## Men and the Gospel: Counseling with Christ at the Center



A 21-day Bible study focused on men's counseling that centers on the gospel, applying biblical truths to emotional and spiritual healing.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 21-day journey designed specifically for men who serve in counseling ministries. In a world filled with challenges, confusion, and pain, many men struggle not only emotionally but spiritually. Counseling ministries often focus on practical tools or psychology, but without the gospel at the center, true transformation remains incomplete. *This study encourages counselors and mentors to refocus their ministry around the gospel of Jesus Christ*, harnessing its power to heal, restore, and transform hearts and minds.

The Bible provides timeless wisdom and direction for men who desire to lead, love, serve, and grow in holiness. Yet, without embracing the gospel's redemptive power—Christ's death and resurrection—we risk relying on human effort alone. We are called to minister not from our own strength or insights but from the Spirit-inspired truth of God's Word. Through this study, you will explore key biblical passages, reflect on God's promises, and be equipped to bring hope into emotional and spiritual struggles.

This journey is designed to challenge and encourage you. Each day offers a focused Scripture passage, supporting verses, a devotional that applies biblical principles to counseling your brothers, reflection questions to deepen your prayerful understanding, and journaling prompts to capture your learning and prayers. Whether you counsel formally or informally, this study will help you put the gospel first—transforming not only those you counsel but yourself as well.







Let us step forward with humble hearts, ready to allow God's Word to penetrate every weakness and fear. Together, through the power of the gospel, we can offer men profound hope and genuine healing.















#### Your Verse

Romans 1:16 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
- Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is alive and active..."







#### Devotional: The Gospel Is Our Counseling Cornerstone

As counselors, our greatest tool is not merely knowledge or psychology but the gospel itself. Paul boldly declares in Romans 1:16 that the gospel is the power of God that brings salvation. When counseling men facing emotional and spiritual struggles, this truth must be central. The gospel provides hope beyond symptoms and outward fixes. It addresses the deepest need—the heart's reconciliation with God.

Many counseling efforts fail because they treat behavior without treating the heart's sin and separation from God. *Christ's work on the cross and resurrection offers new life and transformation for those who believe.* As 2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us, anyone in Christ becomes a new creation. This change is not just external but internal.

Hebrews 4:12 encourages us that God's Word is alive and powerful; it is more than ideas—it is active spiritual power able to discern and heal. When we counsel, we do not bring ourselves as ultimate hope but point others repeatedly to gospel truths that reshape identities, heal wounds, and restore confidence in God's love.

Begin your counseling ministry by anchoring in the gospel—its power will breathe new life into every conversation you have.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does the gospel change the way you view your counseling role?
	What are some ways you can intentionally keep the gospel central in your counseling sessions?
	In what areas of your own counseling approach might you be relying too much on human effort rather than gospel power?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a counseling experience influenced positively by the gospel.
2.	List ways to remind yourself daily of the gospel's power in your ministry.
3.	Describe what it means for you personally to be a 'new creation' in Christ.







#### Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the gospel—the power that transforms hearts and renews lives. Help me to keep Your redeeming truth at the center of every counseling relationship. Teach me to rely fully on Your Word and Spirit when helping men face their struggles. Let Your grace flow through me so that hope and healing take root in those I counsel. May I never forget that it is You who changes hearts and not my own strength. *Use me as an instrument of Your peace and gospel power.* In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\triangle$ 

















#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 12:9 – "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- James 5:16 "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."







#### Devotional: God's Power in Our Weakness

True strength for men in counseling comes not in hiding struggles but in embracing vulnerability. Paul's experience in 2 Corinthians teaches us that God's grace is enough even in our weakest moments. Our own limitations reveal the space where God's power works most effectively.

Many men feel pressure to present strength and self-sufficiency, but emotional and spiritual struggles often require admitting weakness and seeking support. Psalm 34:18 reminds us that God is particularly near to those who are brokenhearted. This nearness is the foundation for healing.

Counseling is not about pretending strength but creating safe environments for men to confess their burdens. James 5:16 encourages mutual confession and prayer as pathways to healing. Vulnerability invites the Spirit to work deeply and authentically. When we counsel, demonstrating humility and openness can help others do the same.

