

3rd John # 11

“Doing Good” Part 3

‘An example of what’s thought of as good but is not: the counseling of others’

3rd John 11; 1st Corinthians 10:13

There has never been a thought, a problem, a pressure or a disaster in our lives that the Word of God has not covered and given us answers for.

THE WAY OF ESCAPE IS:

1. The application of retroactive positional truth to our present experience

2. The mechanics of recovery in 1st John 1:9

3. *The operation of Faith-Rest*

4. The filling of the Holy Spirit

5. Living in the Word of God

6. Finally we get to the mature technique of occupation with Jesus Christ

Our entire function in the spiritual life is dependent on the transference of God’s Word from the page of the Bible into our souls.

God’s spiritual solutions demand that we solve all problems in life through His power system.

The primary purpose of assembling for worship is to provide the privacy of the priesthood and only the accurate communication of biblical truth to an assembled group of believers fulfills the principle of the privacy of the priesthood for the accumulation of wisdom—to fill the inventory in our souls for self-counseling.

We cannot solve a problem until we take the responsibility for the fact that we made a bad decision.

Application from emotion is arrogant and irrational and application without biblical principles is life without direction.

Application without accumulated wisdom from biblical truth is distraction from and distortion of our spiritual life and that always results in the false application of human solutions.

Counseling is advice, opinion or instruction given in directing the judgment or the conduct of another person.

If we do not make our own decisions, we cannot take responsibility for them.

Therefore, one of the many dangers of counseling is that you end up running someone else’s life.

We cannot make decisions for another person’s life because they’ll become dependent on us rather than on biblical truth.

There’s an invisible line between helping people which is a good deed and running their lives which is human good dead works.

The person who constantly seeks counseling from another is like a drug addict because he or she goes back for more and more, so the counselor becomes their drug of choice.
The counselor begins to control the life of the dependent, so that the believer walks on crutches spiritually.

The counselor who establishes a dependency destroys legitimate authority.

When we get counsel from Word of God, our role model is Jesus Christ and no counselor has the right to supersede our Lord as the role model for anyone in a congregation.

When any believer sets himself up as a role model through counseling, he or she adds arrogance and blasphemy to human good; making it evil.

A counselor who comes between a child and his parents is actually putting that child's life in danger.

It is blasphemous to take the place of Jesus Christ as the Wonderful Counselor.

If we reject God's counsel, no other counselor is going to put our life back together for us.

We are counseled by the biblical truth we have in our own souls; so as our counselor, the Lord teaches us when we're pursuing human good to the point that it becomes evil.