

THE RIGHT TO MINISTER

TRULIFE MINISTRIES

We perceive effective ministry as “Life” overflowing from one person to another.

The staff of TruLife Ministries has been trained in the application of scriptural truth to daily living and does not necessarily hold a degree in secular psychology.

You have come to TruLife Ministries for help. It is not considered that TruLife Ministries has the “right” to minister to you unless you give the right. Giving this right involves responsibility on the part of both TruLife Ministries and you.

The following statements lead to a point of commitment between you and the staff of TruLife Ministries, as to how the helping process may move forward.

1. AREAS OF LIFE

We see human life consisting of seven general areas: SPIRITUAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, FINANCIAL, MARITAL, and PARENTAL. Recognizing that human needs often overlap several of these areas, TruLife Ministries asks your permission to go into any or all of these areas, to the degree necessary for addressing personal problems.

2. DIRECTIVE MINISTRY

While careful listening is a definite part of the helping process, this ministry will be directive in nature. This means that direction and assignments will be given, based on the definite teachings and principles of scripture.

The position is not taken that all problems are strictly “spiritual problems,” but it is believed that the vast majority of problems do have a basic spiritual factor.

3. NO DECISIONS

No decisions will be made for you. You are the one who will decide what you will do with the advice given you. If there is persistence in ignoring the help given, or a refusal to complete assignments, then the question may be raised as to the advisability of continuing in this helping process.

4. AUTHORITY

Because the staff of TruLife Ministries is committed to biblical principles of authority and responsibility, we may need the permission of those in authority over you before proceeding. This may involve a spouse, parent, and/or pastor.

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5. TIME FACTOR

Each discipleship session lasts approximately 90 minutes. There is not a definite minimum or maximum number of sessions required, but you will not be kept coming beyond a reasonable time. If further help is needed in areas where those in other ministries have special expertise, you will be referred to one of those.

6. APPARENT REGRESSION

It frequently happens (though not always), that as a person begins to follow biblical counsel, the life experience may actually get worse. This is no reason to quit. Further, it is no reason to think you are not making progress. On the contrary, it may be a strong indication that you ARE making progress. When a person's life situation is unmanageable, there usually is the need for unlearning and undoing certain things, so that progress can be made in a new direction. This initially can be painful and discouraging. This is mentioned so that you will not be surprised and disheartened.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

TruLife Ministries is committed to a rule of confidentiality regarding what is discussed in the discipleship process. Certain qualifications, however, apply. Where further insight or guidance is needed by TruLife Ministries, we may consult with pastoral leadership. Where certain crime(s) have been or are being committed in your life or family situation, it may be required by law that it be reported.

8. MUTUAL TERMINATION

TruLife Ministries asks that you seriously consider the direction given, and that if you decide not to follow it, that you will say so, in order that mutual agreement may be reached about further help. We ask also for your commitment to continue meeting, to the point where both you and TruLife Ministries agree together that this discipleship process is no longer necessary or feasible.

If you give TruLife Ministries the right to minister to you per this outline, you are perceived to be saying that...*all the above criteria are understood by you, and accepted freely by you, as pertinent to the process that you and TruLife Ministries are undertaking together.*

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

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TruLife Ministries: _____ Date: _____