

6 Blog Posts with 90 Biblical Counseling Resources/Links

I believe it's important to connect biblical counselors and to provide links to biblical counseling resources. So, at the end of 2018 and in the beginning of 2019, I've collated the following biblical counseling resources and links on my [RPM Ministries Truth & Love blog](#):

- [24 Top Biblical Counseling Books of 2018](#): <http://bit.ly/24TopBC2018>
- [12 Biblical Counseling Bloggers to Read in 2019](#): <http://bit.ly/12BibleCn2019>
- [9 National \(US\) Biblical Counseling Organizations to Follow](#):
<http://bit.ly/9NatBCorg>
- [10 International Biblical Counseling Organizations to Follow](#):
<http://bit.ly/10IBibleCN>
- [20 US Schools Where You Can Earn a Degree in Biblical Counseling](#):
<http://bit.ly/13USbcDegrees>
- [15 International Schools Offering Biblical Counseling Training](#):
<http://bit.ly/11InternationalBC>

These are all "works in progress." As I continue to research, I've found more resources/links. And, as I've posted these online, others have helped me to further expand these lists. So, please consider these posts "my current best attempt" to collate BC resources/links in each of these topic areas.

Maybe people have asked me to collate these collations into one document. You asked. I listened. Scroll below for your free resource with links to 90 biblical counseling sites, books, schools, and organizations.

24 Top Biblical Counseling Books of 2018

A Banner Year for Biblical Counseling Publishing

If you're a counselor, pastor, student, educator, one-another minister, small group leader, soul care provider, spiritual friend, spouse, or parent, you want to know the most helpful books about biblical counseling—*books that seek to change lives with Christ's changeless truth*. Because of that, I've collated top biblical counseling books on an annual basis since 2012 (see the end of this post for links to the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 lists).

I've never had a year when I've had so many biblical counseling books to choose from—and of such high quality. Last year I made this a *Top 17* list because it was 2017. I tried to make this year a *Top 18* list, but even that was too few. So, I selected the top *two dozen* biblical counseling books of 2018.

I've selected these books on the basis of their biblical depth, relevance to life, practicality for one-another ministry, faithfulness to the sufficiency of Scripture, application to progressive sanctification, and by accepting nominations from biblical counseling leaders. Here, *in alphabetical order*, are the top 24 books published in 2018 *about* biblical counseling, written *by* a biblical counselor about Christian living, or *important to* biblical counselors.

Biblical Counseling Basics: Roots, Beliefs, and Future, by Jeremy Lelek, New Growth Press

Drawing from a wide range of resources and experts in biblical counseling, Dr. Lelek's *Biblical Counseling Basics* is well-researched and easy-to-read. It serves as a practical guide for students and counselors both inside and outside of biblical counseling who want to better understand the history, theology, and goals of the modern biblical counseling movement.

Caring for One Another: 8 Ways to Cultivate Meaningful Relationships, by Ed Welch, Crossway

The focus of biblical counseling is *not* a 50-minute, once-a-week office appointment. Instead, the heartbeat of biblical counseling is the one-another ministry of brothers and sisters in Christ. *Caring for One Another* by Dr. Ed Welch highlights how meaningful relationships can be a natural part of the daily life of the church. With short chapters and discussion questions meant to be read in a group setting, Welch guides small groups through eight lessons showing what it looks like when believers care for one another in everyday life.

Catching Foxes: A Gospel-Guided Journey to Marriage, by John Henderson, P&R Publishing

Dr. John Henderson wrote *Catching Foxes* to help engaged couples prepare for marriage. Written in semi-interactive workbook format, it guides couples toward a Christ-centered and Christ-exalting marriage model. If you're a pastor or church leader charged with helping couples prepare for marriage, or if you're an engaged couple desiring to identify and catch the "little foxes" before they ruin the vineyard of your marriage (Song of Solomon 2:15), you will find this book very helpful.

Child Proof: Parenting by Faith, Not Formula, by Julie Lowe, New Growth Press

Child Proof by biblical counselor Julie Lowe is a freedom-over-formula parenting book for parents of all ages. It provides biblical insight and encouragement for readers who want to parent by faith. Lowe uses Scripture and biblical wisdom to teach parents how to know their children and love each child uniquely with Christ's love. Lowe demonstrates how parenting formulas aren't the answer, and how parenting with biblical wisdom provides a proactive rather than reactive approach to parenting.

Debilitated and Diminished: Help for Christian Women in Emotionally Abusive Marriages, by Anne Dryburgh, CreateSpace

Biblical counselor Anne Dryburgh wrote *Debilitated and Diminished* for people who are seeking to help Christian women who are being emotionally abused by their husbands. It provides a definition of emotional abuse, describes the behaviors involved, and the effects of these behaviors upon the victim. Dryburgh proposes a biblical approach for helping these women by exploring human nature, marital roles, and what it means for women to live in Christ. The book also offers suggestions for how the church can be a support to the emotionally abused woman.

