

England Counselor Training Tape

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I. Introduction: review of qualifications for being a counselor at a Billy Graham Crusade.

A. Qualification 1: the counselor must have a relationship with Christ and be growing.

B. Qualification 2: the counselor must be one who has the power of the Spirit.

II. Qualification 3: the counselor should have a working knowledge of the Bible.

A. We are to answer men with Word of truth, not the words of man. (Proverbs 22:20-21)

1. This helps meet the issues of those in need.

2. It is through the Bible that salvation comes. (2 Timothy 3:15)

3. The Scriptures are seed to the sower and bread to the eater. (Isaiah 55:10-11, Luke 8, 1 Peter 1:23, James 1:18)

B. We must use the Bible because the Bible is the only weapon for the spiritual conflict in which we are engaged. (Acts 26:18)

1. A person needs to be turned from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.

2. No man can accomplish this by himself because a heart change that is required.

3. We must use spiritual weapons. Our weapon is the Word of God. (2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Ephesians 6:18, Isaiah 55:11)

4. Christ quoted Scripture to battle against the Devil. (Matthew 4)

5. Just because a counselee does not believe in the Bible does not make it ineffective.

6. Encourage the counselee to at least hear what the Word has to say. (Jeremiah 23:29)

C. Ways to get to know the Bible.

1. Hear it preached. (Jeremiah 3:15)

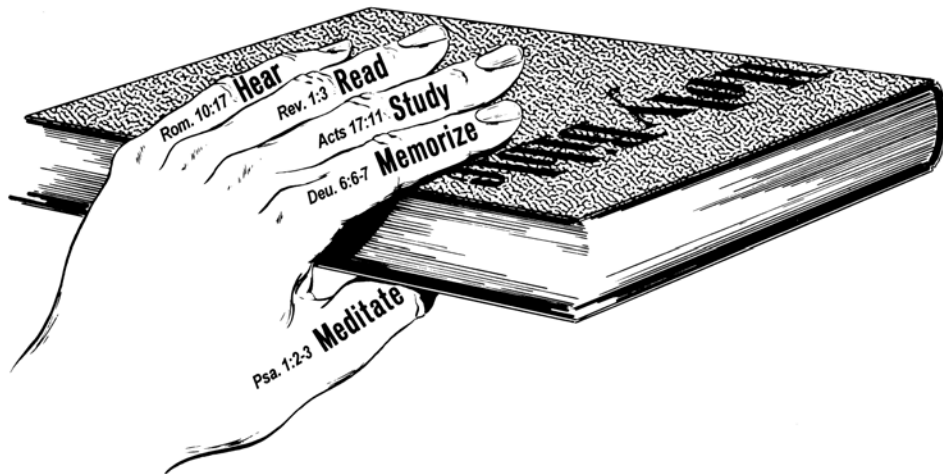
2. Read it for yourself.

3. Study it.

4. Memorize it.

a. Because of the example of the Lord Jesus. (1 John 5:11-12)

- b. Because it may bring victory over Satan.
- c. Because it may bring victory over sin.
- d. Because it is the quickest way to become an effective counselor for the Lord.
- e. Because it is one of the fastest ways to find oneself around the Bible.
- f. Because it helps one meditate on God's Word. (Joshua 1:8)
- g. Your memory is better than you think.
- h. You must apply the rules of memory.
 - 1) Review.
 - 2) Ask the Lord to help you, and He will help you
 - i. If you ask others to memorize, you too should be memorizing.
 - ii.



III. Counseling in the counseling room.

A. The person who has never received Christ as Savior.

1. Bear in mind...

a. The condition of the person: they are not a person who needs to be repaired but someone who is spiritually dead. Nothing we can say can bring them to life. They are blinded by Satan concerning the gospel. (2 Corinthians 2:4)

b. The remedy is the gospel - the power of God unto salvation. (Romans 1:16)

2. The gospel is that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried and that He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

- a. A person needs to receive the gospel because all are sinners. (Romans 3:23)
- b. Further, the wages of sin is death, and it robs us from all that we were meant to be and have. (Romans 6:23)
- c. The penalty for sin had to be paid and Christ paid the penalty for us through His death. Only Christ could do this for us. (Acts 4:12)
 - 1) Christ had no sin of His own, so He was able to pay the penalty for us not having His own to pay.
 - 2) Further, Christ could pay the penalty for all men because He was God and worth more than all men. (1 Peter 2:24)
- d. The gospel must be received to benefit from it. One becomes a son of God by receiving Christ. (John 1:12)
 - 1) This involves repentance.
 - 2) To repent means to change one's mind about God and sin and turn in faith to God receiving Christ as Savior.
 - 3) We must receive Christ for ourselves.
 - 4) We must open the door of our heart to Jesus after hearing His voice. He has promised that He will come in if we respond in such a manner. (Revelation 4:20)
 - 5) We can have assurance in the eternal life we receive from Christ. (1 John 5:11-12)

IV. Homework.

- A. Review the step one booklet.
- B. Commit to memory 1 John 5:11-12.
- C. Study the references from the "Gospel Sheet."