



THE COUNSELOR'S PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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... from the President

A God of Grace James 1:17-18

The Lord's character is often distorted by the world. To unbelieving eyes, God can appear as a harsh ruler who is quick to condemn any disobedience. Somehow that false view has infected our ministries as well. There are believers who approach the Lord as if He were a stingy old man doling out shreds of love, grace, and forgiveness. At salvation, we received every good gift that God intends to give us: forgiveness, redemption, righteousness, a place in His family, and much more. There is a misguided notion among some believers that the Lord's grace to us increases as our faith matures. If that were accurate, we would be earning His blessing through works. The truth is that spiritual growth broadens our capacity to recognize and enjoy His grace. Think of how big, wide, and deep His love is—He adores, blesses, and showers us with grace because He wants to and not because we earn it. Our heavenly Father is not stingy. He opens His hand wide to pour out grace upon us. Instead of worrying about our ministries allow God to pour His grace into you and your ministry as you counsel, teach, or perform acts of service as a Christian care giver.

Until Next Month
Jack Kelly, GCCA President

JUNE
GCCA Meeting
Daystar Campus

JUNE 13th
10:00 am

302 Old Clay Street
Marietta, Georgia

Topic:
Emotionally Healthy
Leaders Part II

Kevin Daly, M.A.
Broken Chains International
will be the speaker.

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and ideas for inclusion
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"Your attitude, not your aptitude, determines your altitude."

~ Zig Ziglar



The Georgia Christian Counselors Association (GCCA) announces the opening of its new Southwest Region and initial meeting on Saturday June 25th at 10:00 am.

In an effort to provide continuing education and networking opportunities to those involved in Christian Counseling or Christian Care Giving, GCCA will begin to hold regular meetings at Gateway Restoration Church (8955 Fayetteville Rd., Jonesboro, GA 30238) beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday June 25th, 2011.

GCCA is a professional, statewide organization that promotes biblical standards for Christian care givers and provides continuing development on a personal, professional, and business/ministry basis for Christian counselors, pastoral counselors, lay counselors, student/intern counselors, as well as Christians employed in fields such as psychological, psychiatric, medical, hospice, coaching, Chaplaincy, and other clinical and care giving fields.

Regular meetings will feature professional speakers in relevant fields as well as semi-annual conferences where CEUs can be earned. Meetings and conferences offer participants the opportunity to strengthen current skill levels by offering practical tools and resources to assist and train those who are called to be care givers. Opportunities for licensure are also available.

GCCA is incorporated through the state of GA as a 501(c) 3 organization since 1991. In addition to its headquarters in Marietta, the organization is expanding to open two new regions in the Atlanta area, one in the Northeast and the other in the South.

The Southwest Regional Director is Dr. Leon Beeler. (678-207-8904). We encourage you to attend this initial meeting to learn more about GCCA and please invite others you think would benefit from this kind of organization.





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"Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory".

Proverbs 11:14




GCCA Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday ~ 10:00 am

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Characteristics Of The Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality

Below is a recap of May's GCCA meeting:

- ⇒ Use God to run from God
- ⇒ Ignore the emotions of anger, sadness and fear
- ⇒ Die to the wrong things
- ⇒ Deny the past's impact on the present
- ⇒ Dividing life into secular and sacred components [Colossians 3:4]
- ⇒ Doing for God instead of being for God [John 6:63; Galatians 5:16]
- ⇒ Spiritualizing away conflict—developing a false peace
- ⇒ Covering over brokenness, weakness & failure to manage reputation and relations
- ⇒ Living without limit [lack of discipline & sleep, governed by the agenda and happiness of others, forgetting about self and failure to be conscious about personal health]
- ⇒ Judging the spiritual journeys of others [comparing ourselves by ourselves - 1 Corinthians 10:12]

Presenter: Kevin Daly, M.A.