Devotionals for Life

In the newly-released 31-Day *Devotionals for Life* series by P&R Publishing, biblical counselors and Bible teachers guide readers through Scripture passages that speak to specific situations or struggles, helping readers to apply God's Word to their life in practical ways day after day. The first six books were released together in October 2018. Each is worthy of inclusion in this list of top biblical counseling books of 2018.

- **Addictive Habits: Changing for Good, by David Dunham, P&R Publishing**

Open a newspaper, browse the Internet, or talk to a friend, and you'll hear story after story of the horrors of enslavement to addiction. This daily devotional by Pastor David Dunham addresses these addictive habits, reminding readers of God's truth and helping them apply it to their lives. Pastor Dunham discusses the addicted person's responsibility, their relationship with the God who can free them, and approaches for restructuring their lives and remaining faithful long-term.

- **After an Affair: Pursuing Restoration**, by Michael Gembola, P&R Publishing

Michael Gembola writes *After an Affair* to the person who has had an affair and wants help. His writing provides daily guidance and encouragement toward lasting change. Gembola offers reflection questions, plus suggestions for practical actions, so readers can form new qualities and habits as they move toward God in repentance and toward their spouse in reconciliation.

- **Contentment: Seeing God's Goodness**, by Megan Hill, P&R Publishing

Discontent easily arises when our desires aren't met and our plans don't come true, but this is a dangerous path that drives us away from God. While the world insists that satisfying our desires is the path to fulfillment, Megan Hill's daily devotional on *Contentment* teaches readers the value of seeking contentment in Christ. She provides practical approaches to cultivating thankfulness in specific daily life circumstances that make discontent easy.

- **Doubt: Trusting God's Promises**, by Elyse Fitzpatrick, P&R Publishing

Christians who struggle with doubt feel deep discouragement, but they should not feel alone. Elyse Fitzpatrick explores famous Bible characters who doubted, offers support for our beliefs, and explores God's promises for those of little faith. Each day's devotional has two takeaway truths to memorize or write out, plus an invitation for personal reflection.

- **Grief: Walking with Jesus**, by Bob Kellemen, P&R Publishing

This thirty-one-day devotional guides readers on a journey through the gospels. Page-by-page and day-by-day, readers walk with Jesus as He models how to cling to the Father as He faces suffering, loss, grief, and death. Jesus is a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and He is our sympathetic High Priest. So, He not only models godly grieving, Jesus also grieves with us. *Grief: Walking with Jesus* is written for the person who wants to grow closer to Christ while facing life's most excruciating losses.

- **Pornography: Fighting for Purity**, by Deepak Reju, P&R Publishing

Is there any hope for men and women trapped in the snare of pornography addiction? Pastor Deepak Reju shows that this worship problem can be fought only with a greater love for Christ. This month-long devotional, with reflection questions and practical suggestions for action, gives readers the encouragement and resources they need to fight the war being waged for their soul.

Diehard Sins: How to Fight Wisely Against Destructive Daily Habits, by Rush Witt, P&R Publishing

Christians need to fight both big, obvious sins as well as commonplace, familiar sins—which can sneak in and become the hardest of all to kill. Pastor Rush Witt defines such diehard sins, presents an understandable overall doctrine of sin, and lays out a method for change that pits Christ and His provisions against the subtle, elusive sins that seem so unkillable.

Domestic Abuse: Help for the Sufferer, by Darby Strickland, P&R Publishing

Biblical counselor Darby Strickland has written a two-booklet mini-series on domestic abuse—this booklet for the abuse victim, and *Domestic Abuse: Recognize, Respond, and Rescue*—written for people helping the victim. Scripture has much to say to the domestic abuse victim and God’s heart for them. Strickland helps readers to cut through confusion, speak out, and find support, and then determine their next steps.

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Biblical counselor Darby Strickland has written a two-booklet mini-series on domestic abuse—this booklet written for those helping abuse victims, and *Domestic Abuse: Help for the Sufferer*—written for the victim of domestic abuse. She shows counselors and concerned family and friends how to recognize and uncover abuse, then uses Scripture to show what is truly happening in oppressive marriages. *Domestic Abuse* explains how abuse confuses the oppressed into thinking they are to blame, and then equips readers to be wise, informed defenders and advocates.

God’s Grace in Your Suffering, by David Powlison, Crossway

There are never quick fixes or easy answers when facing suffering. But even when we can’t immediately see God’s hand, He is working. Weaving together Scripture, personal stories, and the words of the classic hymn *How Firm a Foundation*, Dr. Powlison brings an experienced counselor’s touch to exploring how God enters into our sufferings. He helps sufferers see God working in their struggles, and discover how God’s grace provides a firm foundation.

Grace-Based Recovery: A Safe Place to Heal and Grow, by Jonathan Daugherty, New Growth Press

Grace-Based Recovery is a resource for addiction support and recovery groups. Daugherty designed it to help people suffering from addiction and those close to them understand God’s grace and why it is the only path to true freedom. With nine easy-to-use lessons, *Grace-Based Recovery* highlights the differences between a performance-based approach to recovery and a grace-based approach. It seeks to establish a safe environment where addicts can learn from their mistakes rather than be punished for them.

