# The Place of Decision



"Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety" Proverbs 11:14

Greetings,

The Place of Decision is an on-line (virtual), in-person, and phone accessible Christian Counseling Service offering emotional, spiritual and relational support to individuals, couples, groups, and families with a specific emphasis on incorporating faith, biblical principles, and spiritual support alongside a specialized therapeutic assessment tool to address issues impacting a client's wellbeing and helps individuals understand their strengths and weaknesses, and why they do what they do.

Our goal is to provide a support for healing and wholeness, and a deeper connection to their faith in Jesus Christ. TPOD is a supportive environment for understanding an individual's faith journey and how it relates to their issues and developing strategies for overcoming challenges.

Our services are offered by a Doctoral-level Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor (LCPC) and Certified Temperament Counselor (CTC), approved by the National Christian Counselors Association.

The next step in the counseling process is to complete the intake forms for the counseling process to start smoothly. We look forward to this journey with you and hope your heart is open to grace and healing.

Sincerely,

## Rev. Dr. Leroy Pendleton

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# THE PLACE OF DECSION: CLIENT INFORMATION (Please Type or Print)

Name					
Today's Date:  DOB  Age Is client 18 years of age? Yes  No					
Gender: Male Female					
Street Address	City	State	Zip		
Phone:  Email:  Status:  single Married Divorced Widowed					
Occupation:					
Church, You Attend: (e.g., Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, etc.)					
HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS COUNSELING SERVICE? (Please specify)					

# BRIEFLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Please describe the current problem for which you are seeking Christian counseling.
2. What have you tried to do to alleviate the problem (if anything)?
3. What do you hope to achieve through the Christian counseling process? Briefly list two to three goals.
4. Have you sought other outside help? If so, from whom?
5. Are you a believer in Jesus Christ?

## **ASSESSMENT**

For each statement below, decide which of the following answers best applies to you. Place the number of the answer in the column on the left of the statement. Please be as honest as you can.

			NA//
1	I make an effort not to be by	32	,
	myself		completed, I try to have others do it my
			way
2	I am easily guided by others	32	I allow others to make their own
			decisions
3	When I make plans, I make an	33	I attempt to be open and approachable
	effort to include others		with others
4	I seek to get close and personal	34	I prefer when others behave in a deep
	with others		and meaningful way toward me
5	I make an effort to be around	35	I seek to have deep connections with
	others		others
6	I allow others to impact what I	36	I freely allow others to guide me
	do		
7	I make an effort to participate	37	I seek to have deep and meaningful
	in clubs and social		connections with others
	organizations		
8	I work to have close	38	I enjoy being included in conversations
	relationships with others		with others
9	I make an effort to have others	39	I allow others to greatly impact my
	around me		conduct
10	I prefer when others act close	40	I enjoy when others ask me to join in
	towards me		things
11	I make an effort to be a part of	41	I greatly assert what I think others should
	what others are doing		do
12	I permit others to greatly	42	I allow others to exert their leadership
	impact what I do		and take care of things
13	I make an effort to join in with	43	
	others doing activities together		
14	-I make an effort to have close,	44	I want others interaction with me to be
	personal relationships with		cool and distant
	others		
15	16- When I can, I am inclined to	45	I behave somewhat distant and reserved
	associate in groups that gather		with others
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	together regularly		with others

16	When others socialize I am	46	I enjoy being asked to participate when
	inclined to be part		other are doing things
17	I prefer others to include me in	47	Around others I try to exert my leadership
	what they are doing		to get things done
18	When around others, I am the	48	I prefer others to act distant towards me
	one in command of things		
19	I prefer when others are deep	49	I make an effort to be deep and
	and meaningful toward me		meaningful with others
20	I attempt to have others do	50	I allow others to be in charge of what I do
	things how I would do them		
21	I enjoy when others invite me to	51	I enjoy when others ask me to be
	be a part of what they are doing		included in what they are doing
22	I greatly assert what I think	52	I prefer when others act close toward me
	others should do		
23	I prefer others to act distant	53	I enjoy when others ask me to join in with
	toward me		what they are doing
24	I make an effort to influence	54	I enjoy when others behave kindly toward
	others to do what I want done		me
25	I enjoy when others ask me to	55	When with a group of friends, I tend to go
	join in with what they are doing		with the flow
26	When I am around others, I	56	When someone offers me good advice, I
	make an effort to exert my		take it
	leadership		
27	I enjoy when others ask me to	57	I greet others with a smile and a
	be a part or what they are doing		handshake
28	When around others, I make	58	When I see others having a good time I
	every effort to be the leader		jump in with both feet
29	I prefer that others behave	59	When I believe someone needs my
	aloof and reserved in their		advice, I give it freely
	interaction with me		
30	I allow others to determine for	60	I prefer others to greet me with a hug,
	themselves what to do		rather than a handshake

