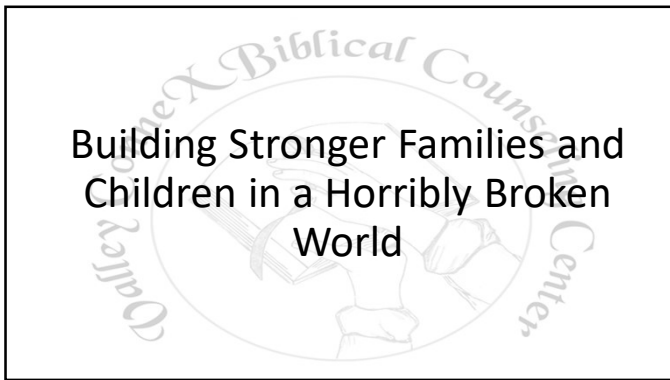
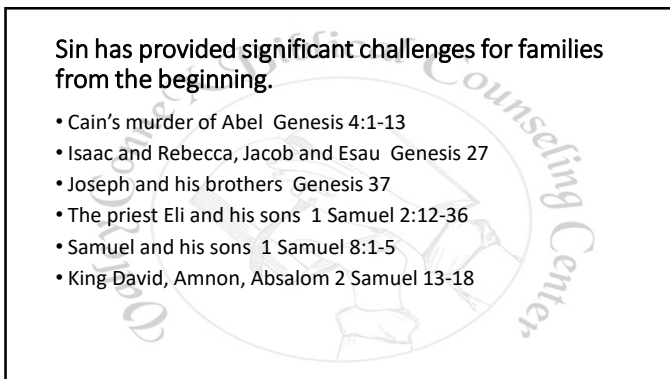


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The world around us, based on a radically self-centered agenda, supplies many corrupting influences on both adults and children.

- ¹ But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (ESV)

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God's counsel

- Warnings to heed
 - ⁵ Avoid such people. 2 Timothy 3:5b (ESV)
 - Do not identify with them or take up their cause.

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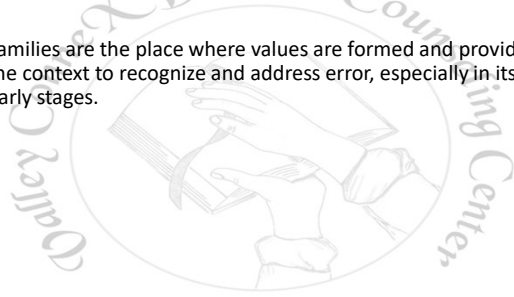
God's counsel

- Warnings to heed
 - ⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹ But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men. 2 Timothy 3:8-9 (ESV)
 - Abandonment of the truth Isaiah 5:24 (also see John 14:6; 17:17)
 - Faulty reasoning Romans 1:21-22; 8:5-7
 - Rejection of God's plan of salvation Matthew 13:10-15
 - True motives and agendas will surface Galatians 5:19; 1 John 3:10

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Relevance for Families

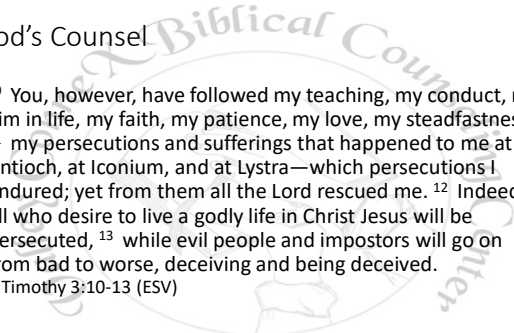
- Families are the place where values are formed and provide the context to recognize and address error, especially in its early stages.



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God's Counsel

- ¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.
2 Timothy 3:10-13 (ESV)

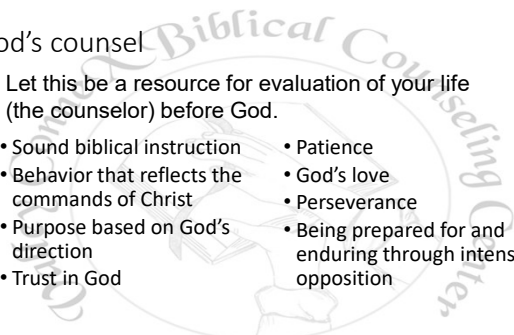


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God's counsel

Let this be a resource for evaluation of your life (the counselor) before God.

- Sound biblical instruction
- Behavior that reflects the commands of Christ
- Purpose based on God's direction
- Trust in God
- Patience
- God's love
- Perseverance
- Being prepared for and enduring through intense opposition



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God's counsel

As biblical counselors we must model these traits

- Sound biblical instruction
- Behavior that reflects the commands of Christ
- Purpose based on God's direction
- Trust in God
- Patience
- God's love
- Perseverance
- Being prepared for and enduring through intense opposition

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God's counsel

Teach the counselee, especially parents to model them.

- Sound biblical instruction
- Behavior that reflects the commands of Christ
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God's counsel

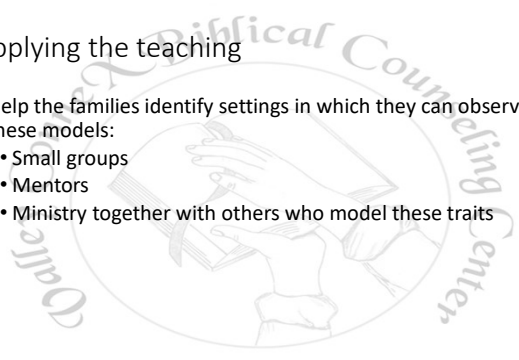
Teach the counselee to teach them to their children

- Sound biblical instruction
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Applying the teaching

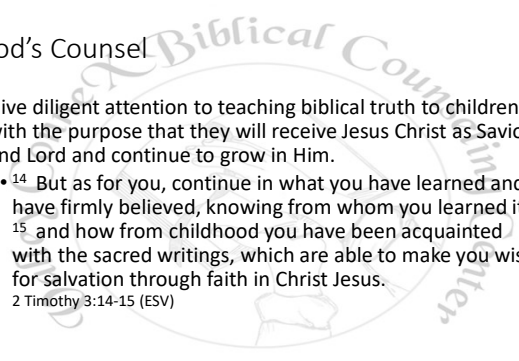
- Help the families identify settings in which they can observe these models:
 - Small groups
 - Mentors
 - Ministry together with others who model these traits



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God's Counsel

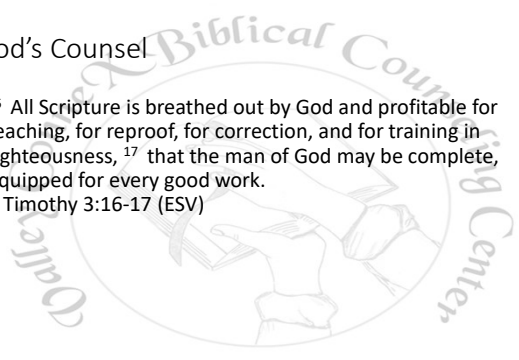
- Give diligent attention to teaching biblical truth to children with the purpose that they will receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and continue to grow in Him.
 - ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Timothy 3:14-15 (ESV)



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God's Counsel

- ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



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God's Counsel

- Proceed with the conviction that the Bible is:
 - God's Word to us θεόπνευστος
- Profitable for
 - Teaching us the ways of God
 - Revealing when we have departed from the ways of God
 - Instruction on how to return to the ways of God
 - Training on how to continue in the ways of God
- Comprehensive in its provision