Graciousness: Tempering Truth with Love, by John Crotts, Reformation Heritage Books

Author John Crotts explains that God cares about how we say what we say. In *Graciousness*, Crotts addresses Christians who are zealous for God's truth, yet struggle to communicate it in a loving way. Filled with practical instruction and wise insights, *Graciousness* includes a biblical description of graciousness, explores positive examples and commands from the Bible, and shares methods for cultivating graciousness in various areas of the Christian life.

Prodigal Children: Hope and Help for Parents, by Robert Jones, P&R Publishing

When an adult child walks away from the faith and embraces an ungodly lifestyle, parents experience shock, confusion, anger, guilt, shame, loneliness—even despair. Biblical counselor Robert Jones brings the comfort of the gospel to this difficult situation, sympathetically providing biblical advice for this struggle.

Raising Kids...

10Publishing has begun releasing mini-books in a series about *Raising Kids...* where they complete the title with the focus of the book. In this series, biblical counselors guide parents with a focus on foundational gospel-centered principles *and* on practical parenting applications that parents can derive from those principles.

- **Raising Kids in a Screen-Saturated World, by Eliza Huie, 10Publishing**

Our lives are influenced by technology like never before. Screens and devices have become a part of our daily lives bringing many benefits, as well as challenges, including to parenting. Children of this generation are digital natives, never having known a world that wasn't saturated with screens. Raising them to make safe and godly choices is difficult. Eliza Huie, a parent and biblical counselor, gives 5 wisdom principles to help parent in this screen-saturated world.

- **Raising Kids in the Way of Grace: 5 Practical Marks of Grace-Focused Parenting, by Bob Kellemen, 10Publishing**

Christians have first-hand experience of God's amazing grace and love. But Christian parents can be unsure how to communicate Christ's grace to their children. *Raising Kids in the Way of Grace* blends practical principles and a focus on God-dependent living to explain how parents can bring their knowledge and experience of God's grace to bear on the daily joys and challenges of family life. *Raising Kids in the Way of Grace* uses the acronym *GRACE* to picture how parents can mirror their heavenly Father through 5 practical marks of grace-focused parenting.

Schizophrenia: A Compassionate Approach, by Todd Stryd, New Growth Press

Todd Stryd helps caregivers to understand the effects of schizophrenia and offer compassionate care to loved ones. He equips readers to ground their responses in the love, compassion, and daily mercies of Christ. Readers learn to advocate for their loved ones, encourage their perseverance, connect them to Christian community, and pray for them regularly.

Suffering: Gospel Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense, by Paul Tripp, Crossway

Weaving together his personal story, pastoral ministry experience, and biblical insights, Paul Tripp helps readers trust God in the midst of suffering. He identifies traps to avoid in suffering and points readers instead to comforts to embrace. This raw yet hope-filled book helps readers cling to God's promises when trials come and then move forward with the hope of the gospel.

Treasure in the Ashes: Our Journey Home from the Ruins of Sexual Abuse, by Sue Nicewander and Maria Brookins, Shepherd Press

Treasure in the Ashes is an interactive workbook that gently leads readers on a biblical journey through the grueling questions and doubt, emotional turmoil, and relational fallout that follow sexual abuse. The authors encourage honest and thorough Christ-centered discipleship through the aftermath of sexual abuse. They address hard questions and painful issues that are feared and often denied by the Christian community.

Why Worry?: Getting to the Heart of Your Anxiety, by Robert Jones, P&R Publishing

There is hope for even a chronic worrier. Biblical counselor Robert Jones takes readers to the heart of worry, helping them understand the cause before they look for a solution. He explains that the root of worry grows when people give themselves to a person, goal, ideal, or object rather than Jesus—thus shifting trust to a shaky foundation. Jones then points readers to the resources they have in God's Word and Spirit to overcome worry and live for Christ.

Links to Top Biblical Counseling Books: 2017-2012

2017: [The 17 Top Biblical Counseling Books of 2017](#)

2016: [The 16 Top Biblical Counseling Books of 2016](#)

2015: [The 15 Top Biblical Counseling Books of 2015](#)

2014: [The 14 Top Biblical Counseling Books of 2014](#)

2013, Parts 1 and 2:

[**The 20 Most Important Biblical Counseling Books of 2012, Part 1**](#)

[**The 20 Most Important Biblical Counseling Books of 2013, Part 2**](#)

2012: [The 12 Most Important Biblical Counseling Books of 2012**](#)**

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What biblical counseling books published in 2018 do you recommend?

12 Biblical Counseling Bloggers to Read in 2019

[Tim Challies](#) has been blogging and tweeting about the diminishing numbers of Christian bloggers. I've interacted with Tim a bit, suggesting that this may be due in part to the "franchising" of Christian blogs. As McDonalds and Wal-Mart have killed the "Mom and Pop Stores" by sheer size, so have the large organizational blogs overwhelmed the "Mom and Pop Blogs."