Remember: weakness is not failure but an opportunity for God's power to be displayed vividly. Depend confidently on His grace.







## Reflect and Apply

What fears do you have about showing vulnerability in counseling contexts?
How can you create safe spaces that encourage men to be honest about their struggles?
Reflect on a time when God's strength helped you through a weak moment.







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about an area where you find it hard to be vulnerable.
2.	List practical ways to foster honesty and transparency in your counseling sessions.
3.	Describe how God's grace has sustained you in weakness recently.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, teach me to embrace weakness as a doorway for Your strength. Help me to be honest about my struggles and to create spaces where others can do the same. Fill me with Your grace so that I do not lean on my own understanding but trust Your sufficient power. May vulnerability lead to healing and freedom as Your Spirit works through every broken place. In Jesus' name, Amen. ① •



















#### Your Verse

Galatians 2:20 – "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."
- Colossians 3:3 "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."







#### Devotional: Living Out Our True Identity

One of the greatest struggles men face is confusion about identity. Counseling must help rediscover who men truly are—in Christ. Paul's statement in Galatians 2:20 reveals a radical truth: our old self has died, and our identity is now rooted in Christ living within us.

This identity frees us from defining ourselves by past failures, achievements, or social roles. Ephesians 2:10 affirms that we are God's handiwork, created intentionally for good works. When men see themselves through God's eyes, counseling takes on a new dimension—hope replaces shame; purpose replaces confusion.

Colossians 3:3 reminds us that our life is now hidden with Christ. This secret place is one of security, love, and transformation. Helping men understand their true identity shapes how they handle emotional pain, temptation, and spiritual battles.

Keeping the gospel central means returning often to this core truth: in Christ, we are new creations, cherished children of God, and empowered for good.







## Reflect and Apply

	How do you define your identity apart from Christ? How does that compare with your identity in Christ?
2.	What lies or false identities do you see common in men's struggles?
	In what ways can you help men embrace their new identity in counseling?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down your understanding of your identity in Christ today.
2.	Reflect on a lie about yourself you need to replace with gospel truth.
3.	Plan practical ways to help others grasp their identity in Christ.







#### Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for defining my identity through Jesus Christ. Help me to live fully in this truth and to guide others toward the same confidence. Break every lie that distorts our view of who we are, and replace it with Your gospel light. May we walk secure and purposeful, embracing the new life You give. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Day 4: 

Battling the Enemy with Truth

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 6:11 – "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
- 1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion..."







Day 4: **(**) Battling the Enemy with Truth

#### Devotional: Equipped by God to Resist Temptation

Men face spiritual battles that often manifest as emotional and relational struggles. Counseling must equip men with the biblical armor to withstand these attacks. Ephesians 6:11 commands us to put on God's full armor to stand firm against the enemy's schemes.

This armor includes truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer. Recognizing the spiritual dimension behind many struggles helps counselors and counselees not fight in their own strength but in the strength God provides.

James 4:7 reminds us that submission to God is the first step to resisting the devil. When men submit to God's authority, the enemy's power diminishes. Peter encourages vigilance and steadfastness in faith because the devil is actively seeking to devour (1 Peter 5:8–9).

Remember, gospel-centered counseling calls men to a higher awareness: their struggles are not just physical or emotional but spiritual battles requiring reliance on God's protection and truth.







Day 4: 1 Battling the Enemy with Truth

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you perceive spiritual warfare in your counseling ministry?
2.	What steps can you take to help counselees put on God's armor practically?
3.	Reflect on times when submission to God helped you resist temptation.







Day 4: ① Battling the Enemy with Truth

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List each piece of God's armor and reflect on how it protects you.
2.	Write about a recent spiritual battle and how you experienced God's help.
3.	Plan ways to teach men about spiritual warfare in counseling settings.







Day 4: 

Battling the Enemy with Truth

#### **Prayer for Today**

Lord, clothe me with Your armor to stand firm against all evil. Help me to recognize the spiritual battles at work in counselees' lives and my own. Give me wisdom and courage to lead others to rely fully on You. Strengthen my faith and fill me with Your truth as a shield. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen. 

