

England Counselor Training Tape

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I. Introduction.

- A. This is a condensation of counselor training for the Billy Graham Crusade of 1954.
- B. This message can be of great help to you to be a counselor, but it will not make you a great counselor - this can only be done through following Jesus Christ.

II. The purpose.

A. To familiarize the listener with procedures to be used in a Crusade.

- 1. This is to be kept at a minimum.
- 2. Five questions:
 - a. How do I become a counselor?
 - b. Where do I sit in the meeting place?
 - c. How am I linked with an enquirer?
 - d. What do I do in the counseling room?
 - e. What follow up responsibilities do I have?

B. Personal counseling itself.

- 1. What qualifies a person to do counseling?
- 2. How do you help the unconverted?
- 3. How do you help someone who has already made a commitment to Christ?
- 4. Why are counselors needed?
 - a. This is because the objective is to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.
 - b. The objective is to see the sinner come to know Christ as Savior and Lord and to see him go on with Christ in life in the church. (Colossians 1:28)
- 5. The counselor must...
 - a. Make sure the enquirer is clear as to his decision. He must have a firm foundation to go forward.
 - b. Begin follow up immediately.

1. Every new Christian needs to be fed, protected and trained if they are to become useful in the life of their church. (1 Corinthians 4:13)
2. It is the counselor's responsibility to follow up. (John 21)
3. Follow up must begin immediately because Satan's attacks begin immediately.

c. Secure accurate information on the decision card. This is important for linking the counselee to the proper church.

III. Qualification 1: the counselor must have a relationship with Christ and be growing. (Acts 22:12-15)

A. God chose Paul to know His will, to see God and to hear His voice. As a result of this, he was to be a witness of what he had seen and heard. Witnessing is taking a good look at the Lord and going out and telling people what was seen and heard.

B. The counselor must know Christ as Savior and Lord; a counselor will speak in humility and with certainty what he knows. (John 3, 1 John 5:13)

C. A counselor must be getting to know Christ better so he can testify to others what he has seen and heard. A counselor is one who points to Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)

D. A counselor must be one who speaks boldly of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 4:13)

E. We become more like Christ when we get to know Him better. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

1. This happens through Bible reading - we hear Jesus' voice by reading the Scriptures.
2. Without the truth of the Scriptures man would not know the forgiveness of sins found in Jesus. The Bible testifies of Jesus. (John 5:39, 1 Samuel 3:21)
3. God wrote the Bible to us because He loves us and has some wonderful things He wants us to know.
4. We grow spiritually through the Bible. (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3, 1 Peter 2:2)
5. Many are spiritually starved. We must take daily time with the Lord to be nourished. (Isaiah 55:10-11)
6. Through the Scriptures we are able to have victory over sin. (Psalm 119:11, 119:105, Jeremiah 15:16)
7. God talks to us through the Bible; we talk to God through prayer.
8. The two basics for the Christian life are time for the Word of God and time for prayer.
 - a. Every Christian worker must get away for fellowship with Jesus Christ. (Matthew 14:23, Luke 5:15-16)

b. The Christian must have the habit of prayer at the cost of his life. Prayer is not a convenience - it is an act of desperation. (Daniel 6:10-11)

F. The real concern of the Christian life for counseling is whether the Spirit of God is flowing through the counselor. To be qualified as a counselor, one must be able to witness to what God is doing personally.

IV. Qualification 2: the counselor must be one who has the power of the Spirit. (Acts 1)

A. Power is needed to be a witness because it is a spiritual ministry. (Ephesians 6:12)

B. A person outside of Christ is spiritually dead and blinded by Satan. (Ephesians 2:1, 2
Corinthians 4:3-4)

C. Since this is the case, God must work a miracle. We are unqualified and therefore must depend upon the Holy Spirit. The Spirit needs us as spokesmen.

D. What is involved?

1. There must be a confession of all known sin. (Psalm 68:16)

2. There must be a surrender of the life to Christ. (Matthew 4:19)

a. Following Jesus is saying no to self and to the world in order to follow Jesus. (Luke 9:23)

b. To be an effective counselor costs one something.

3. There must be a reliance upon the Holy Spirit in faith.

a. This is for counsel.

b. This is for utilization of the right Scripture.

c. This is so the word would be in power.

d. This is so Christ would be glorified.

V. Homework.

A. Work through the Scriptures given.

B. Get started in a daily time with the Lord in the Word and prayer.

C. Read through the booklet "Beginning with Christ."