By "organizational blogs," think [TGC](#), [Desiring God](#), etc. People want to read those blogs, and bloggers want their writings featured on those organizational blogs.

This is *not* a criticism of these large organizational blogs. In a few days, I'll be providing a list of my recommended organizational blogs.

My Recommended *Individual Biblical Counseling Bloggers*

So, today's blog is from one "Mom and Pop Blogger"—me, about other "Mom-and-Pop Biblical Counseling Bloggers." Please note, this is *not* a list of biblical counseling organizations (I'll be collating such a list in the future). This is a list of *individual biblical counselors who regularly blog*. In Alphabetical Order:

[Biblical Counseling for Women](#): Julie Ganschow oversees the BC4Women blog site. Julie is a Council Board member of the [Biblical Counseling Coalition](#), an author, speaker, equipper, and leads Reigning Grace Counseling. Julie describes BC4Women as: "A place to find truth from God's Word, to read book reviews and inspiring true stories of the faith. A place to learn about the key to successful change."

[International Biblical Counselling Resources](#): Anne Dryburgh, who ministers in Belgium, oversees this site. She is a biblical counselor, author, trainer, speaker, and a Council Board member of the [Biblical Counseling Coalition](#). Anne describes the purpose of her site as follows: "This site provides gospel- and Christ-centered resources for those in the church who are seeking to provide loving care for others."

[Changing Lives Blog/RPM Ministries](#): This is my (Bob Kellemen) blog and ministry site. You know about me: pastor, professor, author, speaker, equipper, and Council Board member of the [Biblical Counseling Coalition](#). My blog tagline is "Changing Lives with Christ's Changeless Truth." I blog on biblical counseling, pastoral ministry, Christian living, and the church. I also provide frequent book reviews and many free resources.

[Chris Moles.org](#): Chris describes himself and his website/ministry as follows: "I'm a Pastor and Biblical Counselor who helps churches and families confront the evil of domestic violence and promote healthy, God-honoring, relationships."

Counseling Hope to Your Heart: Lucy Ann Moll oversees this site. She is a biblical counselor, equipper, speaker, and author. Lucy Ann blogs about numerous topics related to biblical counseling and Christian living.

Counseling One Another: Paul Tautges oversees this blog. Paul is a Council Board member of the [Biblical Counseling Coalition](#), a pastor, author, speaker, and equipper. Paul says this about his blogging ministry: “The purpose of *Counseling One Another* is to stimulate and nurture healthy, Word-driven growth among believers in Christ. By coming alongside to encourage your own spiritual growth in the Lord, and pointing you toward Christ-centered resources to strengthen your personal ministry, we hope to assist you in making obedient disciples of Jesus Christ.”

A Counselor for the Church: Brad Hambrick blogs copiously! Brad is a Council Board member of the [Biblical Counseling Coalition](#), a pastor, professor, author, speaker, and equipper. Brad’s blog provides detailed resources for pastors and biblical counselors.

The Hot Orthodoxy Blog: Matt Mitchell oversees this blog. Matt is a pastor, speaker, author, and biblical counselor. He writes many excellent book reviews and blogs on topics related to the church, counseling, and Christian living.

Kevin Carson.com: Kevin is a Council Board member of the [Biblical Counseling Coalition](#), a pastor, the Chair of a seminary biblical counseling program, a speaker, and an author. The tagline for Kevin’s blog is “Walking Together through Life as Friends in Christ Sharing Wisdom Along the Journey.” Pastor Kevin blogs about biblical counseling, Christian living, church life, and relates God’s truth to current issues of the day.

Pastor Dave Online: Dave is a pastor, biblical counselor, professor, church consultant, and an author. He writes excellent book reviews on his blog and also focuses on theology, culture, biblical counseling, and Christian living.

Servants of Grace: Dave Jenkins oversees this site and ministry. Dave and a small team work together to produce book reviews, podcasts, and articles on counseling, Christian living, and church ministry.

Tim Lane.org: Tim is a speaker, author, equipper, and biblical counselor. Tim says of his ministry: “My primary desire and commitment is to help pastors and leaders create or improve their ability to care for the people who attend their churches.”

Join the Conversation

What additional biblical counseling bloggers would you recommend I add to this list? Again, in this list, we’re looking for *individual* Christian bloggers who are biblical counselors.

9 National (US) Biblical Counseling Organizations to Follow

Earlier I posted a list of [12 Biblical Counseling Bloggers to Read in 2019](#). I affectionately called these “Mom and Pop Individual BC Bloggers.” Today, I’m highlighting National Biblical Counseling Organizations. Some of these have blogs (as indicated below). All of these provide excellent biblical counseling equipping and/or resources.

Note: While launched in the US, the following organizations have both national and international impact. In an upcoming blog post, I’ll highlight International BC Organizations—those birthed outside the United States.

Association of Biblical Counseling (ABC): Jeremy Lelek is the Executive Director of ABC. Here’s ABC’s mission:

ABC exists to encourage, equip and enrich all believers everywhere to live and counsel the Word, applying the Gospel to the whole experience of life.

