

Personal Reference Form

Dear: _____

I am applying to the Life Solutions Biblical Training Center (LSCTC). I will be enrolling to become a CERTIFIED BIBLICAL COUNSELOR. Would you please complete the reference material below for me and forward it to LSCTC as soon as possible? Your prompt attention to this would be very much appreciated as my application will not be processed until the organization receives this recommendation from you.

Sincerely,

Signature of applicant

NOTE from LSCTC: LSCTC is a ministry of Ferguson Church of the Nazarene in Ferguson, MO. LSCTC is recommended by the American Academy of Biblical Counselors and International Association of Biblical Counselors. The staff of LSCTC offers Biblical Counseling on a sliding scale and/or free to qualifying individuals. The Center also conducts training of qualified Christians in the area of Biblical Counseling for certification.

What is Biblical Counseling?

Biblical counseling is also known as Nouthetic Counseling. The counselor believes all that is needed to help a person love God and his neighbor as he should is found in the Bible.

There is a comfort, encouragement, restoration, and change found in Biblical Counseling. This is accomplished in God's children who seek to help one another become more like Christ. Thus, Biblical counseling is considered to be part of the Christian growth (sanctification) process whereby one Christian helps another get through difficulty that is limiting spiritual growth. One Christian gives counsel to another from the Scriptures, not with his own ideas or the ideas of others. He limits his counsel strictly to that which may be found in the Bible. Thus, Biblical counselors lovingly confront people out of a deep concern, in order to help them make the changes God requires. Moreover, Biblical counselors are concerned that counseling is always done to benefit the counselee in the spirit of I Corinthians 4:14. All forms of counseling, Biblical, Christian or secular, seek to effect change. Biblical counselors believe God's Word is sufficient to deal with all of our problems. Thus, Scripture is totally sufficient to help us change. This concept is expressed clearly in II Timothy 3:16-17.

How can I become a Biblical Counselor?

Consistent with Romans 15:14, we believe all Christians are to counsel. Moreover, there are those who are called to counsel in more of a formal atmosphere. It is these people with whom LSCTC is prepared to train.

The need for Biblical Counselors is illustrated in Galatians 6:1-5. Those considering becoming a Biblical Counselor are to be spiritual people, as the Holy Spirit produces the correct attitude, values and appreciation for God's Word. Counselors must learn to restore others to

fellowship, be honest about themselves, take sin seriously, have complete confidence in God's Word and apply Biblical principles to all areas of their lives.

Please return the completed reference with a week. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated. Please mail to Life Solutions Counseling and Training Center 11703 Old St. Charles Rd. Bridgeton, MO 63044 Email: lifesolutionscenter@yahoo.com Fax: 314-291-5382.

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Student Applicant's Name _____

Your Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Years known applicant _____

My relationship to applicant:
(Please circle one or fill in) Friend Pastor Co-Worker Other _____

Please read each question carefully and circle the number that best represents the applicant. This is based on 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

Evaluate the applicants overall maturity as a Christian.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates a good reputation among fellow believers and non-Christians.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates faithfulness in relationship with his/her spouse.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent Does not apply

Demonstrates a proper balance in his/her Christian walk.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates discernment.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates a life reflecting the life of Jesus Christ.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates sharing of his/her resources with others.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Able to communicate Biblical truth.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Has the ability to relate to other people without being self-centered and controlling.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates an ability to control his/her tongue.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates an ability to control his/her anger.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates gentleness in his/her relationships with others.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates objectivity and fair-mindedness in relationship with others.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Is non-argumentative.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates generosity.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates a non-materialistic spirit.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates a loving attitude toward his/her spouse.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Has his/her children under control

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent Does not apply

Demonstrates the ability to manage his/her household well.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates the ability to “overcome evil with good.”

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

Demonstrates a disciplined Christian life.

Disqualified 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent