

Qualifications of a Biblical Counselor

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**THE GOSPEL
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Are You Qualified _____?

Will you love me?

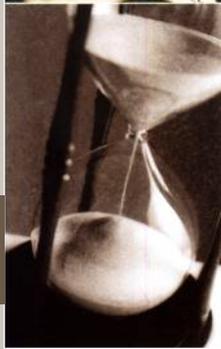
Will you betray me?

Will you judge me?

Will you listen to me?

Will you care about me?

Will you tell me the truth?



Can I Trust you to... "Bear my burdens"?

The Goal of Counseling: Growing to become More Like Christ

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher [Jesus]. (Lu. 6:40)

“...I [Jesus] always do the things that are pleasing to him [God].” (Jn.8:29)

“... we [Paul] make it our aim to please him.” (2 Cor.5:9)

Help! I'm NOT Like *Christ!!*

- ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is *a new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling³ the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
- ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. (Gal. 5:5-6)

Progressive Sanctification



POSITIONAL

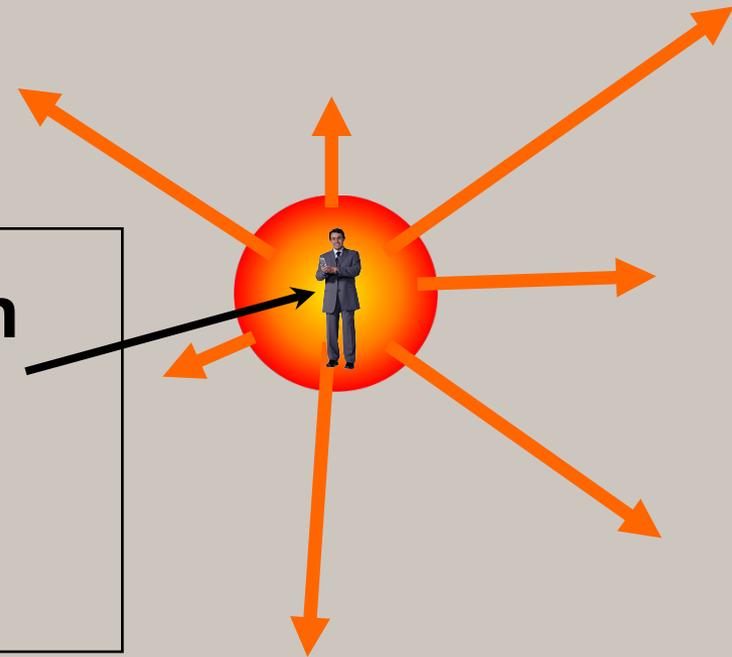
How I Live
(active)

Grows out of our
Positional (passive)
Sanctification...In Christ

Ministry from Your Identity

- Adopted, Righteous, Saint, Child, Loved, Forgiven
- Love responds in
 - Fearing God
 - Pursuit of Holiness
 - Obedience/ministry
 - Worship
 - Service
 - Faith working by love (Gal. 5:5-6)

Position
“in
Christ”



By Faith
Progressive Sanctification flows out
of your *standing in Christ*

Regardless of Where you Are, You Are to be involved in Biblical Soul-Care

Restoration – Growing more like Christ

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness (Gal. 6:1)

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²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)

