

## Topical Problem Solving

This theme is presented as at the *conclusion* of the course because...

- Most problems have self and strongholds as the root cause.
- Experiencing total surrender, identification, and freedom resolves *most* of a person's initial personal and interpersonal conflicts.
- The Clinical Discipleship model sees topical problem solving as primarily “phase four.”

The process of applying God's Word: 2 Timothy 3:16,17

Tools:

100 Counseling Keys in *Biblical Counseling Library* (CD-ROM), by June Hunt [www.Hopefortheheart.org](http://www.Hopefortheheart.org) (Thorough topical description of problem, symptoms, possible causes and Christ-centered, grace-oriented biblical solutions)

*A Quick Scripture Reference for Counseling*, John Kruis (Baker)  
(Topical chapters with Scripture quotation outlines)

*A Homework Manual for Biblical Living* vols. 1-3, Wayne Mac (Detailed Bible studies addressing personal, marital, family and growth-related problems)

Note: Although God's Spirit, grace, and truth are sufficient for “problem solving,” even fully obedient, Spirit-filled Christians are not exempt from all the problems of this life (Job; Phil. 1:29; 4:12; 1 Thess. 3:4; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 2:20; 4:19).

Your role in helping others: Gal. 6:1,2,5; Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 1:3,4

When solutions require the response of others, recognize the limitations of your control and responsibility: “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” (Rom. 12:18).