

**Xenos Christian Fellowship
Christian Leadership 2
Pastoral Counseling
Week 3 - Key Pastoral Counseling Tools**

Introduction: 3 “tools” discussed

REMEMBER:

The Role of Listening (James 1:19)

Why listening is important

Listening is a basic expression of love.

Job 21:1

Listening is a prerequisite to discernment.

Proverbs 18:13

Listening promotes receptivity to your counsel.

How to listen

Be spiritually prepared.

Lay aside your own preconceptions.

Be non-judgmental and empathetic.

Pay attention to non-verbal communication.

Encourage self-disclosure.

Check for understanding.

Take written or mental notes.

Give hope without "jumping the gun."

Confidentiality & Conferral

Introduction

The biblical position

- On the one hand, the Bible condemns gossip and defends the idea of confidentiality.
Prov. 20:19 (see also Prov. 11:13a; 16:27,28; 17:9b)
Rom. 1:29; 2 Cor. 12:20
1 Tim. 5:13; 2 Thess. 3:11
Prov. 11:13
Prov. 17:9a
Prov. 25:9,10
Matt. 18:15
- On the other hand, the Bible sometimes speaks strongly about the need to tell others about someone else's problems.

Disciplinary situations sometimes require this.

Matt. 18:16,17

Gal. 6:1

1 Tim. 5:20

Discussing others' sins may be necessary for the healthy working of the local church.

1 Pet. 5:1ff; 1 Tim. 3:8

1 Tim. 3; Titus 1

1 Cor. 1:11

Gal. 2:11-14

2 Tim. 4:10

The metaphors of the church as a body and a family

1 Cor. 12:26

Rom. 12:15

Gal. 6:2; Jas. 5:16

Gossip vs. Conferral

One key to guidance on this issue is your *reason* for talking about someone else.

Consider the following important distinctions between conferral and gossip.

CONFERRAL	GOSSIP

When considering whether or not to confer with another Christian worker, consider the following:

Is another person, or the witness of the church, being injured by your silence?

What is the person's role in the church?

What concrete thing do you want to confer about?

What is your own tendency in this area?

Other practical matters

"What about legal liability?"

How to handle "Don't tell anyone."

What if he calls for secrecy after disclosing?

Should you tell someone you conferred about his situation?

Conclusion

We should vigorously resist gossip in the body of Christ.

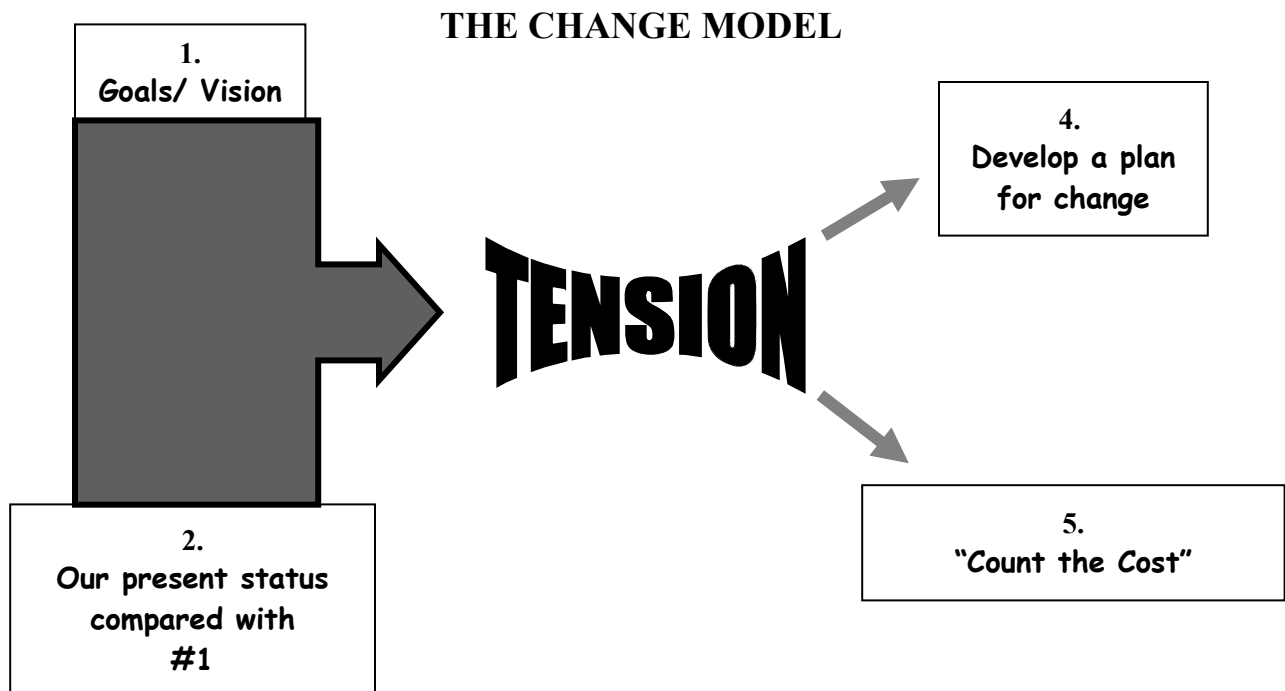
We should resist just as vigorously the unqualified "right to privacy" attitude described above.

A Change Model

Introduction

The Basic Elements of Change

The same common elements are usually all present when change occurs. These elements are:



Elements of Change	Counselor's/discipler's role
#1. Goals or Vision	
#2. Present Status	
#3. Tension! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
#4. Plan for Change	
#5. Count the Cost	

Conclusion

Assignment Due Next Week

Study for Quiz

Study passages related to conflict/unity and distill the principles in each.

Memory Verses

Jas 1:19*

Gal.6:2*

Key Points to Know for Exam

1. Know the four questions we should review when determining whether or not to confer with another Christian worker about another person's sin issues.
2. Be able to explain the five elements of the "Change Model."