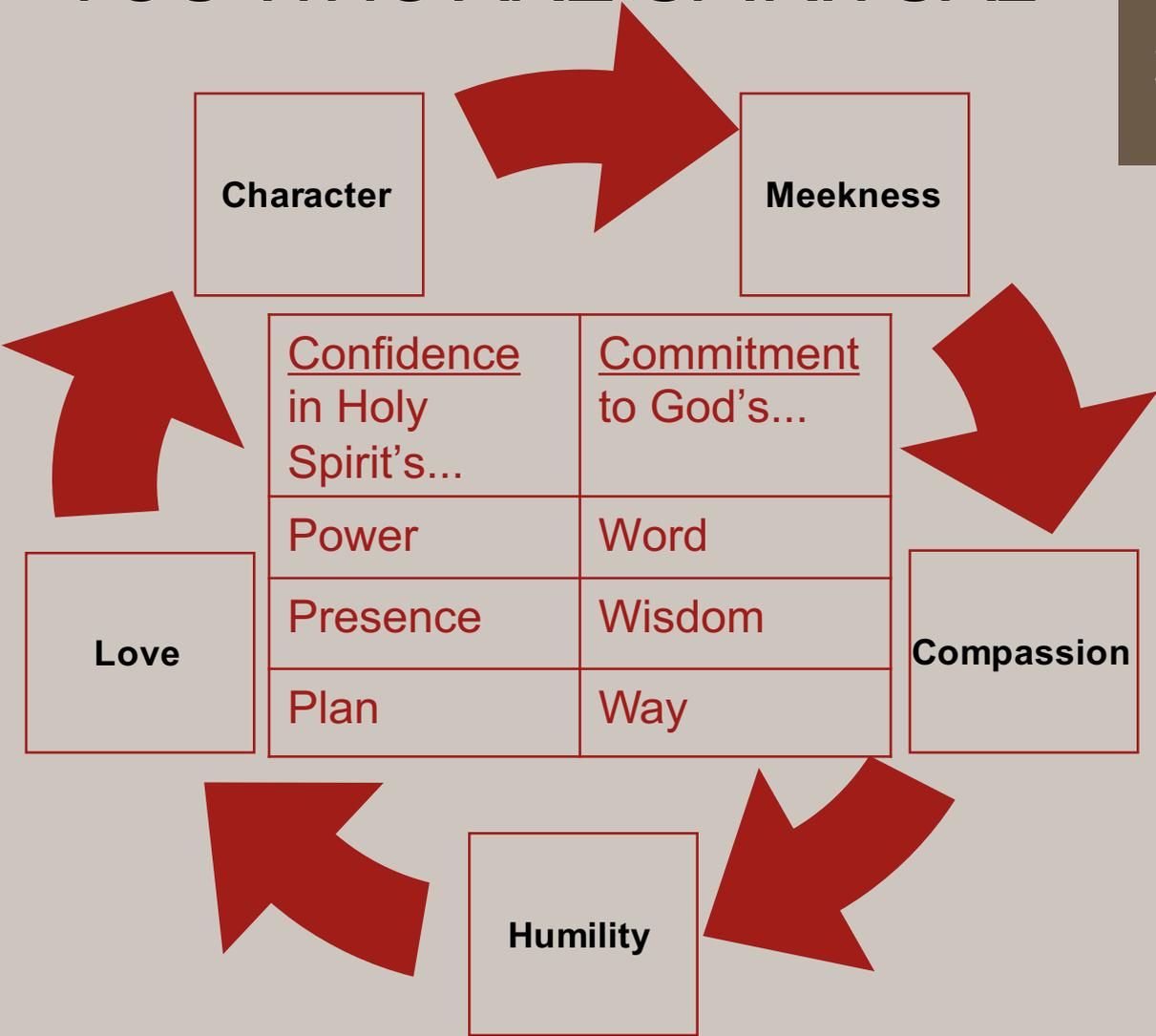
ESSENTIAL QUALITIES

“YOU WHO ARE SPIRITUAL”

through the *Spirit, by faith*
Gal. 5:5

only faith
working through
love. Gal. 5:6

Arrogance
Idolatry
Self-confidence
Personal Agendas
Love world
Power-control
Self-righteous



