

THE COUNSELING SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Are you interested in counseling? The Counseling Solutions Group, Inc. wants you to know you can receive trained, certified Christian counseling to help you through your situational difficulty.

We would like you to know our counseling is distinctly Christian and our counselors are not certified by the State of South Carolina. If you would like Christian counseling, you may contact us regarding your desire.

However, there are several conditions upon which counseling cases will be initiated. The following conditions apply:

- All counseling is conducted in accordance with the counselor's understanding of Scripture. Your counseling will be biblical in which the Scriptures are the final authority in all cases.
- If you are not sure you will be interested in biblically-based counseling, you have the option of attending one or two sessions to discover what biblical counseling is like. If you are unwilling to use the Bible as the final authority in counseling or unwilling to do the homework assigned, sessions will be terminated.
- Information disclosed in counseling sessions will be held confidential only as the counselor believes is required by the Bible or the State. Absolute confidentiality is not scriptural. In certain circumstances the Bible requires facts be disclosed to selected others (Matt. 18:15-20). If your church leadership should inquire, we will disclose to them only information, which we believe, is necessary for them to effectively and biblically fulfill their responsibility to shepherd you. However, your counselor will inform you, if possible, of such decisions beforehand.
- At any time during the counseling for reasons sufficient to himself/herself, the counselor—as also the counselee—shall have the option of terminating counseling.
- We do ask our clients to contribute financially to their counseling or ask their local church to help with the expense. Each session is no longer than two-hours. The first 2-hour session is \$135.00. All other 2-hour sessions are \$95.00.
- We want you to understand that Christian counseling consists of giving scriptural advice and the practical application of the same to each individual. Yet, the counselee is held fully responsible for how he or she implements that advice.

We are confident the Bible has all of the information necessary for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). We believe there are no problems between persons, which the Bible fails to address, either in general or in specific principles.

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Our counseling is not infallible. Nor do we pretend to know all there is to know about biblical teaching and its applications to life. We are well equipped however, and competent to help people change. We will make a point to differentiate between God's commands and our suggestions. Furthermore, we may at times, seek assistance from other trained counselors in their specific area of experience.

Please note that we do not give medical or legal advice.

If a conflict should arise between the counselee and the counselor, both parties must agree to resolve the dispute outside the secular court system.

If you are interested in Christian counseling, kindly sign below as indicated.

I have read the conditions for counseling set forth in this Informed Consent Form. Furthermore, I agree to enter counseling in accordance with them:

Signed: _____

Spouse: _____ (if applicable)

Date: _____

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