Amen.

















#### Your Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - "Love is patient, love is kind... it always protects, always trusts..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 13:34 "Love one another as I have loved you."
- 1 John 4:19 "We love because he first loved us."







#### Devotional: Counseling Rooted in Christlike Love

At the core of effective counseling ministry is love—Christ's love demonstrated in patient, kind, and sacrificial ways. The famous passage in 1 Corinthians 13 models the characteristics needed in every counseling relationship. Love is not just an emotion; it's a commitment to serve and care deeply for each brother walking through difficulties.

Jesus commanded in John 13:34 to love one another as He has loved us—a love that is self-giving and humble. This kind of love breaks down barriers and opens hearts to healing. Moreover, 1 John 4:19 reminds us that our ability to love flows out of God's initiating love toward us.

When the gospel is central, our counseling grows from love rooted in God's heart. Men battling fears, shame, or burdens will find safety and encouragement when met with such love. Love enables transformation, one step at a time.







## Reflect and Apply

How does Christ's love shape your approach to counseling?
What challenges do you face in consistently showing this kind of love?
How can understanding God's love motivate and sustain your ministry?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you experienced God's love deeply in a counseling context.
2.	Identify ways you can grow in patient and kind love toward those you counsel.
3.	Reflect on how love changes both counselor and counselee.







#### Prayer for Today

Jesus, fill my heart with Your perfect love. Help me love others as You love me —patiently, kindly, and sacrificially. Teach me to reflect Your heart in every counseling moment so that men find safety and healing. Let Your love flow through me to touch lives deeply. In Your precious name, Amen. ♥ Д № □







## Day 6: Renewing the Mind Through Scripture









#### Your Verse

Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
- 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching..."







#### Devotional: Scripture Transforms Emotional and Spiritual Struggles

Men's struggles often have roots in faulty thinking shaped by the world or past wounds. Counseling ministries must emphasize renewing the mind through God's Word. Romans 12:2 calls believers to not be conformed to worldly patterns but be transformed by Scripture's renewing power.

Memorizing and meditating on the Word guards the heart and mind from deception, as Psalm 119:11 declares. God's Word is not merely informative but transformative—as 2 Timothy 3:16 reminds us, it equips us fully for teaching and correction.

When counseling men, helping them internalize Scripture offers ongoing strength between sessions. The gospel-centered counselor encourages replacing lies with truth, despair with hope. Renewing the mind leads to renewed emotions and restored spirit.







# Reflect and Apply

	How is your own thought life shaped by Scripture versus worldly influences?
2.	What practical steps can you take to help men memorize and meditate on God's Word?
3.	Reflect on a Scripture that has changed the way you view a struggle.







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Choose a verse to memorize this week and write why it speaks to you.
2.	List common lies men face and the Scriptures that counter them.
3.	Write a plan to incorporate more Scripture in your counseling.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, renew my mind with Your life-giving Word. Help me to internalize Scripture deep in my heart and to share its truth effectively with those I counsel. Let Your Word shape my thoughts, emotions, and actions so Your gospel flows through every conversation. In Jesus' name, Amen. \(\subseteq\) \(\subseteq\) \(\subseteq\)

















Day 7: 🗱 Hope Anchored in Christ

#### Your Verse

Hebrews 6:19 – "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him."
- Psalm 33:22 "May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You."







Day 7: 🗱 Hope Anchored in Christ

#### Devotional: Hope That Holds Through Trials

Counseling men requires pointing them to hope that never wavers. Hebrews 6:19 describes hope in Christ as an anchor for the soul—steady amid storms. Emotional and spiritual struggles can make men feel adrift; offering gospel hope is essential.

Romans 15:13 reminds us that hope comes from God filling believers with joy and peace through trust. This hope is not naive optimism but a confident assurance grounded in God's character and promises.

Psalm 33:22 links hope with God's unfailing love. When men experience this steadfast love, their hearts are buoyed to keep moving forward despite hardship.