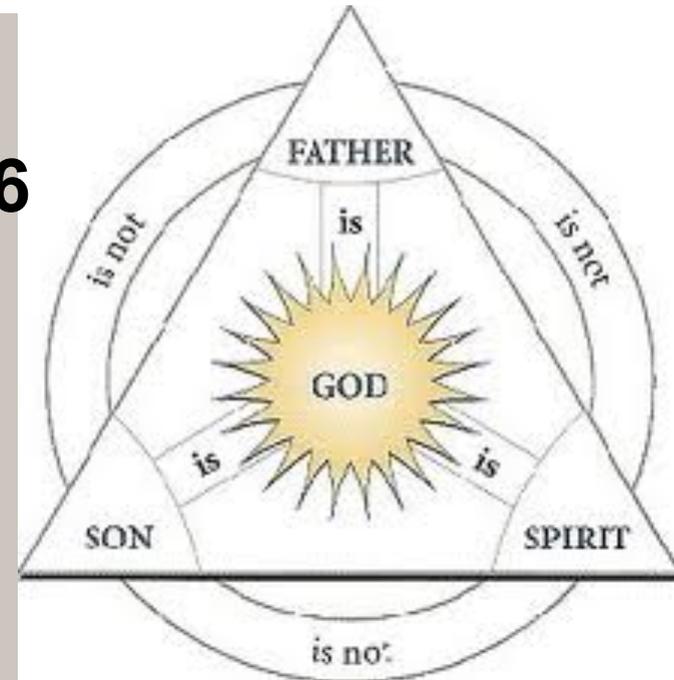
Timidity
Idolatry
Feeling-oriented
Fear of man
Doubting God's presence
Fear of outcomes

Christ Modeled the Essence of Humility

Self-denial	Phil 2:4-8; Jn.5:19, Jn. 9:3; Jn. 14:10
Submission	Luke 2:51; Mt. 17:25-27; Mt. 22:21
Student	Luke 2; Heb. 2; 5
Self-awareness	Jn. 17; Phil. 2:4-8; Matt. 5:3-4; Is. 6:5; 1 Tim.1:15
Service	Mt. 20:28; Lu. 22:27; Mk. 11:45
Suffering	Heb. 2:10; Heb. 5:8; 1 Pet. 2:23
Sacrifice	Heb. 2:9; Jn. 10:11-15; Is. 53:10

Humility – Knows How You Fit in the Process **2 Tim. 2:24-26**

- Pursuing Growth
- Know your Place
- Be Wise
- Don't argue
- Be teachable
- Be Kind
- Be Patient
- Be able to teach
- Gentle
- Be able to Correct



<http://thewaytheballbounces.blogspot.com/2010/07/trinity-illustrated.html>

Satan

Essential Quality - Love

1. Love as you love yourself (Matt. 22:37-38)
2. Love as I have loved you (Jn. 13:34; 15:12)
3. Love worships and serves (Deut. 10:13)
4. Love obeys (Jn. 14:15; 15:10)
5. Love gives actively (Jn. 3:16; 1 Cor. 13)
6. Love is first motivated by the worship of God for the glory of God and is ***other-focused, self-less giving for the eternal good of the other person***

The Fruit of the Spirit is Love (Gal.5:22)

Joy is love exhilarated

Peace is love at rest

Longsuffering is love on trial

Kindness is love with interpersonal tenderness and moral excellence

Goodness is love with active, personal care

Faithfulness is love with confident endurance

Meekness is love *without* personal rights or agendas

Self-control is love with self-restraint.

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Essential Quality Character/Maturity

- Involves growing and changing in personal pursuit of holiness/progressive sanctification.
- Maturity recognizes the foolishness of human wisdom & grows in biblical knowledge, wisdom & practice (2 Pet. 1:3-9).
- Keep a close watch **on yourself** and on **the teaching**. **Persist in this**, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim. 4:16)
- I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. (Rom. 15:14)
- Character/maturity enables ministry-opportunities - (Naaman's maid 2 Kings 5:2-5)

Essential Quality Character/Maturity

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)

³to us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him** who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them **you may become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (2 Pet. 1:3-8)

Essential Quality Character/Maturity

⁵For this very reason, **make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue**, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and **knowledge with self-control**, and self-control with steadfastness, and **steadfastness with godliness**, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and **brotherly affection with love**. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and **are increasing**, they keep you from being **ineffective or unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Pet. 1:3-8)

Results of Character/Maturity Meekness

“Is an inwrought grace [woven into the fabric] of the soul; and the exercises of it are *first and chiefly towards God*. It is that temper of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without *disputing or resisting*.” Vine’s

- Produces a lifestyle of “***love without personal rights or demands***” vs. episodic experiences... surrendering to God’s sovereign orchestration of time, circumstances and events “***without disputing or resisting***”.
- e.g. - Esther - the abuse victim who saved a nation
- You will not last in soul-care if you’re not willing to suffer and be mistreated...if you are not growing in meekness.

