

TERMS OF COUNSELING AGREEMENT

**[MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BEFORE COUNSELEE (S) AND COUNSELOR
BEFORE THE FIRST COUNSELING SESSION]**

Pastoral Biblical Counseling Program

The Reconciliation Counseling Resource Center (RCRC) is a Faith-based nonprofit, tax-exempt corporate agency emphasizing Biblical hope and solutions for strained and broken relationships. *RCRC* offers short-term, Biblical-counseling psychology to troubled individuals, families and marriages, and premarital counseling and special focus support groups to promote behavioral reconciliation and spiritual growth in their lifestyles. *RCRC*'s Biblical counselors are ordained ministers, graduate-level pastoral counselors, or certified or licensed counselors who apply the principles of "other person-centered" Biblical Counseling doctrine that emphasizes humility, forgiveness, peace, mutual respect and acceptance of others in the Christian family and broader community to the glory of God.

Supervision

To meet our objective of providing the highest level of care possible, the Executive Director of *RCRC* supervises all counselors. Counselor notes may be reviewed periodically by a staff pastoral counselor and/or the Executive Director. Counselees in a suicidal or psychotic condition will be referred to staff pastoral counselors who are trained to provide appropriate treatment and protection, or to 911 EMS.

Confidentiality & Ethics

Your confidentiality is guarded at all times. Counseling may be protected as a privilege communication under certain circumstances. Certain laws require that counselors warn the appropriate individuals if the counselee intends to take harmful, dangerous or criminal action against them. Counselors are also mandated to report any incidence of reasonable suspected domestic violence, child abuse/neglect (physical or sexual) and elderly abuse to the appropriate authorities. Counselors and counselee(s) are not to sexually harass or threaten to harm on another. Such incidents are to be reported to the Executive Director.

Financial Information

RCRC's Board of Directors and staff desire to provide counseling services to anyone who is in need of Biblical counseling. *RCRC* is financially funded by donations, gifts and grants. Your contribution of \$125 at the time of your first session and \$110 for each subsequent one- hour counseling session covers our nonprofit operating costs. Your gifts over the cost of your counseling services may be tax-deductible. Your counseling may be sponsored by your church, friends, family or employer through tax-deductible contributions to Reconciliation Counseling Resource Center, Inc. Unique fees are collected for mediation, personal assessments and profiles, training seminars, workshops, etc. at the time the service is provided.

Waiver of Liability

THE UNDERSIGNED, having sought Biblical counseling from *RCRC*, a Faith-based, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, hereby acknowledges his/her understanding of the following conditions and further releases *Reconciliation Counseling Resource Center, Inc.* its agents, affiliates, counselors, employees and Board of Directors from any liability or claim arising from the undersigned's participation in the Biblical Counseling Program:

1. It is understood by the participant counselee(s) that all Biblical counseling will be provided by ordained ministers and/or graduate level pastoral counselors, and/or certified or licensed counselors; and
2. That all counseling in the Biblical counseling program is provided in accordance with the Biblical principles adhered to by *RCRC* and are not necessarily provided in adherence to a particular church denomination or any local or national psychological or psychiatric association; and
3. That no representation has been made, either expressly or implied, that the Biblical counseling, as conducted by the above-mentioned counselors, is accepted as customary psychological and/or psychiatric therapy within the definitional terms utilized by those professions.

1. COUNSELEE

DATE

2. COUNSELEE

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3. COUNSELEE

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COUNSELOR

DATE

Appointment Cancellation Policy: Please help us serve others by giving us at least 24 hours notice if you need to cancel an appointment. Call 205-408-2787 and leave a voice message.

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