In counseling, consistently returning to hope in Christ sustains both counselor and counselee, reminding them that freedom and healing are yet to come.







Day 7: 🎇 Hope Anchored in Christ

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you personally maintain hope during difficult times?
	What messages of hope can you emphasize to men struggling spiritually or emotionally?
3.	How can hope change the counseling process and outcomes?







Day 7: 🎇 Hope Anchored in Christ

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when hope in Christ helped you through a trial.
2.	Reflect on ways to cultivate hope in your ministry context.
3.	List ways to remind counselees of God's promises and love.







Day 7: 🗱 Hope Anchored in Christ

#### Prayer for Today

God of hope, fill me and those I counsel with joy and peace as we trust You.

Let Your love be our anchor when storms arise. Help us to firmly fix our hope on Christ, confident that You are able to bring restoration and healing. Sustain our souls through every struggle, and let hope shine brightly in our darkest hours. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🍪 🌈 🙏 💝

















Day 8: O Building Trust in Counseling

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 25:14 "The Lord confides in those who fear Him; He makes His covenant known to them."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..."







Day 8: 🍑 Building Trust in Counseling

# Devotional: Trusting God and Building Trust in Others

**Trust is the cornerstone for effective counseling relationships.** Without trust, men may withhold their deepest struggles, making healing difficult. Proverbs 3:5 reminds us to trust fully in the Lord rather than our own understanding—a model to share with those we counsel.

Building trust begins with demonstrating Christlike authenticity and compassion. Psalm 25:14 highlights that God Himself confides with His people, showing trust is deeply relational and reciprocal.

As counselors, trusting God for wisdom (James 1:5) empowers us to guide others wisely and humbly. Trust creates a safe environment where men feel valued and secure as they navigate their struggles, enabling gospel truths to take root.







Day 8: 🂢 Building Trust in Counseling

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you cultivate trust in your counseling relationships?
2	In what areas might you need to deepen your own trust in God?
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3.	What barriers to trust do you encounter, and how can you address them?







Day 8: 🎔 Building Trust in Counseling

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when trust was built or broken in counseling.
2.	Reflect on ways you can better demonstrate trustworthiness.
3.	Pray for God's wisdom to lead with integrity and humility.







Day 8: Ծ Building Trust in Counseling

#### **Prayer for Today**

Lord, help me to fully trust in You and to reflect that trust in my counseling. Grant me wisdom and humility to create safe, trustworthy spaces for those I serve. Teach me to rely on Your understanding, not my own. May my ministry reflect Your faithfulness and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\heartsuit$ 

















#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:13 – "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
- Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."







#### Devotional: The Freedom Found in Forgiving

Unforgiveness can imprison men emotionally and spiritually, hindering progress in counseling. Colossians 3:13 encourages believers to forgive as Christ forgave. This divine standard mixes grace with responsibility and opens the way to healing.

Ephesians 4:32 describes forgiveness as kind and compassionate, reflecting God's own forbearance. Forgiveness does not minimize hurt but acknowledges pain and chooses release over bitterness.

Jesus reinforces the necessity of forgiving others in Matthew 6:14, linking it directly to receiving God's forgiveness. Helping men process forgiveness is crucial in gospel-centered counseling, as it dismantles chains of resentment and opens hearts to receive grace.

Guide counselees gently toward forgiving—not by their own willpower but through God's enabling grace—so true healing can begin.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Where might unforgiveness be holding you or others back?
2.	How does understanding God's forgiveness motivate you to forgive?
3.	What steps can you take to help men move toward forgiveness?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Identify someone you need to forgive and write a letter you may or may not send.
2.	Reflect on how God's forgiveness has changed your life.
3.	Plan how to guide others through the forgiveness process with gentleness.







#### Prayer for Today

Father, teach me to forgive others as You have forgiven me. Soften every hardened heart and release all bitterness and resentment. Help me and those I counsel experience the freedom that comes from forgiveness. Fill us with Your grace to forgive deeply and fully. In Jesus' name, Amen. 💞 🖏 🛄

















Day 10: 6 The Role of the Holy Spirit

#### Your Verse

John 14:26 – "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:26 "The Spirit helps us in our weakness... intercedes for us..."
- Galatians 5:22–23 "Fruits of the Spirit include love, joy, peace..."







