A. Focus: Ephesians 4:11-12

B. THE POINT: SAINTS (BELIEVERS) ARE TO DO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY.

II. Changing the Mind-set

A. Historical Mind-set

B. Change the Mind-set (See V. 12)

C. “Equipping” (katartidzo)

1. _____ (Hebrews 11:3)

2. _____ (Luke 6:40)

3. _____ (Mark 1:19)

4. _____ (Galatians 6:1)

“Katartizo literally means to mend or repair and was sometimes used metaphorically of restoring harmony among quarreling factions in a dispute. It was also used of setting a broken bone or putting a dislocated limb back in place.”

D. “For the work of ministry”