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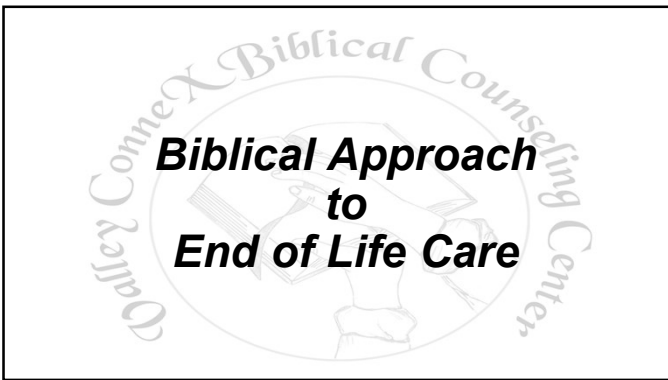
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Three major areas to consider.

- The person diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- The family members of a terminally ill loved one who is no longer able to effectively make decisions about his or her own care.
- Family members wounded by interactions related to a terminally ill loved one.

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The person diagnosed with a terminal illness.

- Listen well.
  - Ezekiel 3:10-15
  - James 1:19




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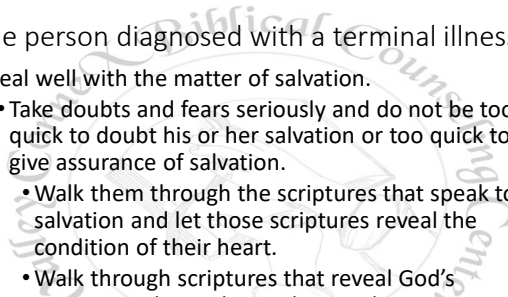
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The person diagnosed with a terminal illness.

- Deal well with the matter of salvation.
  - Take doubts and fears seriously and do not be too quick to doubt his or her salvation or too quick to give assurance of salvation.
    - Walk them through the scriptures that speak to salvation and let those scriptures reveal the condition of their heart.
    - Walk through scriptures that reveal God's covenant relationship with us and His faithfulness. Romans 8




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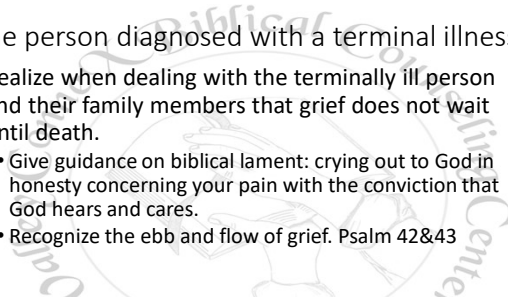
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The person diagnosed with a terminal illness.

- Realize when dealing with the terminally ill person and their family members that grief does not wait until death.
  - Give guidance on biblical lament: crying out to God in honesty concerning your pain with the conviction that God hears and cares.
  - Recognize the ebb and flow of grief. Psalm 42&43




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The family members of a terminally ill loved one who is no longer able to effectively make decisions about his or her own care.

- “Our pursuit of a Christ-centered, God-honoring approach to end-of-life care begins with faithfulness to God and His Word.”

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An approach to critical-care medicine through a Christian lens mandates reflection upon four key principles:

1. Sanctity of mortal life
2. God’s authority over life and death
3. Mercy and compassion
4. Hope in Christ

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1. Sanctity of mortal life
  - Acts 17:24-25      Numbers 35:33
  - Psalm 139:13-14      Genesis 9:5-6
  - Exodus 20:13      Numbers 35:22-29

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An approach to critical-care medicine through a Christian lens mandates reflection upon four key principles:

2. God's authority over life and death  
 "Sanctity of life does not refute the certainty of death."  
 Romans 5:12                      1 Samuel 2:6  
 Revelation 1:17-18            Psalm 90:3  
 John 11                              Psalm 31:14-15

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An approach to critical-care medicine through a Christian lens mandates reflection upon four key principles:

2. God's authority over life and death  
 "Yet we must never convince ourselves that if we pray fervently enough, he must necessarily yield to our will."  
 2 Samuel 12:15-23              Matthew 26:36-42  
 Exodus 33:19

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3. Mercy and compassion  
 Philippians 2:1-4                Philippians 1:21-26  
 "We need not pursue life-prolonging treatments if they strip us of our capacity to live for the Lord."  
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4. Hope in Christ  
 1 Peter 1:3-4                      Psalm 23:4  
 1 Corinthians 15:54-55          Romans 8:38-39  
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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An approach to critical-care medicine through a Christian lens mandates reflection upon four key principles:

“In concert, these tenets guide us to seek cure, but also to accept death when it arrives and to alleviate suffering when possible.”

The issue is whether the actions taken preserve life or prolong death.

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Family members wounded by interactions related to a terminally ill loved one.

- Listen for matters related to the terminally ill loved one which have not been addressed biblically.
- Listen for matters related to those who are perceived as inflicting these wounds which have not been addressed biblically.

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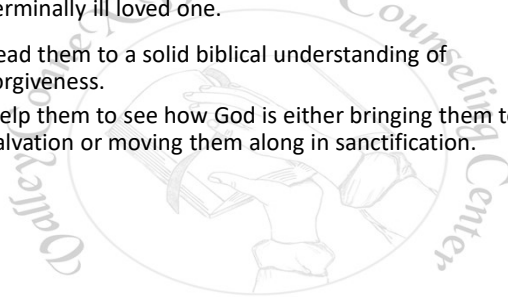
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Family members wounded by interactions related to a terminally ill loved one.

- Lead them to a solid biblical understanding of forgiveness.
- Help them to see how God is either bringing them to salvation or moving them along in sanctification.



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