- ABC seeks to encourage a robust biblical worldview of people and their problems while promoting Scripture as the supreme source wherein healing truth may be found.
- ABC seeks to equip members by offering training and certification that will enhance their knowledge of Scripture as it practically applies to the issues related to counseling.
- ABC seeks to enrich members by providing ongoing resources designed to complement their work as biblical counselors.
- ABC seeks to provide wisdom to help members apply the here and now relevance of the Gospel as it applies to all things counseling.

ABC has several ministry concentrations designed to fulfill our mission. These include, Church Equipping, Pastoral Life and Care, and Professional Soul Care.

You can find [ABC's Blog here](#).

Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC): Dale Johnson is the ACBC’s Executive Director. They introduce their ministry as follows:

For 40 years, the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) has been certifying biblical counselors to ensure doctrinal integrity and to promote excellence in biblical counseling. In 1976 Dr. Jay Adams founded the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors (NANC) with the desire that the organization and its rigorous certification process would become the backbone of the biblical counseling movement. Today the organization is now known as the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) and is the oldest and largest biblical counseling organization in the world. The training and certification of ACBC counselors is recognized worldwide with over 1,700 counselors in 30 countries that speak 30 languages with these numbers growing yearly. ACBC also has over 60 certified training centers ranging from seminaries to churches.

You can find [ACBC's blog here](#).

Biblical Counseling Coalition (BCC): Curtis Solomon serves as the BCC's Executive Director. The BCC describes their vision as follows:

The BCC is all about promoting relationships and providing resources. There are many tremendous organizations and individuals involved in the biblical counseling movement. The BCC seeks to connect such men and women in a way that creates a natural and healthy synergy. We seek to build strong relationships among the leaders in the biblical counseling movement because we believe that God is honored when His people are "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). We also believe this context of relational integrity will provide a marvelous opportunity to share resources with counselors, educators, students, and even potential counselees.

You can access the [BCC's Grace and Truth blog via their main site here](#).

Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (CCEF): David Powlison serves as CCEF's Executive Director. Here's CCEF's Mission Statement:

Our mission is to restore Christ to counseling and counseling to the church by thinking biblical about the issues of living in order to equip the church to meet counseling-related needs.

You can visit the [CCEF blog here](#).

Faith Biblical Counseling Ministries (FBCM): Rob Green oversees FBCM. They describe their ministry as:

We believe that God's Word, the Bible, is sufficient to resolve life's most challenging situations and questions. Since 1977 we've used God's word to help those most in need, and to train those who want to learn to help others.

You can read [FBCM's blog here](#).

Institute for Biblical Counseling & Discipleship (IBCD): Jim Newheiser serves as IBCD's Executive Director. IBCD describes their purpose:

The Institute for Biblical Counseling & Discipleship exists to serve churches, organizations and individuals who share a passion to see believers equipped to counsel one another through life's struggles with the Word of God. We do this by offering training through our Care & Discipleship program, as well as offering events and free resources that are helpful to anyone interested in learning how to better help others.

International Association of Biblical Counselors (IABC): Ed Bulkley serves as President and Kevin Hurt serves as VP for IABC. IABC summarizes their purpose as follows:

The International Association of Biblical Counselors consists of men and women committed to serious reliance on Scripture as sufficient and authoritative, and devoted to helping God's people apply His truth to their personal lives in practical ways.

Institute for Nouthetic Studies (INS): Donn Arms and Jay Adams lead INS. Here's their overview of their ministry.

For almost fifty years Dr. Jay Adams has been at the forefront of a movement calling pastors and other Christian workers back to the Scriptures in their counseling ministry. Beginning with the publication of his book *Competent to Counsel* in 1970, Dr. Adams has been demonstrating the importance of understanding the sufficiency of the Word to bring about the kind of change that pleases God and genuinely helps the counselee. Dr. Adams has devoted his life to teaching others how to effectively minister the Word as an author, seminary professor, denominational executive, popular lecturer, and as a pastor. The Institute for Nouthetic Studies was established to make Dr. Adams' teaching ministry readily available, in a structured way, to students around the world who desire to better prepare themselves to minister the Word of God as they counsel—and to do so under the tutelage of the founding father of the modern biblical counseling movement!

You can read the [INS blog here](#).

Overseas Instruction in Counseling (OIC): Wayne Vanderwier serves as OIC's Executive Director. OIC state's their vision as follows:

The vision of Overseas Instruction in Counseling is to glorify God through the spiritual strengthening of believers and churches around the world. The Apostle Paul is best known as a church planting missionary. But Paul didn't just begin churches and leave them on their own. A vital part of his ministry was church strengthening, a ministry he accomplished both through personal visits (Acts 14:22; 15:41; 18:23) and through letters. Because developing—sometimes already mature—Christian ministries now exist in most places in the world, OIC is a church strengthening ministry. We exist to help the church provide biblical sufficiency-based soul care for believers that are struggling with the challenges of living in a fallen world among fallen people. Our training strengthens churches in their ministry of restoring broken believers to the grace of God.