# **EMERGENCIES**

Contact us on **302-621-4443**, Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm. We are not a 24-hour crisis/emergency center. If you are unable to reach us on time, you should contact your physician, a local emergency room or the local police department when necessary and right. It is your responsibility to seek the right resources in emergency situations.

## **PAYMENT**

Our fee schedule for counseling, and therapeutic services are below the national average. Our counseling fees begin at a rate of \$100.00 and are based on 50 – minute sessions and if a Temperament Analysis Profile is needed the charge is \$35.00. Emergency services outside of therapist's standard business hours or workdays may incur an added charge at the therapist's discretion. A complete fee schedule is available upon request. Additionally, there are miscellaneous charges including mileage and travel expenses if in-person sessions are held at an agreed upon location that require distant travel. We reserve the right to charge \$25.00 for a broken or cancelled appointment of less than 24 hours' notice. A convenient flexible payment option is available to help clients manage costs during financial hardship. Discuss your financial situation with the therapist and explain any concerns about affordability. Payment is due prior to each session.

Please show how you plan to pay for this and future sessions.					
	Visa, Discover		Money Order		
	Master Card		Cash		

**HIPAA** Guidelines

All sessions are completely confidential per law and recognized professional standards. If your therapist needs to communicate with another about your case, you must give written permission to do so. The only exception to this is if in accordance with law such communication appears needed to protect you or others from harm, or in response to legal process, or in other proper circumstances, the privileged nature of your communication ceases. Exceptions include, but are not limited to, the following situations: child abuse, abuse of the elderly or disabled, threats of suicide or homicide. The "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) requirements officially began on April 14, 2003. Specifically, there are rules and restrictions on who may see or be notified of your Protected Health Information (PHI). These restrictions do not include the normal interchange of information necessary to provide you with services. HIPPA provides certain rights and protections to you as the client. We balance these needs with our goal of providing you with quality professional service and care. If you feel your privacy rights have been violated in any manner, please communicate this to your Counselor to resolve any issues.

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR COUNSELING

The Place of Decision is an on-line (virtual), in-person, and phone assessable biblically based counseling practice integrating biblical principles and sound therapeutic techniques by a professional Doctoral level Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor and Certified Temperament Counselor approved by the National Christian Counselors Association. Our goal is to aid you with the help of the Lord, the Word of God, and our professional training and experience. Therapy is an interactive process between client and therapist, and the results of therapy depend heavily on your cooperation. It is meant to promote change and understanding. Sometimes this process can be emotionally painful, and at other times, very fulfilling. You will be expected to contribute to all decisions about biblical and therapeutic interventions devised for you, including out of session assignments. While we will use our best efforts to help you, the nature of counseling services is that there can be no assurance of results, and no promises can be made about the outcome of any services provided. You should question the rationale of any services and interventions if these seem unclear to you. I understand and on my own free will accept and agree to this consent agreement as presented. I agree to release The Place of Decision, my counselor/therapist, and others associated from any liability in respect to counseling/therapeutic outcomes.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the information in this form and have been informed of your HIPPA rights and responsibilities regarding the counseling services provided. You also understand that you have the freedom to discuss any concerns or questions with your Counselor at any time, ensuring that you are fully comfortable and informed throughout the therapeutic process. This consent agreement aims to create a clear and mutual understanding of our therapeutic journey. Our shared objective is to promote personal growth and healing by integrating biblical wisdom with professional expertise.

Print Name	Date
Client Signature	Date
Counselor Signature	Date