

Doctrine of the Biblical Way vs. The Psychological Way

1. The biblical way depends fully upon God and the principles of Scripture.
 - The psychological way is based upon man made philosophies which teach that man is intrinsically good, that there is no real, personal God, that man can rise above his circumstances and become his own standard of right and wrong.
2. The biblical way demands love in relationships and truth and declares that self love is the problem.
 - The psychological way believes in self and does not believe in absolutes.
3. The biblical way originates with God, employs gifts and fruits of the Spirit and leads a Christian into a greater awareness of God and himself as created by God.
 - The psychological way originates with man, utilizes man-made techniques and ends with man.
4. The goal of the biblical way is ³ to glorify God. The motivation for change is love for God and the desire to please Him.
 - The goal of the psychological way is the enhancement of self. The motivation for change is personal benefit.
5. The biblical way is accomplished through God's provision of new life and through His indwelling Spirit giving new power.
 - The psychological way is limited to man assisted self effort.
6. The biblical ways says that people are the way they are due to sin and the outworking of a hardened heart.
 - The psychological way offers many theories that conflict about why people are the way they are and how they can change. Some of the theories include bad karma, a bad childhood, the influence of the stars, and unconscious drives. Some of the therapies encourage primal screaming, drumming, ventilation and group therapy. But people do not really change so that they love God with all their heart and their neighbor as they love themselves.
7. The biblical way says that in Christ, old things are passed away and all things have become new.
 - The psychological way says that the past (unconscious drives, Sigmund Freud) determines the present.

8. The biblical way says that man is a sinner.

- The psychological way says man is sick. Therefore, man is a victim and is not responsible.

9. The biblical way says that the whole body of Christ is needed (Acts 2:41-47).

- The psychological way says that man does not need the guilt and blame that the church assesses. Freud called religious beliefs, “the obsessional neurosis of humanity”.