



Addictions Specialization Exam Study Guide

Key Passages and Concepts

Be conversant on the following key passages related to the theology of life dominating sins, how to change patterns of thinking, the role of the Holy Spirit in the change process, and other typical problems related to addictions counseling. By “conversant” we mean that you understand the basic principle(s) within the passage and how each passage fits within the biblical model of addictions counseling.

- Matthew 5:29-30
- Proverbs 25:28
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- Galatians 6:1-2
- Ephesians 5:13-26
- 1 Corinthians 6:15-20
- Colossians 2:8
- 1 John 5:21
- 1 Corinthians 2:11-16
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Proverbs 23:29-35

Provide a biblical understanding of addictions

Understand the part the heart plays in life dominating sins and enslavement to sin.

Articulate the disease model of addiction

Identify biblical categories for secular addictive behavior labels (e.g. drunkenness, gluttony, etc.)

Consider the purpose and goal of addiction counseling

Understand how to identify, prioritize, and biblically address acute problems in an addiction counseling case.