

BECOME A CERTIFIED CLINICAL DISCIPLER



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WHAT IS CLINICAL DISCIPLESHIP?

Clinical Discipleship is a biblical, strategic, reproducible ministry model that guides a needy person in a Holy Spirit directed, Christ-centered, Cross-oriented, grace motivated four phase counseling process.

BIBLICAL BASIS

Identification truth, also known as the Exchanged Life, is based on the doctrine of sanctification as summarized in Galatians 2:20, "*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*"

All Christians have been taught that Christ died for their sins; few have been taught the truth that they died with Christ. Consequently, few Christians find victory in their lives. Although they know that they have been set free from the penalty for their sins, they have not been taught that they have been set free from the power of sin in their lives. Romans 6:6,7 states, "*Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.*"

Abiding in Christ is the essence of discipleship. Christ declared, "*I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing*" (John 15:5). To cooperate with the indwelling Christ, the believer must appropriate the deeper work of the Cross (Luke 9:23).

WHAT IS SPIRITUOTHERAPY?

Dr. Charles Solomon pioneered a strategic, short term counseling model that applies deeper life ("Keswick") sanctification to the heart of the counselee's psychological problems. While understanding the counselee's inner conflicts in the light of human development, the ultimate answer to remedy dysfunctional symptoms is the provision and appropriation of Christ as Savior, Lord, and Life. It is termed *Spiritotherapy* to honor the ministry of the Holy Spirit--the ultimate Counselor. The Bible is the all-sufficient source of truth, wisdom, and revelation to resolve non-organic counseling problems.

Solomon noted, "It is possible for counseling to be Bible-centered without being Christ-centered or Cross-centered. Christ-centered counseling (grace) will always be biblical, but biblical counseling is not always Christ-centered as we have defined it [in *Handbook to Happiness*]. Any approach that does not make the experience of the Cross or the exchanged life [Galatians 2:20] central to its method and goal might be categorized under the heading of *Bibliotherapy*, while those that inculcate the message of the life in Christ are here called *Spiritotherapy*." (Cf. *Handbook to Happiness* and *Handbook to Christ-Centered Counseling*.)

CLINICAL DISCIPLESHIP

The larger context of the GFICI training is designated *clinical discipleship*. In clinical discipleship, observable psychological insights (such as rejection issues coping mechanisms, and one's natural sense of identity) are potentially useful if:

1. They are observable data, not based on humanistic theory
2. Are not contradictory to Biblical revelation
3. Are restricted to the diagnostic portion of the counseling process

PHASE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR
Phase Title	Salvation	Identification	Emancipation	Application
Christ's Office	Savior & Lord	Lord & Life	Liberator	Leader
Romans Outline	Chapters 1-5	Chapters 6-8	Chapters 9-11	Chapters 12-16
Focus	Conversion by Christ	Union with Christ	Freedom in Christ	Obedience through Christ
Obstacles	Unbelief	Self-Life	Strongholds	Worldliness
Counseling Task	Evangelism	Experience the Cross	Tearing Down Strongholds	Topical Discipleship
Old Testament Imagery	Crossing the Red Sea	Crossing the Jordan	Conquering the Land	Possessing the Land
Deliverance From	Sin's Penalty	Sin's Power	Sin's Perceptions	Sin's Pattern
Ministry Emphasis	Billy Graham Luis Palau	Charles Solomon Ian Thomas	Mark Bubeck Neil Anderson	Jay Adams John Broger
Relevant Scriptures	John 3:16-18	Galatians 2:20	2 Cor. 10:3-5	Eph. 3:14-6:9

(Phases are listed in logical, typical, procedural order, yet they are not mutually exclusive.)

For further information on this approach to the use of psychological data without compromising Scriptural truth, see the article on the GFICI web site: *The Role of Psychology*.

How can I become certified in this ministry approach?

Earning the Credential of *Certified Clinical Discipler*

Requirements:

GFI Counseling Institute's Four Foundational Courses:

Educational Requirements through Grace fellowship International's events and distance education program:

GFEL1	Exchanged Life Counseling 1 (includes GFI Conference)
GFEL2	Exchanged Life Counseling 2 (includes Solomon School)
GFDEL	Devotional Literature
GFCOS	Counseling Skills

Experiential Requirements:

1. GFI Workshop
2. Personal testimony of identification with Christ
3. Supervised counseling period, consisting of:
 - (a) 40 hours of counseling. A pastor or ministry leader would serve as a local overseer to this process.
 - (b) Be a recipient of the counseling process with a GFI approved counselor/clinical discipler (minimum of two sessions).
 - (c) Eight (8) people counseled using the five components: presenting problem(s), history taking, Wheels, Lines, appropriation.
 - (d) Lead two counselees through the *Steps to Freedom*.
 - (e) Record and send in a counseling process of the five components.
 - (f) Submit the recorded or written testimony of two counselees who entered into identification through the counselors ministry.
 - (g) Submit contact information for counselors pastor and one other person for personal reference questionnaires.

CERTIFICATION CREDENTIAL

BENEFITS

1. Conferred by Grace Fellowship International for a two year term
2. Certificate issued;
3. Authorization to use the *Certified Clinical Discipler* (CCD) designator
4. Listing in GFI registry
5. Access to special area of GFI web site
6. 20% discount on GFI resources
7. This can be applied toward AELM Advanced Training Track with Dr. John Woodward

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS (TWO YEAR INTERVAL)

1. One additional counselee testimony submitted
2. One additional GFI Counseling Institute course completed.

FEES TO GFI

\$50.00	Supervision Fee for the supervised counseling period
\$75.00	Fee for Initial Certification and Biannual Renewal

Grace Fellowship International is a discipleship, counseling, training, and publishing ministry. Founded by Dr. Charles Solomon in 1970, GFI is called to help members of the body of Christ to experience, mature in, and communicate effectively the message of identification with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension in their various spheres of influence, so that all may know Christ as Savior, Lord, Life, and Victory. GFI has counseling ministries in other nations including Germany, Romania, Ukraine, India, Kenya, South Africa, Philippines, and Australia.

For more information on being equipped as a Clinical Discipler, visit our internet web sites or call GFI headquarters.