

We at Masterpiece Biblical Counseling believe God provides His written Word for guidance and desires our relationship with Him. We believe the Bible is God’s wholly reliable instruction manual for life, and the purpose of our ministry is to introduce people more fully to its Author and teach its application.

Our staff members are not state-licensed counselors. We serve a different function. We do not counsel in the secular sense of the word. We encourage a person’s understanding of and relationship with their Heavenly Father. What we offer is Biblical ministry, introducing people to who He is and as a consequence who they are. People come to know and walk from their true identity. Often behaviors change and they experience a changed perspective of their circumstances, but the focus is always on Him.

Our staff does not possess the ability to change your life or fix your problems. The ultimate responsibility for growth and change rests with you and God. As your understanding increases and you choose to cooperate with the Holy Spirit growth is a natural byproduct. You are invited at any time to ask questions about the staff member with whom you are working, their methods, and the direction their ministry with you is headed.

Careful listening and empathy are part of our Biblical process, however the Biblical counseling process may involve homework assignments. These may include reading, Bible studies, videos or journaling to name a few.

Most people find our ministry helpful. You may experience uncomfortable emotions during the course of your growth in Christ. Sometimes, as a person begins to follow Biblical precepts, the situation may feel or actually become worse. This is not a reason to think you are not making progress. To the contrary, it is an indication you are positively impacting your situation. When a person’s life becomes unmanageable, there is a need to “unlearn” certain beliefs, learn new beliefs, and establish new life patterns. This is often initially uncomfortable and may even bring additional friction in relationships, as adjustments to new ways of thinking and acting are made.

You are free to discontinue our ministry process at any time. Most people continue until they have learned Biblical methods of thinking and acting. The Bible calls this process “renewing the mind”. Occasionally, we may elect to discontinue with a particular person. This usually happens when we see no substantial progress being made or there are other factors interfering with the ministry process. We may ask you to see your physician to address physical issues that become evident.

Under normal circumstances, everything you discuss will be held in strict confidence. However, there are some situations where we may be required by law to report information without your permission or knowledge. These situations include, but may not be limited to: (1) indication of bodily harm to others, (2) involvement in a felony, (3) suicidal intentions, (4) knowledge of child or elder abuse/neglect. We might also be required to disclose information in response to a subpoena issued by a court of law.

Please be considerate and on time for your appointments. If you need to cancel an appointment please notify the office at least 24 hours in advance. As our training program begins a trainee may occasionally participate in your counseling. Trainees are subject to the same confidentiality guidelines as staff.

Masterpiece Biblical Counseling is an independent, inter-denominational, non-profit ministry. In accordance with 1 Corinthians 6 and other passages, we ask all who receive ministry from Masterpiece Biblical Counseling to read and sign this Informed Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement and to release Masterpiece Biblical Counseling, its agents and employees from any claim whatever arising from the undersigned’s participation.

“I have voluntarily sought ministry on my own initiative, and am under no obligation to accept or reject any of the information that I may receive. I agree to hold Masterpiece Biblical Counseling and its staff members harmless from any liability, loss or damage of any kind which arises as a result of the ministry received.”

I have read and understand the above Informed Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement. I agree with it and sign it as my free and voluntary act.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Spouse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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