

Billy Graham Counselor Training - Part 1B

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I. People walking in fellowship with the Lord is a foreign thing in the world.

- A. Very little teaching on honesty and morality, etc.
- B. Lives are ineffective if not walking in the Spirit.
- C. There is a price to walking in the Spirit.
- D. These are the qualifications for a spiritual walk.
 - 1. You must be born again.
 - 2. You must walk in fellowship with God.
 - 3. You must have a basic knowledge of the word.
 - 4. We must see our worth in God's view of us.
 - a. We cannot glory in the flesh, we must glory in God only.
 - b. In this way God can use the weakest of us.
 - c. Each day we surrender more to the Lord.
 - d. Each day the flesh grows weaker and the Spirit stronger.
 - e. Paul and Barnabas healed a man in Lystra and many sought to worship them but they pointed the people to God. (Acts 14)
 - f. We thank God for forgiveness. (1 John 1:9)
 - g. Pray for marriage daily. (Ephesians 5:26)
 - h. Pray for children.
 - i. We need to learn to come to the Lord with our failures in order to be forgiven and to leave it with God.
 - j. The devil is the one who keeps bringing up our failures.

II. Have faith in God. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

- A. The Christian walk is a walk of faith.
- B. We believe that God will do his work in us. (Hebrews 11:6)
- C. Abraham grew strong in faith in spite of his circumstances. (Romans 4:20-21)
 - 1. God sends us out and we must go.
 - 2. God goes with us.
- D. We must claim the promises of God.
- E. We grow and God gives us bigger challenges.
 - 1. God goes before us to make the crooked places straight.
- F. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son. (Hebrews 11:18)
 - 1. Sometimes God asks us to give up things.
 - 2. We move by faith to follow God.
- G. We must by faith go out to do what God says to do.
- H. If we have faith, God will do a new thing.
 - 1. Do you believe that God can do a new thing?
 - 2. Are you trusting him to do new things?

III. God's favor.

- A. God gives favor and without it we will lose – again we are in need of God.
- B. Winning people in our own strength will never succeed.
- C. God blesses the righteous with favor. (Psalm 5:12)
- D. God gave Daniel favor and tender love. (Daniel 1:9)
- E. The Lord gave Joseph favor in the sight of the prison keeper. (Genesis 39:21)
- F. God blesses the righteous.

1. We must live a righteous life.
2. We must pay the price.
3. Daniel was forced to eat the king's meat but he refused, desiring to please the Lord.
4. We need to live separated lives.
5. Joseph remained righteous in Potipher's house.
6. He paid a high price but it kept him righteous in God's sight.
7. "For the righteous cease to be" is a tragedy. (Psalm 12:1)
 - a. Dabbling with sin is dangerous.
 - b. Job was perfect and upright before God.
 - c. We cannot live righteous in our own strength.
 - d. We can live righteous by God's strength.

G. As we are faithful to God he gives us favor. (Daniel 6:4)

1. If we remain faithful to God we will have favor.
2. We should not seek glory but to live faithfully before God.
3. Our responsibility is to live faithfully before God.
4. God knows where we will fit in best.
5. If we are asked to clean something up then do it right.
6. Don't be men pleasers but God pleasers.
7. Jesus always did what pleased God. (John 8:29)