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What additional national (United States) biblical counseling organizations would you add to this list?

10 International Biblical Counseling Organizations to Follow

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Biblical Counseling Australia (BCA): Karl Hood serves as BCA’s Executive Director. Their mission/vision:

Biblical Counseling Australia (BCA) is an Australian network of over 1,200 Christian pastors, chaplains, psychologists, university staff workers, women’s workers, kids’ workers, and more, pursuing biblical counselling and discipleship. These people come from 300 churches from multiple denominations. For more info, see our [beliefs](#) and [approach to counselling](#).

Biblical Counseling Coalition of Mexico: Pastor Kike Torres is the Founder and President of BCC of Mexico. To learn more about Pastor Torres and BCCM [view this video from the Biblical Counseling Coalition](#). The video introduction:

Pastor Kike Torres is lead pastor at Horizonte Querétaro as well as Founder and President of the Biblical Counseling Coalition in Mexico ([consejero.org](#)). In this interview Kike shares about his own testimony and introduction to biblical counseling as well as the exciting work God is doing through biblical counseling in Mexico and Latin America.

Biblical Counselling UK: Steve Midgley is the Executive Director of Biblical Counselling UK. Here’s the vision of BC UK:

Biblical Counselling UK is seeking to serve Christ by fostering and supporting church members, pastors and teachers who are passionate about the transforming work of Christ that is accomplished through the personal ministry of the Word.

Brazilian Association of Biblical Counselors (ABCB): Alexandre Sacha Mendes serves as the Director for Vision and Expansion for ABCB. To learn more about biblical counseling in Brazil, [enjoy this interview with Pastor Mendes at the Biblical Counseling Coalition](#).

Canadian Biblical Counseling Coalition (CBCC): To learn more about CBCC, listen to this [Biblical Counseling Coalition video interview with Nathan Penny](#). CBCC states their mission as follows:

- To promote excellence and unity in biblical counseling through effective discipleship, balanced and truthful application of biblical wisdom and compassionate and wise outreach for the hurting and lost.

- To serve churches and leaders through promoting the awareness and advancement of biblical counselling in Canada.
- To foster collaborative relationship among those practicing or interested in practicing biblical counselling in Canada.
- To promote biblical counselling resources.

International Biblical Counselling Resources: Anne Dryburgh, who ministers in Belgium, oversees this site. She is a biblical counselor, author, trainer, speaker, and a Council Board member of the [Biblical Counseling Coalition](#). Anne was interviewed by the Biblical Counseling Coalition about [A European Union of Biblical Counseling](#). Anne describes the purpose of her site as follows:

This site provides gospel-centered and Christ-centered resources for those in the church who are seeking to provide loving care for others.

Network for Biblical Soulcare (NBS) (Netzwerk für Biblische Seelsorge): Michael Leister directs NBS, which provides training in biblical counseling in German-speaking Europe such as Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. To learn more about NBS, read this Biblical Counseling interview with Michael: [What's New with Biblical Counseling in Germany?](#)

Overseas Instruction in Counseling (OIC): Though OIC was started in the US, because of its international focus it deserves mention in this blog. Wayne Vanderwier serves as OIC's Executive Director. OIC state's their vision as follows:

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Revenirale Evangile Counseling Biblique: RECB is a resource ministry for the French-speaking world. The resources include biblical counseling. Daniel Henderson and Timothy Davi oversee the site. They summarize their aim as follows:

During the Reformation, printing was the ideal tool for spreading the fire of evangelical renewal that led to the reform of churches around the world. Today, the printing press and its books continue to be a vital vector of reform, however we believe that social networks reach even more people than the printing press will ever allow. Our hope and our prayer through the creation of this blog is that the reform and its ideas can ignite social networks with a new fire so that all come back to the gospel. Let's return to the gospel.

Strengthening Ministries Training Institute (South Africa/Wayne Mack): SMTI, led by Wayne Mack and ministering in South Africa, states their mission as follows:

Strengthening Ministries Training Institute (SMTI) was established in 2010 and exists to promote excellence in Biblical Counselling in the local church in South Africa by training and equipping pastors and other Christians in the theologically accurate and practical use of Scripture in understanding and solving the problems of people, and thus promoting growth in and usefulness for Christ in the Church and the world.

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What additional international biblical counseling organizations would you add to this list?

20 US Schools Where You Can Earn a Degree in Biblical Counseling

In this post, I'm highlighting higher education institutions (undergrad and grad) in the United States where you can earn a biblical counseling degree—either a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate.

I'm including schools that are self-described as committed to biblical counseling and that would affirm the [Biblical Counseling Coalition's Confessional Statement](#). My summaries are *not* comprehensive, but rather introductory. The embedded links give you more information and often lead to additional degree options (online, blended, etc.). In alphabetical order:

Baptist Bible College (MO): They offer a [BS in Biblical Counseling](#) (123 SH) and an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (60 SH).

Bob Jones University (BJU): BJU offers a [BA in Biblical Counseling](#) (120 SH) and an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (45 SH).

