

EVALUATION QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER  
IN  
RESTORING THE ONE WHO'S FALLEN/TURNED AWAY FROM THE TRUTH  
(Js.5:19-20; Gal.6:1-3; Rom.15:14; Col.3:16; 1 Thess.5:14)

1. How do you know who has fallen away? What will the evidence/signs be?
2. What Scriptural principles have been clearly violated or ignored? (Identify the problem).
3. What has led up to their falling away?
4. What has actually happened? (Get the facts).
5. Was it deliberate and willful? Were they deceived? Or both?
6. How far has it gone? How much of their life has been affected? How long have they been backslidden? (Get the "whole" picture in perspective).
7. What have they tried to do about it?
8. Who is responsible to be involved in the restoration process of turning them back? (Family, church, authorities, friends, others)
9. How will this need to be approached? What specific steps should be taken to turn them back? (Plan of action)
10. What Scriptural principles should this procedure be based upon?
11. Do they want help? Why or why not?
12. What kind of counsel, instruction, encouragement, support, reproof, correction, warning, admonition does this person need? (Professional, medical, psychiatric, nutritional...) (Proper help and follow up)
13. What will happen if this person is not "restored" and "turned back"?
14. What is the chastening of the Lord? (Heb.12:5-13; Rev.3:19)
15. How does church discipline fit in? (Matt.18:15-20; 1 Cor.5-6; 1 Tim.1:20)
16. What is the "death" (sin unto death) the unrepentant/unrestored sinner will experience? (Js.5:20; 1 Jn.5:16-17; Heb.6:4-8; Jn.15:6)

BIBLICAL COUNSELING and The Most Frequently Used References:

Ps.1:1-6	Rom.12:1-21	Col. 3
Proverbs	1 Cor.10:13	2 Tim.3:14-17
Jer.17:9-10	Eph.4:20-32	1 Thess.5:11-25
Matt. 5-7	Eph.5:18 - 6:4	Js.1:1-5:20 (4:6-10!)
Matt.22:37-40	Phil.4:4-13	1 Peter
Jn. 15	Col.2:2-10	2 Pet.1:3-4
Rom. 6-8		

"To gain a more balanced" Scriptural perspective of these concepts, see other studies: "Restoring One Another", "Peacemaker", "Judgment vs. Discernment", "A Person is Hurting", "What If They Don't Want My Help?" and "Biblical Confrontation."

Recommended Reading:

The Elements of Church Discipline - Dr. John MacArthur Jr.  
The Church in God's Program - Robert L. Saucy      Rediscovering A Forgotten Truth  
Church Standards - RPCES      - Bill Gothard  
Book of Church Order - PCA      Ready to Restore - Jay Adams (Excellent)  
Shepherding God's Flock - Dr. Jay E. Adams      Competent to Counsel - J. Adams (Excellent)  
How To Be A People Helper - Dr. Gary Collins