

**BIBLICAL COUNSELLING: PREPARING  
LEADERS FOR WORLDVIEW FORMATION  
AS IT RELATES TO COUNSELLING**

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If we are going to prepare leaders for worldview formation in the area of biblical counselling we must:

# 1.Explain the prominent Christian Counselling history & education landscape in Southern Africa.

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## How did we get here?

- Friederich Schleiermacher, known as the father of practical theology moved Biblical counselling from Theology to science
- Dr. Willie Jonker - Practical theology, said that “Schleiermacher did not bind practical theology to holy scripture, but to experience.”
- Psychology filled the gap created by the church

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## 2. Reflect on your personal worldview and its implications on current counselling training.

- a. Re-examine assumptions (Psalm 19:14).
- b. Re-engage with personal beliefs with Scripture alone (Romans 15:4).
- c. Reconsider the impact of unbiblical worldviews (1 John 4:6).
- d. Identify the pressures that keep you back from Biblical Counselling.

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### 3. Define worldview as it relates to counselling

A worldview is the invisible hand (the cognitive) That moves people to act (outward) in certain ways.

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# 4. Clarify the worldview that upholds your counselling training.

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Man-Made Worldview	Integrationist Worldview	God-Centred Worldview	Syncretistic Worldview	Inherited Worldview
Man-Made Identity	Double-Minded Identity	Given Identity	Situational Identity	Cultural Identity
Man-Made Kingdom	Divided Kingdom	United Kingdom	Syncretistic Kingdom	Traditional Kingdom
Stability Sustained by New Diagnosis	Stability Sustained by Clinically Applied Theology	Stability Threatened But Sustained by God	Stability Sustained by Blending Dual Expectations	Stability Sustained by Fear, Blessings, Curses and Superstition

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# 5. Differentiate between Biblical Counselling proper and other counselling approaches.

## What is Biblical Counselling?

Biblical counseling is the personal discipleship ministry of God's people to others under the oversight of God's church, dependent upon the authority and sufficiency of God's Word through the work of the Holy Spirit.

## What is the Goal of Biblical Counseling?

Biblical counseling seeks to reorient disordered desires, affections, thoughts, behaviors, and worship toward a God-designed anthropology in an effort to restore people to a right fellowship with God and others.

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## What is the Method of Biblical Counseling?

This is accomplished by speaking the truth in love and applying Scripture to the need of the moment by comforting the suffering and calling sinners to repentance, thus working to make them mature as they abide in Jesus Christ.

- Biblical Counselling is not secular counselling.
- Biblical Counselling is not integrationist.
- Biblical Counselling is not syncretistic.

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 How To Change — Sanctification

OLD & NEO INTEGRATION

- i. OLD INTERGRATIONISM** - Christian counselling:  
 Clyde Narramore,  
 Frank Minirith,  
 Garry Collins,  
 Larry Crabb,  
 James Dobson  
**A wrong understanding of General Revelation is used to justify integration**
- ii. NEO-INTERGRATIONISM:**  
 Eric Johnson,  
 Lily Park,  
 Bob Kellerman,  
 Nate Brookes  
 Jonathan Holmes from CCEF  
 Kyle Johnson (SA)  
**A wrong understanding of common grace is used to justify integration**
- iii. BIBLICAL COUNSELLING IS NOT SYNCRETISM**  
 Deliverance Ministry – Demons are blamed  
 Generational curses – Genealogy is blamed  
 Physical brain – The brain is blamed (material view of man) the term mental illness is used to describe.  
 Theophostic -Prayer Ministry - The past is blamed  
 - Mysticism is practiced  
 Christian Alcoholic Anonymous –A disease is the

CULTURE AND CHRISTIAN INTEGRATION

What do we call this?

Clinically Informed Counselling

Biblical Counselling

Culturally Informed Counselling

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## 6. Several important questions about the counselling approach

- a. by Whose authority ?
- b. By whose diagnosis ?
- c. By whose solution ?
- d. By whose method ?
- e. By whose support ?
- f. By whose apologetic ?

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## SANCTIFICATION

### How to Change – Sanctification

#### Behaviorism methodology

**Behaviorism's sanctification** is operant and classical conditioning. These are methods to train people how to make responses. Operant and classical conditioning is the use of reinforcement, punishment, and pairing principles to teach responses. This happens naturally in the environment and can also be used systematically to train desired responses.

**The medical model's sanctification**—tests and “take your pills”

INTEGRATION

#### Biblical counseling's sanctification:

- 1. 2 Cor. 3:18**, “But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”
- 2. Romans 8:28-29**, “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters”
- 3. Phil 1:6**, “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.”

INTEGRATION

- Maintain Ceremonies
- Return to graves
  - Counselling on how to ward off bad luck
  - Cleansings
  - Counselling affirmed when initiations are supported
  - Folklore counselling accepted Welcome forefathers into new home for protection
  - New married acknowledge forefathers
  - Ukungenisa
  - Abobaba
  - Sacrifices of goat
  - Transfer message (counselling) from ancestors

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## 6. Ask relevant theological questions to identify worldviews in counselling approaches

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Man	How is human nature interpreted?	Anthropology
Scripture	The role of Scripture?	Bibliology

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Method	What method is used?	Progressive sanctification

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- a. The primacy of the ministry of the Word/The primacy of preaching alone (Acts 20).
- b. Refuse to view Biblical Counselling as a social science rather than theology (Friedrich Schleiermacher).
- c. Repent of an unbiblical understanding of general revelation (old-integrationist).

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- d. Repent of an unbiblical understanding and practice of common grace that overrides the sufficiency of Scripture (neo-integrationist).
- e. Reject a secular understanding of identity and embrace a biblical understanding of identity.
- f. Expose the philosophies, traditions, deceptions and traditions of men (Colossians 2:8).
- g. Beware of neo-integrationists that go by the term 'Biblical Counselling.'

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h. Accept that sin can never be called an illness (Kraepelin Theory).

i. Understand the term 'in Christ' biblically with its implications for the believer.

j. Return to a biblical understanding regarding Satan and his power.

# BIBLICAL COUNSELLING RESOURCES & Training

- <https://acbcfrica.co.za/resources/>
- For certified Biblical Counselling Training: <https://smti.co.za/>
- Become certified with ACBC:  
[https://biblicalcounseling.com/training/certification/?srsItid=AfmBOoqbiDg0ACw7ivX\\_2nbISWSt79kvS\\_bD4CpEZOjfhrPnL9-j5GOI](https://biblicalcounseling.com/training/certification/?srsItid=AfmBOoqbiDg0ACw7ivX_2nbISWSt79kvS_bD4CpEZOjfhrPnL9-j5GOI)
- Training in Africa:
  - <https://smti.co.za/events-2/>
  - <https://biblicalcounseling.com/training/get-training/training-centers-map/?swcfpc=1>