



**SCRIPTURE IS SUFFICIENT AND UNEQUALLED FOR EVERY MATTER TO WHICH IT SPEAKS, INCLUDING:**

**S**trength, courage, and confidence in Christ to meet any kind of internal or external circumstance—Isaiah 41:10, Proverbs 14:26

**C**orrection, guidance, and training for complete inner person soundness—John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**R**ight relationship with God and people, through Spirit-controlled attitudes, words, and actions—Titus 2:11-14, Galatians 5:16-26

**I**nnner joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment in God, independent of feeling or circumstance—Philippians 4:4, John 10:10, Romans 14:7-8

**P**ease of mind beyond comprehension, and encouragement, in every situation—Isaiah 26:3, Philippians 4:6-7

**T**otal assurance of full forgiveness and freedom from guilt, as found in Christ alone—Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:1-10

**U**nderlying hope and optimism in any present and future situation—Romans 15:4, 1 Peter 1:3-5.

**R**esponsibility and ability to love God and others—Matthew 5:44, Colossians 3:12-14

**E**nlightenment, meaning, and purpose for day-to-day life—Psalm 119:11, Isaiah 43:7, 1 Peter 4:11



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# COUNSEL



The Word of God is authoritative for counsel, sufficient to equip, and relevant for training in regards to every trial and difficulty.

GOD PERFECTLY MEETS AND PROVIDES FOR HUMANITY AT THE POINT OF NEED

## HAPPINESS

True happiness requires the ordering of life according to Scripture, not according to any other counsel.

*Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart. Psalm 119:1-2*

- In a world filled with various philosophies of counseling, Christians must recognize that Scripture claims it alone is sufficient and authoritative for counseling the inner man.

## WARNING

Scripture warns believers against embracing any philosophies of living that are not according to Christ.

*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. Colossians 2:8*

- While it is possible that one may feel relief from talking with anyone who lends a sympathetic ear, when a Christian embraces other counsel than God's Word, he or she cannot assume God's continued blessing.

## AID

There is only one way to adequately understand and therefore AID the inner person—through God's Word.

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

- Counsel that avoids the root of problems as revealed by Scripture neglects the crux of problems.

# INNER PERSON



*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 heart to God. Colossians 3:16*

## GOD COMPLETELY EQUIPS FOR PEACE, STRENGTH, HOPE, JOY, FULFILLMENT, MEANING, AND MORE. HOW?

Through intimate relationship with God as a believer in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior—  
Romans 10:9-10

Through meditation on God's Word—  
Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2-3

Through teaching and training according to Scripture—  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Through God's people as they relate according to the principles of Scripture—  
Romans 15:14, Hebrews 10:24-25

GOD'S WORD

Do you really believe that God and what He says in His Word is authoritative and unequalled? In Scripture you'll find all the counsel you need for matters of inner personhood. Biblical counseling can provide a caring, loving relationship in which to discover Scripture's true hope and lasting encouragement.