



## TRUTHS THAT (SHOULD) PERMEATE COUNSEL

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- **GOD RULES THE UNIVERSE:** All reality falls under the authority of God's power. God is sovereign (in control) over every person, place, and thing. Human experience is best understood in light of this truth. Failure to understand this creates a distorted man-centered view of existence. *Psalm 139:1-17, Proverbs 16:9, Acts 17:28*
- **OUR BIGGEST ENEMY IS THE ENEMY WITHIN:** A proper view of the psychology of Man acknowledges that humanity's greatest ill is sin. The active sinful desires that emanate from the human heart serve always to move individuals away from God. The hostile, deceptive agenda of such desires promote destruction and corruption within the heart and life of Man. Biblical counsel points counselees to the Active Redeemer that they through Him might effectively confront and crucify the flesh. *Romans 7:14-23, Galatians 5:19-21, Galatians 6:7-8, Ephesians 4:22-23*
- **GRACE IS SWEET BEYOND MEASURE:** Embraced as one of the most precious gifts of God, grace stands at the center of true Biblical counsel. Grace alone grants the power to believers to experience transformation. This same grace also removes the shroud of condemnation from the human heart as God accounts to his children the righteousness of Christ, thus removing their guilt and sin. *Ephesians 2:1-6, 2 Corinthians 12:8-9, Romans 8:1*
- **GOD GLORIOUSLY TRANSFORMS LIVES:** Life is never taking place randomly. All of life is intended to bring forth freeing conformity to the image of Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. Even painful and complex circumstances are meant to achieve this end. The more believers are conformed to the image of Christ, the more equipped they become to glorify God in all things. *Ephesians 4:24, Romans 8:28-29, 2 Peter 3:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17*
- **LOVE IS KEY:** All else falls silently to the floor if love is not the chief motivating component that drives all of life. In counseling, such love is exhibited in both compassionate discipleship as well as Godly rebuke. *Titus 2:15, II Timothy 4:2, I Corinthians 13:4-8, John 15:12*
- **GOD'S WORD IS LIFE:** Scripture is a fountain of living water that flows from the very heart of God. It consumes the barren soil of self-reliance, and promotes a harvest rooted in the worship of God eternal. It is from these ever-flowing waters that the River of Life, found in the person of Jesus Christ, is revealed. Sufficient for the most parched of souls, Christ alone is the Truth that sets us free. *Hebrews 4:12, John 8:32, John 1:1-5*
- **THE GOSPEL OF THE CROSS ALONE BRINGS PEACE:** The Biblical message of sin, depravity, repentance, forgiveness and sanctification is built upon the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and His glorious resurrection. Faith in Christ alone brings freedom from both the penalty and power of sin. Man is unable to find freedom or peace by himself or in himself. It is only in Christ that man can draw near to God, have his sins forgiven, receive the hope of eternal life and experience the protecting power of God in the midst of sin and the trials of life. *Romans 1:16, I Corinthians 15:3-4, Galatians 1:7, Galatians 5:1, Ephesians 6:15, Hebrews 9:22, I Peter 1:3-5*