Results of Character/Maturity Meekness

1. You cannot point a suffering to the Sovereign goodness of God if you have not personally embraced God's character.
2. If you struggle with understanding how "bad things can happen to good people", you will be weak, or even unable to help someone run to God and find hope in Him when there are no easy answers.

Essential Quality - Compassion

- Moved/motivated by *tender concern* for neglected souls, the disenfranchised, the hurting
- ⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-9)
- But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. (1 Thess. 2:7-8)

Essential Quality – Wisdom & Knowledge

- but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24 ESV)
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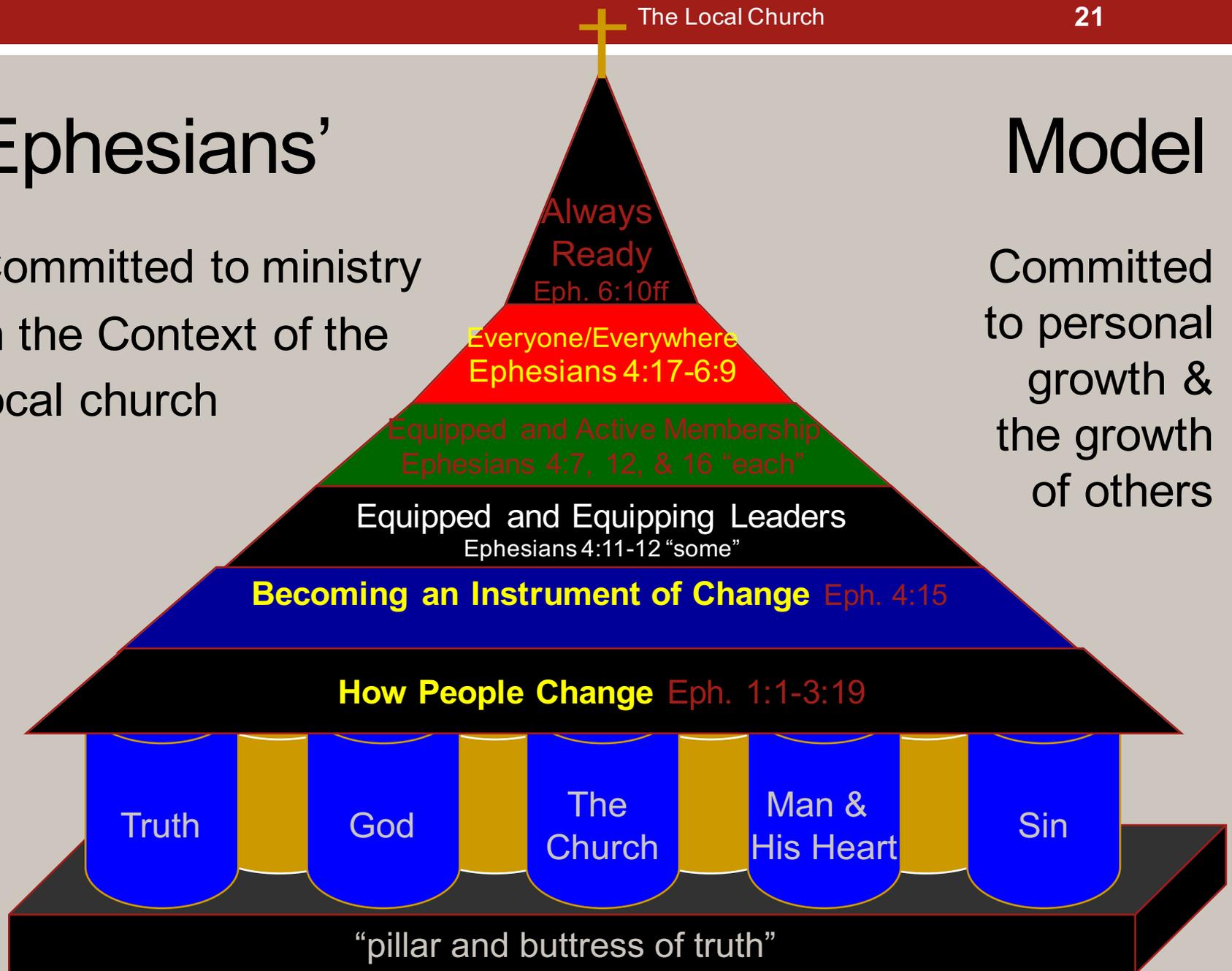
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Ephesians'

