

**Walsh Counseling Center  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**

**Consent to Counseling**

**Our Goal** – Our goal in providing Biblical counseling is to help you meet the challenges of life in a way that will please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and allow you to enjoy fully His love for you and His plans for your life. Counseling is provided by students supervised by Counseling Faculty so that the students may have opportunities to be involved in practical application of Biblical Counseling. Qualified graduate students enrolled in a Biblical Counseling degree program may observe, participate and/or provide counseling as a part of their training.

**Biblical Basis** – We believe that the Bible provides thorough and complete guidance and instruction for faith and life. Therefore, our counseling is based on Scriptural principles rather than those of secular psychology, social work or psychiatry. All those providing counseling have been trained as Biblical counselors.

**Confidentiality** – Confidentiality is an important aspect of the counseling process, and we will carefully guard the information you entrust to us. There are situations, however, when it may be necessary for us to share certain information with others: (1) when a counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice from another Biblical counselor (this will be done without revealing the name of the counselee); (2) when it is necessary to talk with the counselee's pastor; (3) when there is a clear indication that someone may be harmed unless others intervene; (4) when a person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of others in his or her church (and/or Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary if the the counselee is a student) to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20). Please be assured that our counselors strongly prefer not to disclose personal information to others, and they will make every effort to help you find ways to resolve a problem as privately as possible. If it becomes necessary to disclose information, the counselor will inform the counselee first unless the counselee refuses contact.

Having clarified the principles and policies of our counseling ministry, we welcome the opportunity to minister to you in the name of Christ and to be used by Him as He helps you to grow in spiritual maturity and prepares you for usefulness in His body. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please talk with a Biblical Counseling faculty member. If these guidelines are acceptable to you, please sign below.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_