Day 10: 6 The Role of the Holy Spirit

#### Devotional: Counseling Led by the Holy Spirit

Counseling is not primarily about human wisdom but divine guidance. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would teach and remind us of truth (John 14:26), which equips counselors to speak life-giving words.

Romans 8:26 reassures us that the Spirit helps in our weaknesses and intercedes when words fail, making ministry effective even beyond our capacity.

The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) —love, joy, peace, patience—are essential characteristics counselors must bear to create nurturing environments and guide others toward Christlike maturity.

Pray daily for the Spirit to empower your counseling, transforming both your heart and those you counsel.







Day 10: 💍 The Role of the Holy Spirit

#### Reflect and Apply

How reliant are you on the Holy Spirit in your counseling ministry?
Which fruit of the Spirit do you see growing in your life?
How can you cultivate greater sensitivity to the Spirit's leading?







Day 10: 6 The Role of the Holy Spirit

#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about moments you sensed the Spirit's guidance during counseling.
2.	Reflect on areas needing growth in the fruit of the Spirit.
3.	Pray for a fresh filling of the Spirit to empower your ministry.







Day 10: 6 The Role of the Holy Spirit

#### Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, come and fill me anew. Teach me, remind me of Jesus' words, and equip me to counsel with Your wisdom and love. Help me bear Your fruit so that my ministry glorifies God and blesses those I serve. In Jesus' name, Amen. 6 4 1

















#### Your Verse

Galatians 6:9 - "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."
- 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."







#### Devotional: Endurance Rooted in Gospel Hope

Counseling ministries can be exhausting, but perseverance fuels long-term impact. Galatians 6:9 encourages us not to grow weary because God's harvest will come. This promise reminds us that gospel-centered ministry produces eternal fruit.

Isaiah 40:31 assures restoration of strength through hope in the Lord. When men (and counselors) feel drained, this verse renews encouragement to keep pressing forward.

Paul's testimony in 2 Timothy 4:7—to fight well and keep the faith—sets an example for every counselor. Maintaining faith and focus on Christ through ups and downs leads to ultimate victory.

Draw strength daily from the gospel and God's promises to continue faithfully serving wounded men.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways have you experienced fatigue in ministry?
2.	What biblical truths encourage you to keep going?
3.	How can you support other counselors who may feel discouraged?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your ministry journey and moments you almost gave up.
2.	List scriptures that encourage perseverance.
3.	Plan ways to refresh and sustain your counseling ministry.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, renew my strength and keep my heart steadfast.** Help me not to grow weary as I serve others. May Your gospel hope sustain me every day so I can finish well. Encourage and uplift all counselors in their service. In Jesus' name, Amen.







# Day 12: **Peace Amidst Emotional**Struggles









Day 12: 🐯 Peace Amidst Emotional Struggles

#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:7 - "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."
- Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast..."







Day 12: 🐯 Peace Amidst Emotional Struggles

### Devotional: Experiencing God's Peace in Counseling

Men often battle anxiety, fear, and unrest, making peace a vital counseling focus. Philippians 4:7 promises God's peace to guard hearts and minds—offering a supernatural calm that surpasses human understanding.

Jesus assured His followers of this peace personally in John 14:27. Unlike the world's fleeting calm, His peace is lasting and fulfilling.

Isaiah 26:3 says God keeps in perfect peace those who fix their minds on Him. Teaching men to focus their hearts and thoughts on God anchors them in turbulent seasons.

When counseling, remind men that peace is a gift from God through ongoing gospel trust—not merely an absence of problems but a presence of God's sustaining grace.







Day 12: 💙 Peace Amidst Emotional Struggles

# Reflect and Apply

How do you experience God's peace in your own struggles?
What practices help men fix their minds on God amid turmoil?
How can you model peace effectively in counseling settings?







Day 12: 🐯 Peace Amidst Emotional Struggles

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a moment when you felt God's peace deeply.
2.	Write steps to help others cultivate peace through Scripture and prayer.
3.	Reflect on how peace influences emotional wellbeing.







