



**Christian Perspective**  
**COUNSELING**

## **Statement of Philosophy**

We live in a world that is in disharmony with God. In people, this disharmony takes the form of behavior and thinking that is contrary to God's truth. And while God has revealed His truth in the Bible, we don't always find it easy to identify the areas of our life that are in disharmony with God. Even once such disharmony is noticed, we may then have difficulty successfully correcting those areas. Some of God's truths about people's behavior and way of thinking have been discovered by mental health science, and these discoveries can be instrumental in helping people live in harmony with God by, first, discovering areas of their life that are in disharmony with God and, then, correcting those areas to conform to God's truth as revealed in the Bible.

Mental health treatment at Christian Perspective Counseling strives to use those discoveries in mental health science that reflect God's revealed truth in the Bible to help people conform their lives to this truth. Scripture says this about living in conformity to God's truth:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Romans 12:1-2

One of God's truths that is of utmost importance in counseling is His indescribable love for humans. That love drives an astounding capacity for forgiveness and acceptance. Our desire as Christian counselors is not only to describe God's love, but also to help people experience it...to be a pipeline through which His love and acceptance flows to others.

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

- 1 Thessalonians 3:12