Birmingham Theological Seminary: They offer an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (63 SH) and a [D.Min. in Biblical Counseling](#) (40 SH).

Christ's Theological Seminary: CTS, located in Ormond Beach, FL, offers an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (60 SH).

College of Biblical Studies: Located in Houston, CBS offers a [BS with a Major in Biblical Counseling](#) (120 SH).

Crossroads Bible College: Located in Indianapolis, CBC offers a [BS in Biblical Counseling and Equipping](#) (120 SH).

Faith Bible Seminary: FBS is located in Lafayette, IN. I am VP, Academic Dean, and a professor at FBS. FBS offers a blended (online and onsite modular classes) [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (36 SH).

Maranatha Baptist University (MBU): Located in Watertown, WI (formerly Maranatha Baptist Bible College), MBU offers a [BA in Biblical Counseling](#) (120 SH) and an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (33 SH).

The Master's University/Seminary/Graduate School: They offer a [BS in Biblical Studies with a Biblical Counseling Major](#) (122 SH), an online [BS in Biblical Counseling](#) (122 SH), and an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (34 SH).

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary: In conjunction with [The Institute for Nouthetic Studies](#) (Jay Adams and Donn Arms), MABTS [offers several degrees in biblical counseling](#) including a [BA in Biblical Counseling](#) and an [M.Div. in Biblical Counseling](#).

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary: They offer an [MA in Counseling](#) (48 SH). MWBTS [recently announced the hiring of Dr. Dale Johnson](#) to oversee their counseling program.

Montana Bible College (MBC): MBC offers a [BA in Biblical Studies with a Biblical Counseling Concentration](#) (120 SH).

The North American Reformed Seminary (TNARS): TNARS offers a self-paced, independent study [D.Min. in Nouthetic Counseling](#) (36 SH).

Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary: Located in Pittsburg, RPTS offers [biblical counseling concentrations](#) in their M.Div., MTS, and D.Min. programs.

Reformed Theological Seminary Charlotte: RTS Charlotte offers an [MA in Christian Counseling](#) (66 SH), along with [M.Div. with a Counseling Emphasis](#) (106 SH).

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary: SEBTS offers several degrees in biblical counseling including an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (64 SH), an [M.Div. in Biblical Counseling](#) (88 SH), and a [Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling](#) (60 SH).

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary/Boyce College: SBTS offers an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (60 SH), an [M.Div. in Biblical Counseling](#) (88 SH), a [D.Min. with a Concentration in Biblical Counseling](#) (32 SH), and a [Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling](#) (71 SH). Boyce offers a [BS in Biblical Counseling](#) (129 SH).

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary: SWBTS offers an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) (65 SH) and a [Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling](#) (52 SH).

Westminster Theological Seminary: WTS offers an [MA in Counseling](#) (60 SH).

Note: If you are involved in leadership with any of the schools I've listed and you would like to add additional information, please use the *Comment* feature.

Join the Conversation

What other schools in the United States would you add to this list of degree-granting higher education institutions with a commitment to biblical counseling?

15 International Schools Offering Biblical Counseling Training

I previously posted about [20 US Schools Where You Can Earn a Degree in Biblical Counseling](#). Today, I'm highlighting schools outside the US that teach biblical counseling.

International Higher Ed Training in Biblical Counseling

A few thoughts and “caveats”:

- Because of language and cultural differences, I acknowledge that in most cases I do not know a great deal about these schools or their exact approach to biblical counseling.
- I've sought to depend upon recommendations from trusted leaders in the international biblical counseling world.
- If you have feedback on these schools or have information on other international educational institutes with programs in biblical counseling, please use the Comment feature or email me.
- In most cases I have only included schools that have full degree programs in biblical counseling. However, I have included some schools below that currently only have individual biblical counseling courses, but have a vision to develop full BC programs.

Christ Bible Seminary (CBS) (Of Christ Bible Institute) (Japan): CBS is in Japan and is connected with Christ Bible Institute, the Joy of Japan church planting center, and the Christian Counseling for Japan Project. There is not currently a full degree program in biblical counseling. However, Ric Rodeheaver is teaching a biblical counseling course at the seminary. For a two-part blog post at the Biblical Counseling Coalition by Pastor Rodeheaver on *Biblical Counseling in the Land of the Rising Sun* visit [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#). Here is a [link to the seminary programs](#).

Czech Bible Institute: CBI offers a [Program in Biblical Counseling](#). Their summary:

This program is designed to equip students to accurately interpret the Scripture and discern how to appropriately apply the Scripture in truth and grace in evangelism, counseling, and discipleship. The intent of the program is to be practical, and emphasize the practical skills of counseling without neglecting the solid biblical foundations on which these skills are built.

Doane Baptist Seminary, Iloilo, Philippines: You can learn about biblical counseling courses and professors from [DBS at the Overseas Instruction in Counseling site here](#).

