

Christian Counseling Disclosure Statement

It is my desire to be available to listen and seek God together. I wish to provide you a statement of your rights regarding counseling; what maybe asked of you, and what you may expect from me as I seek to counsel you.

I Credentials: I am a License Mental Health Counselor. I graduated in May 2001 (Colorado Christian University) with a Masters of Arts in Counseling; I am a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

II Counseling Approach: I will be curious as I sit with you about your spiritual journey. Thus you may expect to a) spend time discussing your story, b) work with me to find where you are feeling isolated from God's perfect love, and then join me in pursuing Him for healing.

III No Guarantees: No counselor can guarantee positive results and there is possibility as you surface problems, hurts, and frustrations that things may feel worse than better. This is particularly true in the early stage of our relationship. Usually this period of pain will pass (somewhat like cleaning the infection on a wound). This could prove to be symbolic of how your damaged Soul is becoming whole.

IV Fee: \$157 (50 minutes) - Please do not allow finances to deter you from the option of Christian Counseling. If finances are an issue and you cannot afford my full fee, I will do all I can to make it affordable.

V Conjoint Marital Sessions: Christian Counseling - This will give a platform that will best offer healing and support for anyone that is seeking to be more Christ-like.

VI Expectations: With your permission, I will open and close every session with prayer. I will expect you to complete any agreed upon exercises (such as journaling, reading, and/or other activities).

VII Voluntary Participation: You may terminate counseling at any time. I will gladly recommend another counselor and/or help you find one which will better fit your needs.

VIII Confidentiality: What ever you share with me will be ethically and legally confidential. I will provide a consent form for you to sign to wave these rights when it is needed. For example, when it is needed for your doctor and I to converse about any medication you are currently taking. This is only one example. This will be a voluntary decision on the part of the counselee.

In accordance with the laws of the state of Iowa, I must/will break confidentiality and:

1. Report any cases of a child who is physically or sexually abused to the County Child Protection Services.
2. Report any instances wherein a counselee has become dangerous to himself/herself (suicidal).
3. Report any instances wherein a counselee has become dangerous to others
4. I will need to share with my supervisor, information calling into question certain kinds of activities regarding a pastor, elder, deacon, or staff member which are critically contrary to biblical standards.

IX Inappropriate Sexual Acts: Sexual intimacy between a pastor-counselor and counselee is never appropriate. Should it occur, you should report this immediately to the Iowa State Grievance Board. I would like to do this with you or for you.

X Dual Relationships: You may want to interact with me not only in a counseling session, but also in other arenas within the life of the church. Knowing what is happening in your life may enable me to better guide you in Spiritual matters and activities within the church. However, you must consider the ramifications of interacting with me in multiple roles and be certain that you are comfortable with this.

XI Emergency Help: You may call the number 515-232-1374 and leave a message on my private and confidential voicemail. I will check messages each morning and evening and will return your call as soon as I can. If an emergency arises and you cannot wait for my return call you may contact the community health center nearest you: or dial 911.

I have read the preceding Private Discipleship Disclosure Statement and understand the contents, my rights, and the limitations of our Counseling relationship.

I give permission for Elizabeth Herrington to speak openly with Ed Ruppert and Mary Jo Pfeifer Wulf as a consultant about my case. In addition I give permission to have Sharla Mander process all of Elizabeth Herrington's dictation notes that will be held confidentially in the client's files. Also, Rich Herrington will handle office management responsibilities.

Counselee's Printed Name

Counselee's Signature
(or Guardian's, if a minor)

Date