

## The Counseling Maze

We are all aware that a huge industry has developed around the rise of the *professional* counselor. The word 'counselor' is defined as, "advice; opinion or instruction given in directing the judgment or conduct of another" (Macquarie Dictionary). Counselling is offered at every opportunity to cover every conceivable human need. The society now views counselling as the new therapeutic solution for dealing with every type of human trauma from birth to the grave. People are desperate in seeking counselling, hoping to find solutions to their personal predicaments, while others are seeking the position of a counselor as a lucrative means of income. Our society at large is hooked on counselling.

Tragically much of the rise of modern counselling is rooted in the doctrines of secular humanism ie., God and His truth is left out of the equation when it comes to providing solutions to the problems that overwhelm men and women! Counselling of this variety only compounds the human dilemma and shows no signs of solving our plague of growing problems. Such counselling is usually a mixture of sympathetic pandering to patient desires with the ready provision to prescription drugs.

In our obsession for secular counselling we have turned our backs on the one and only Counselor that does have the answers – God. ***There is only one true Counselor and that Counselor is the God who has revealed Himself in the Christian gospel.*** It is His counsel alone that will give us wisdom and advice for every human dilemma. The tragedy is that most people have no intention of seeking such counsel! They cannot face exposing their lives to the scrutiny of God's truth. They cannot face the accusation that sin lies as the cause of the issues that overwhelm men and women. It is God's counsel that men and women desperately need; yet they refuse it for the false comfort of being confirmed in their sin, and wander in a maze in which they can never find the exit.

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