Committed to ministry
in the Context of the
local church

Model

Committed
to personal
growth &
the growth
of others



Suggested Homework

- 1. In your own words, summarize the top two or three most important principles or themes that were presented tonight.
- 2. Write a short paragraph explaining how what you learned above will change your thinking or behaviors
- 3. Write down any questions you had during the class.
- 4. We would appreciate your help to improve our teaching. If you have thoughts or suggestions about ways we might improve the teaching materials, class- room, venue, etc., please feel free to write them down.

Suggested Homework

- 6. Read the assigned pages from the text book
- 7. Highlight or underline statements that stand out to you as you read
- 8. Review your highlighted phrases from each chapter and number the three most important highlighted phrases in each chapter and write them down.

Opposite of Biblical Love

- Self-love – *idolatry* (Rom.12:12)
- Sinful fear
- Prevents serving others
- Biblical love cannot co-exist with hatred
- If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. (1 John 4:20 ESV)

Goal:
Sanctification

Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (4:13)

Context:
Church

the whole body fitly joined together (4:16)



Pointing to Christ

Inspiring
to make all men see
what is the fellowship of the mystery (3:9)

Method:
Discipleship

Motivation:
Worship

Loving each other - like Christ

Incarnating Christ
walk in love (5:2); edifying the body of Christ (4:12)

Exalting and loving Christ

Identifying with Christ

That we should be to the praise of his glory (1:12)

...in righteousness and true holiness (4:24); to know the love of Christ (5:2)

Bought by Christ

Identity in Christ

created in Christ Jesus (2:10)

Presenting the Truth (Evangelism) (Eph. 1-3)

COMMITTED

RELATIONSHIPS

Humility Equips for Suffering

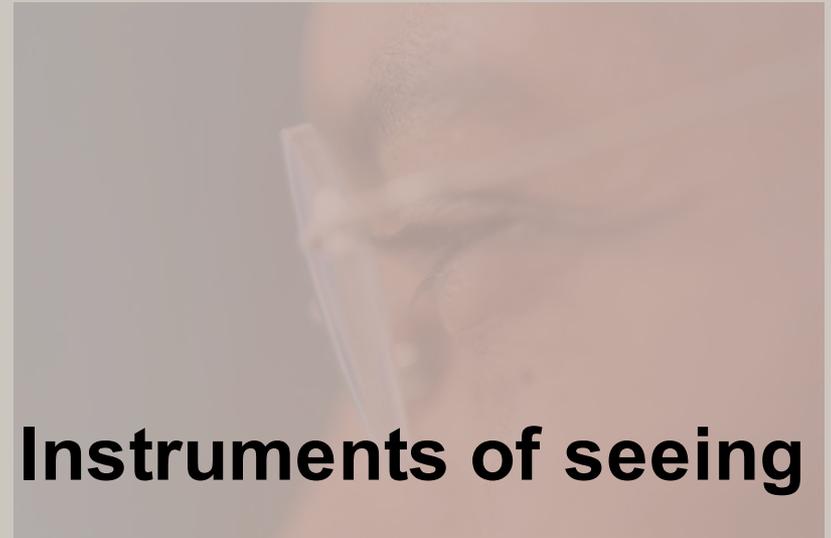
- ¹¹ [Paul] ... we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. ¹² ...When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and ***are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.*** (1 Cor. 4:11-13)