Day 12: 🐯 Peace Amidst Emotional Struggles

# **Prayer for Today**

Father, fill me and those I counsel with Your transcendent peace. Guard our hearts and minds so anxiety does not overwhelm us. Help us fix our thoughts on You, experiencing Your lasting calm. Let Your peace be a powerful witness to all we serve. In Jesus' name, Amen. 😂 😂 🛴

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 6:33 – "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days..."
- Colossians 3:2 "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."







#### Devotional: Aligning Focus with God's Kingdom

Men burdened by emotional challenges often struggle with priorities and distractions. Counseling must encourage seeking God's kingdom first—setting godly priorities as Jesus instructed in Matthew 6:33.

Psalm 90:12 reminds us to consider our limited time, inspiring wise, deliberate living focused on eternal values.

Colossians 3:2 calls believers to set their minds on heavenly things instead of transient worldly concerns.

Helping men establish priorities rooted in the gospel empowers them to navigate struggles with clearer purpose and peace.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What priorities compete with your spiritual focus?
2.	How does seeking God's kingdom first change your perspective on challenges?
3.	What steps can you encourage men to take to set godly priorities?







# **Journaling Prompts**

	List your current priorities and reflect on their alignment with God's kingdom.
2.	Write about changes you need to make to prioritize God's righteousness.
3.	Plan practical ways to keep God first in daily decisions.







# Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me seek Your kingdom above all else.** Teach me to prioritize Your righteousness and live with eternal purpose. Guide my steps so earthly distractions do not pull me from Your path. Empower me to model this focus in counseling and life. In Jesus' name, Amen.









# Day 14: Power of Words









Day 14: A The Power of Words

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 18:21 - "The tongue has the power of life and death..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths..."
- James 3:5-6 "The tongue is a flame of fire... it corrupts the whole body."







Day 14: A The Power of Words

# Devotional: Speaking Life in Counseling Conversations

The words we speak in counseling carry tremendous weight. Proverbs 18:21 warns that the tongue can bring life or death—building up or tearing down.

Ephesians 4:29 exhorts believers to speak words that encourage, uplift, and meet needs, avoiding harmful or unwholesome talk.

James paints a vivid picture of the tongue's potential for destruction, urging careful control over our speech.

When counseling men, our words must consistently reflect gospel hope, truth, and compassion. Speaking life means carefully listening and responding in ways that facilitate healing, rather than deepening wounds.







Day 14: 🚇 The Power of Words

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How mindful are you of the words you use in counseling?
2.	What impact can negative or careless words have on emotional healing?
3.	How can you cultivate a habit of speaking life in difficult conversations?







Day 14: 🚇 The Power of Words

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a counseling conversation where words built up or tore down.
2.	Write ways you can improve how you communicate hope and truth.
3.	Plan how to practice restraint and encouragement in speech daily.







Day 14: A The Power of Words

# Prayer for Today

Father, guard my tongue and guide my words. Help me speak life, encouragement, and truth in all counseling moments. Teach me to listen well and respond with kindness. May my speech be a reflection of Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















#### Your Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 10:24-25 "Spur one another on toward love and good deeds..."
- Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one..."







# Devotional: Strengthening Men through Mutual Encouragement

Counseling thrives in a culture of belonging and mutual encouragement among men. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 calls believers to build each other up, a practice vital for emotional and spiritual health.

Hebrews encourages believers to motivate one another toward love and good deeds, underscoring the collective nature of growth.

Ecclesiastes reminds us two are better than one because of mutual support. Men find strength in brotherhood, reducing isolation and promoting healing.

Creating opportunities for peer encouragement in counseling ministry enriches gospel-centered healing and accountability.







# Reflect and Apply

	How is encouragement modeled and practiced in your counseling ministry?
2.	In what ways can you promote authentic brotherhood among men?
	How does mutual support aid in overcoming emotional and spiritual struggles?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a man who has encouraged you deeply.
2.	List ways to cultivate brotherhood in your ministry.
3.	Reflect on how accountability has helped you grow spiritually.







# Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to encourage and build up the men I serve.** Foster authentic brotherhood and mutual support. May we spur each other on toward love and good works, reflecting Your gospel grace in community. In Jesus' name, Amen. (22) (4) (1)















#### Your Verse

Titus 2:11-12 - "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people... teaching us to say 'No' to ungodliness..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved..."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you..."







#### Devotional: Grace Enables Lasting Change

**Transformation is not possible apart from God's grace.** Titus 2:11-12 reveals that God's grace appears to save and teach believers to live differently—saying no to sin and yes to godliness.

Salvation and change flow from God's unmerited favor (Ephesians 2:8), not our efforts. This liberates men from performance-driven guilt and shame.

Paul's reminder in 2 Corinthians 12:9 that God's grace is sufficient and power is perfected in weakness encourages counselors and counselees alike.

Ministry rooted in grace invites men into freedom, ongoing repentance, and hope for deep heart change beyond behavior modification.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How have you experienced God's grace in your own transformation?
2.	How does grace relieve pressure in counseling relationships?
3.	What are practical ways to communicate grace's power clearly?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment when grace changed your heart.
2.	Reflect on how grace shapes your counseling philosophy.
3.	Plan how to incorporate grace-centered language in ministry.







# Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your abundant grace. Help me and those I counsel to rest fully in Your unmerited favor. Teach us to live by grace, turning from sin and toward holiness. May Your empowering grace transform hearts deeply. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🛠 🛡 🙏 🔲

















#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually."







# Devotional: Prayer as the Counselor's Compass

**Prayer is the counselor's lifeline to God's wisdom and peace.** Philippians 4:6 exhorts believers to bring every concern to God, replacing anxiety with trust.

James encourages asking God for wisdom confidently, which is vital when wrestling with complex counseling issues.

Paul's instruction to pray continually shapes a lifestyle that remains connected to God's guidance moment by moment.

Prayer not only provides direction but models dependence on God for men facing struggles. Integrating prayer intentionally strengthens gospelcentered counseling profoundly.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How consistent is your prayer life in ministry?
2.	What challenges do you face in depending on God for guidance?
3.	How can you encourage counselees to develop prayer habits?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about answered prayers that shaped your counseling.
2.	List ways to integrate prayer more intentionally in your ministry.
3.	Reflect on how prayer changes your perspective during tough sessions.







# Prayer for Today

God, teach me to rely fully on You through prayer. Help me to bring all concerns to You with thanksgiving and seek Your wisdom always. May my ministry reflect continual dependence on Your guidance. In Jesus' name, Amen.







# Day 18: Wisdom in Applying Biblical Truth









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#### Your Verse

Proverbs 3:13 - "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ecclesiastes 7:12 "Wisdom preserves those who have it."
- Colossians 1:9 "...asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will..."







Day 18: Wisdom in Applying Biblical Truth

### Devotional: Using Wisdom to Guide and Heal

Biblical wisdom is crucial in applying truth effectively in counseling. Proverbs 3:13 celebrates those who seek and gain understanding, a lifelong pursuit necessary for godly ministry.

Ecclesiastes 7:12 highlights wisdom's protective value, preserving hearts in difficult situations.

Paul's prayer in Colossians 1:9 models dependence on God to fill us with knowledge and wisdom to live well.

As counselors, we must combine God's timeless truth with sensitivity, discernment, and love to shepherd men toward healing.







Day 18: 🖓 Wisdom in Applying Biblical Truth

# Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways can you grow in biblical wisdom?
2.	How do you balance truth and tenderness in counseling?
3.	What practices help deepen your understanding of God's will?







Day 18: 🖓 Wisdom in Applying Biblical Truth

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down a recent situation where wisdom guided your counsel.
2.	List resources or habits that grow your biblical understanding.
	Reflect on a challenge where applying truth was difficult and what you learned.







