

The Role of the Holy Spirit & Prayer in Counseling
(Jn. 16:12-15, Gal. 5:16-26)

I. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer

- Makes much of Christ (Jn. 16:14)
- Convicts us of sin (Jn. 16:8)
- Comfort us in suffering (II Cor. 1)
- Counsels (Teach) us in wisdom (Jn. 14:26,16:13)
- Bears Fruit in our lives as we submit our will to Christ's. (Gal 5:22)
- Gives us spiritual gifts to serve Christ with (I Cor. 12, Eph. 4)
- He is the guarantee of our inheritance in Christ (Eph. 1:13-14)

II. Implications for Biblical Counseling

1. It is not our job to _____ our counselees. It is our job to point our counselees to gospel truth and to the one who does _____.
2. It is the Holy Spirit who _____ us ultimately through the Word of God.
3. Counselees find lasting comfort and hope in being _____ by the Spirit.
4. We must teach our counselee's about the Holy Spirit's ministry in their lives and how to stay in step with the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-26)

III. How do we incorporate this in a Counseling Session?

1. The whole session needs to be bathed in prayer (before, during, after)
2. When you get stuck in counseling: _____ and _____.
3. Assign homework that helps counselees depend on the HS in their lives.
4. We evaluate homework based on the Word of God.
5. We point out when we actively see the Holy Spirit in the lives of the counselees as they are growing.

IV. Resources for Reading

1. Power in Prayer Andrew Murray
2. The Power of Prayer in a Believers Life Charles Spurgeon
3. The Hour that Changes the World Dick Eastman
4. Experiencing the Holy Spirit Andrew Murray
5. Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit Frances Chan