Humility – You are 1 of 4 Personalities Involved in Soul-Care



**The Word of God
transforms Psalm 19**

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Instruments of seeing

2 Tim. 2:24-26

Ambassadors

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Results of Character/Maturity

- Gets God's attention (Job)
- Generates ministry-opportunities - (Naaman's maid – 2 Kings 5:2-5)
- ².... the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." (2 Ki.5:2-5)

“Without Love it profits me nothing”

- The **aim** of our charge **is love** that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (1 Tim.1:5)
- Love is the natural outworking of the Holy Spirit.
- ³⁷“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.
³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38)

Humility - Biblically Accurate View of Self

The context of Gal. 6:1-2 is **HUMILITY!**

²⁵If we **live by the Spirit**, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us **not become conceited, provoking** one another, **envying** one another.

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²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, **when he is nothing, he deceives himself**. (Gal. 5:25-6:2)

Results of Humility

- Gets people's attention
 - One's pride will bring him low,
but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor. (Pr. 29:23)
- Creates opportunities for dialog, relationships
- Produces a ***“Teflon-attitude”***
in relationship to praise & “success”

Results of Humility

- Teachable – you can't counsel, or be counseled if you're not teachable.
- Dependence On God's power and promises results in confidence in God's wisdom, not yours or others.
- Know your place - ²⁴And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. (2 Tim. 2:24-26)
- How many people are referenced in this text?

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¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, Have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

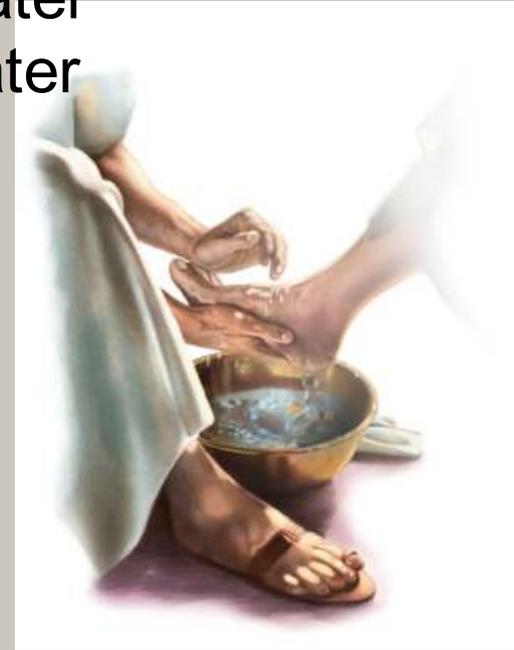
¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do Just as I have done to you.

¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

¹⁷If you know these things, Blessed [happy] are you if you do them.

(Jn. 13:14)

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Results of Humility

Humility Get's God's Attention & Blessing

¹“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; ...^{2b}But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. (Is. 66:1-2; See also Is..57:15)

God opposes the proud (Ja.4:6; 1Pet.5:5; Jer. 17:5-1)

My glory I will not give to another. (Is. 48:11b)

Hurting people shy away from the proud person - One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor. (Pr. 29:23)

A “**Teflon-attitude**” regarding praise & successes

Results of Character/Maturity: Meekness

- *Meekness is love without personal rights or demands*
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IV. Biblical Change -- to be like Christ, grows from Positional Sanctification

"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

"Behold, I have come to do your will." - Jesus

"Behold, I have come to do your will." - David

I dwell ..with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit

"We make it our aim to please him." - Paul

Washed, clean, holy, sanctified, new creation, Without blemish, Changed from enemy to FRIEND, beyond reproach, the holiness of GOD



God completes His perfection in us as we surrender through faith in Christ, resulting in A NEW PERSON, NEW HEART