

# **Biblical Counseling Course at Stanford**

## **Syllabus for cycle beginning Fall 2014**

### **Part 1: Growing Life-Filled Relationships from the Heart**

Biblical Counseling: Truth in Love for Life	Joshua 1:1-9; 2 Cor. 1; various
In God's Image: Our Nature, Purpose, and Significance	Genesis 1:1-2:3
Vital Partnerships: With God, His Creation, Each Other	Genesis 2:1-3:17a
Corrupted Image: Distorted Condition from the Fall	Genesis 3-6, and various
God's Redeeming Love: Relentless Commitment to Bless	Genesis 6-50, and various
Progressive Deterioration: Growing Conviction of Need	Romans 1:1-2:4
Hope of Redemption: Trust for New Life Here and Now	Romans 2:1-5:2
New Identity: Resulting Ability to Change	Romans 5:1-6:14
True Freedom: Victory over Habits, Peace of Mind	Romans 6:14-8:14
New Life in the Spirit: Becoming like Jesus	Romans 8:4-12:2
Vital Counseling Issues: Depression, Entering God's Rest	Ps. 77; Luke 14; Heb. 3-4; 1 Jn. 2

### **Part 2: Fruitful Interpersonal Relationships**

Redemptive Communication: The Foundation of Hope	Ephesians 1-3
Constructive Communication: The Power of Truth	Ephesians 4
Sensitive Communication: Enlightenment through Love	Ephesians 5:1-6:9
Standing Firm: Avoiding Hidden Pitfalls	Eph. 6:10-20; Matt. 18; Gal. 5-6
Resolving Conflict: True Wisdom Enables Unity	James; Colossians
Winning Hearts to Truth: Speaking and Loving as Jesus	John 12-17; various
Unjust Suffering: Living Hope for Self and Others	1 Peter
Discipleship: Growing through Persistent Sin of Others	Hebrews 12
Even Greater Works: The Triumph of Personal Testimony	2 Corinthians 1-7
Mystery Revealed: The Secrets of Fulfilling Friendship	Philippians

### **Part 3: Fulfilling Male-Female Relationships**

Courtship: Dating and Engagement	Song of Solomon 1-3
Protecting Love's Preciousness	Song Sol. 8; 1 Cor. 6; 1 Thess. 4:1-8
Healing from Sexual Wounds, Blessings through Scars	2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51; Matt. 18
Breaking Patterns: Freedom for Godly Relationship	Matt. 5; Romans; Eph. 4; Prov. 5-9
Fulfilling Friendship, Life as Singles	1 Sam. 18; Phil. 2 and 4; 1 Cor. 7
Understanding Sexuality: Maleness and Femaleness	Genesis 1:26-3:21
Christian Marriage: Love and Respect (1): Wives	Ephesians, esp. 5:22-24, 33b
Christian Marriage: Love and Respect (2): Husbands	Ephesians, esp. 5:25-33a
Redeeming Marriage: Hope Triumphs over Fear	1 Peter, esp. 2:11-3:7
Leaving and Yet Honoring Parents	Gen. 2:24; Eph. 6:2-3; various
Being the Lord's Servants as Parents to Children	Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 6:1-4

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