Day 18: Wisdom in Applying Biblical Truth

### Prayer for Today

**Lord, grant me wisdom and understanding as I minister to others.** Help me to apply Your truth gently and effectively. Fill me with knowledge of Your will and guide my words and actions. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigcirc$   $\square$   $\diamondsuit$ 









# Day 19: Building Spiritual Habits









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#### Your Verse

1 Timothy 4:7–8 – "Train yourself to be godly... training is of some value..."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 1:2-3 "His delight is in the law of the Lord..."
- Joshua 1:8 "Meditate on it day and night..."







Day 19: Ruilding Spiritual Habits

### Devotional: Discipline and Growth in the Spirit

Spiritual disciplines build resilience and growth in men facing struggles. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 exhorts believers to train themselves in godliness, emphasizing purposeful spiritual habits.

Psalm 1 describes delighting in God's law as a source of life and stability.

Joshua commands meditation on God's Word continually, ensuring alignment with God's ways.

Encouraging men to embrace spiritual disciplines like prayer, Bible study, and worship strengthens counseling outcomes and nurtures lifelong growth.







Day 19: 🖀 Building Spiritual Habits

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What spiritual disciplines are strongest and weakest in your life?
2.	How can you encourage men to develop habits that sustain their faith?
	What obstacles hinder spiritual training and how can you overcome them?







Day 19: 🖀 Building Spiritual Habits

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List spiritual habits you want to cultivate or improve.
2.	Write about the impact of consistent disciplines on your life.
3.	Plan how to introduce or encourage disciplines in counseling.







Day 19: Building Spiritual Habits

### Prayer for Today

Father, help me to train myself in godliness daily. Teach me to delight in Your Word and meditate on it continually. Empower me to grow in spiritual disciplines that sustain me and those I counsel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Day 20: 🕰 Patience Through Process

#### Your Verse

James 5:7 - "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 37:7 "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."
- Romans 8:25 "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."







Day 20: 

Patience Through Process

### Devotional: Waiting on God's Timing in Counseling

Healing and transformation take time—counselors and counselees alike must learn patience. James 5:7 encourages endurance, trusting God's perfect timing for breakthroughs.

Psalm 37:7 invites believers to be still and wait calmly on God, resisting the urge to rush.

Romans 8:25 points to hopeful patience, persevering even when outcomes aren't yet visible.

Through counseling, men need reminders that change is often gradual. Patience honors God's timing and sustains faith through the process.







Day 20: 🔼 Patience Through Process

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you handle frustration when counseling progress is slow?
2.	What helps you wait patiently on God?
	How can you encourage counselees to embrace the process and trust God's timing?







Day 20: 

Patience Through Process

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when patience led to spiritual growth.
2.	Reflect on your current ministry and where patience is most needed.
3.	Pray for endurance and calm through slow or difficult seasons.







Day 20: 

Patience Through Process

### Prayer for Today

**Lord, grant me patience to trust Your timing fully.** Help me remain calm and hopeful during seasons of waiting. Teach me to encourage others to rest in Your faithful process. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 3:18 – "And we all... are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 1:6 "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."
- Psalm 126:3 "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."







### Devotional: Rejoicing in God's Work in Men's Lives

The culmination of gospel-centered counseling is joy-filled transformation. 2 Corinthians 3:18 describes believers being changed continually into Christ's image—this is the heart of our ministry.

Philippians 1:6 affirms that God will complete the good work He starts, giving hope to all journeys.

Psalm 126:3 captures the joy that comes from seeing God's faithfulness in restoring and healing men.

Celebrate every step of progress, knowing it is God who works. Let gratitude fuel ongoing ministry passion and remind you that gospel transformation is powerful and enduring.







# Reflect and Apply

What transformations have you witnessed that highlight God's work?
How do you celebrate progress in yourself and others?
How can gratitude shape your counseling ministry?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a breakthrough moment in ministry that brought you joy.
2.	List reasons to be grateful for how God is working.
3.	Plan a celebration or ritual to acknowledge spiritual growth.







### **Prayer for Today**

Thank You, Lord, for Your ongoing work of transformation. Help me to rejoice in every step of growth You bring. Strengthen me to keep trusting Your process and celebrate the lives You heal. May my heart overflow with gratitude as I serve in gospel-centered ministry. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🔊 🙏







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