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THE NEED FOR IN-DEPTH BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP IS URGENT

If you are like many other believers, you may be thinking, "My difficult times are already here." Or perhaps you know someone who is struggling; a friend at church, or a family member. Perhaps you have counseling responsibilities for people with family or personal problems.

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWERS FOR LIVING

Many believers look to commonly accepted experts of the world for answers when they have serious problems rather than the Lord and His resources. God has given us the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit as the only complete resources needed for guidance and help (II Timothy 3:16-17, John 16:13). He has provided everything pertaining to life and godliness (II Peter 1:3). Every believer can live victoriously in the midst of any problem of life as he depends upon these resources.





The lack of in-depth biblical discipleship is a significant problem in the church today. Ask the typical believer if he is involved in making disciples. His answer may

be, "I know I should, but I have my own problems to deal with." Because many believers are not overcoming the challenges in their own lives, they do not do their part in fulfilling the Great Commission. Many concentrate only on the first part of the Great Commission. They evangelize and do basic follow-up of new converts, but neglect the second component of discipleship—teaching disciples to obey all that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:20). Much of Jesus' teaching focused on overcoming the problems of life, which is vital to completing the discipleship process.



BCF was established to help believers become more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The goal of BCF is twofold:

- 1. To equip members of the body of Christ to rely completely on the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures so that they may experience lasting victory over all difficulties, even the greatest of personal problems, and
- 2. To train them to disciple others in-depth.



The BCF training program has five levels. The foundational course, called Self-Confrontation, provides the biblical principles for living a victorious life. It presents practical biblical principles for facing, dealing with, and enduring the trials and challenges of life. This course is followed by four courses, designed to provide the student with opportunities to practice and teach in-depth discipleship/ counseling. These four levels consist of classroom instruction. role-plays, and actual discipleship/ counseling experience.

The training is based solely on the authority and sufficiency of the Scriptures, not on human assumptions, opinions, experiences, theories, or other secular philosophies.



BCF offers various courses designed to help Christian leaders develop in-depth biblical discipleship training within their churches and organizations. Then, BCF provides additional concentrated courses to continue the training.

All student manuals and reference materials are designed to make it easy for students who complete each course to teach the same course to others. Detailed instructor's guides are available for the first three levels of training and a special biblically-based, teacher-training course is also available.



Established in 1974, the BCF founders recognized that they were called to be a training resource to churches, but not to establish "BCF" branches or offices that compete with local church ministries. Biblical discipleship/counseling training should be conducted under the loving authority and leadership within the local body of believers (Ephesians 4:11-12). In turn, those who are faithful to the Lord are to be trained to help others (Galatians 6:1-5; II Timothy 2:2). BCF has trained believers in thousands of churches worldwide. The materials have been translated into many of the major languages of the world. For the current status of translations, please contact the BCF office.



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