The European Bible Training Center (EBTC) (Germany, Switzerland, Austria): EBTC is a bi-vocational Bible school. All faculty and staff acknowledge the inerrancy, sufficiency, and authority of Scripture. EBTC is a Member School [The Master's Academy International \(TMAI\)](#). TMAI is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission by training indigenous church leaders to be approved pastor-teachers, able to equip churches to make biblically-sound disciples. EBCT offers [training in biblical counseling](#). In their own words:

The *Biblical Counseling* program is geared towards regular church members who desire to grow in their ability to disciple others. It exists to advance practical biblical counseling ministry in the church and provide support for this very important work. Biblical counseling is not a subject limited only to church leaders. It is the responsibility of every believer to encourage one another in love. As in other areas of life, so it is with biblical counseling that the Bible gives specific instructions and patterns by which our counseling ministries should be evaluated. We ought to consider how we can better serve our brothers and sisters in the faith according to the pattern Jesus has set for us. And what better way to serve your neighbor than to care for his soul? When it comes to counseling we do not want to merely give advice. Rather, we want to come alongside our friends in word and deed with counsel that is specifically from the Bible. In this way our hearts and minds will be set on our sovereign God above so that we may honor and glorify him.

Kyiv (Ukraine) Theological Seminary: They offer an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#) in association with [Overseas Instruction in Counseling](#). Their Mission Statement:

The mission of the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling degree program at Kyiv Theological Seminary is to train pastors and Christian leaders to skillfully use the Word of God in personal discipleship (1 Tim. 4:16; Heb. 4:12). Students learn to keep close watch of their own hearts (Mt. 7:5), leading them to God (Mt. 22:37-38), to provide appropriate biblical counsel individually (1 Thess. 5:14), and to train others to do the same (2 Tim. 2:2).

The Master Academy International (TMAI): TMAI is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission by training indigenous church leaders to be approved pastor-teachers, able to equip churches to make biblically-sound disciples. Find links to their [member schools here](#). Some of those schools provide training in biblical counseling (including some of the schools listed in this blog post).

TMAI Russia: The Samara Center for Biblical Training, through [The Master Academy International](#), [offers training in biblical counseling](#).

TMAI Singapore/China: Through [Grace Bible Seminary](#) and [The Master Academy International](#), TMAI Singapore/China [offers a certificate and an MA in Biblical Counseling](#).

The Master's Seminary Spanish: TMS has pastoral training in Spanish, including training in pastoral care and biblical counseling.

National Theological College and Graduate School (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon): NTCGC offers [several courses in biblical counseling](#).

Novosibirsk Bible Theological Seminary (NBTS): NBTS in Siberia, Russia offers an [MA in Biblical Counseling](#).

Oak Hill College (OHC): OHC is in the UK. While they do not yet have a full degree program in biblical counseling, there are two modules that relate to BC. Those courses are taught by Steve Midgley and Andrew Nicholls who both provide leadership for [Biblical Counselling UK](#). Watch this [Biblical Counseling Coalition video interview with Steve Midgley about BC in the UK](#). At OHC, they offer Pastoral Theology and Care which all those studying for the two-year foundation degree take. They also offer Advanced Pastoral Counselling which some in the three-year BA take.

Overseas Instruction in Counseling (OIC): OIC, under the leadership of Dr. Wayne Vanderwier, provides international training in biblical counseling around the world. You can learn about their [MA in Biblical Counseling here](#). Follow this link to a thought-provoking OIC post: [Reflections on Doing International Biblical Counseling Training](#). Here's OIC's Vision:

Our vision is to glorify God through the spiritual strengthening of believers and churches around the world. The Apostle Paul is best known as a church planting missionary. But Paul didn't just begin churches and leave them on their own. A vital part of his ministry was church strengthening, a ministry he accomplished both through personal visits (Acts 14:22; 15:41; 18:23) and through letters. Because developing – sometimes already mature – Christian ministries now exist in most places in the world, OIC is a church strengthening ministry. We exist to help the church provide biblical sufficiency-based soul care for believers that are struggling with the challenges of living in a fallen world among fallen people. Our training strengthens churches in their ministry of restoring broken believers to the grace of God.

SEMBEQ: SEMBEQ is a seminary in French-speaking Canada. "As commissioned by its association of churches, SEMBEQ exists to assist in raising up the next generation of Christians in Quebec. Specifically, SEMBEQ acts as a tool of the local churches in the training of their members and leaders. As a context-based and church-based seminary, most of SEMBEQ's courses are taught within local churches. In some cases, a regional center will host courses that bring several churches together for the training." SEMBEQ offers [undergraduate and graduate programs in biblical counseling](#). Matthieu Caron is a lead professor in biblical counseling for SEMBEQ. Click [here for an interview with Matthieu with the Biblical Counseling Coalition](#).

Strengthening Ministries Training Institute (SMTI) (South Africa): SMTI is pursuing an MA in Biblical Counseling. To learn more about the planned design of that MABC [visit their Modules site](#). Lead by Wayne Mack, Sybrand de Swardt, and Cillie Malan, "the master's degree course presented by Strengthening Ministries Training Institute is comprised of modules suited to equip pastors and Christians to counsel from God's Word."

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