



Ministering to those with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)

Introduction

- Clarifications

- Focus in this seminar

- Facts about TBI

- Definition:
 - “is damage to the brain as the result of an injury” ¹
 - “is a nondegenerative, noncongenital insult to the brain from an external mechanical force, possibly leading to permanent or temporary impairment of cognitive, physical, and psychosocial functions, with an associated diminished or altered state of consciousness.” ²

This needs to be a holistic ministry = the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole person(s), to the whole family, to the whole church and a witness to the world.

1. Ministering the Whole Gospel & Counsel of God

- a. The Gospel defined (1 Cor 15:3ff)

¹ www.mayoclinic.com/health/traumatic-brain-injury

² www.emedicine.medscape.com



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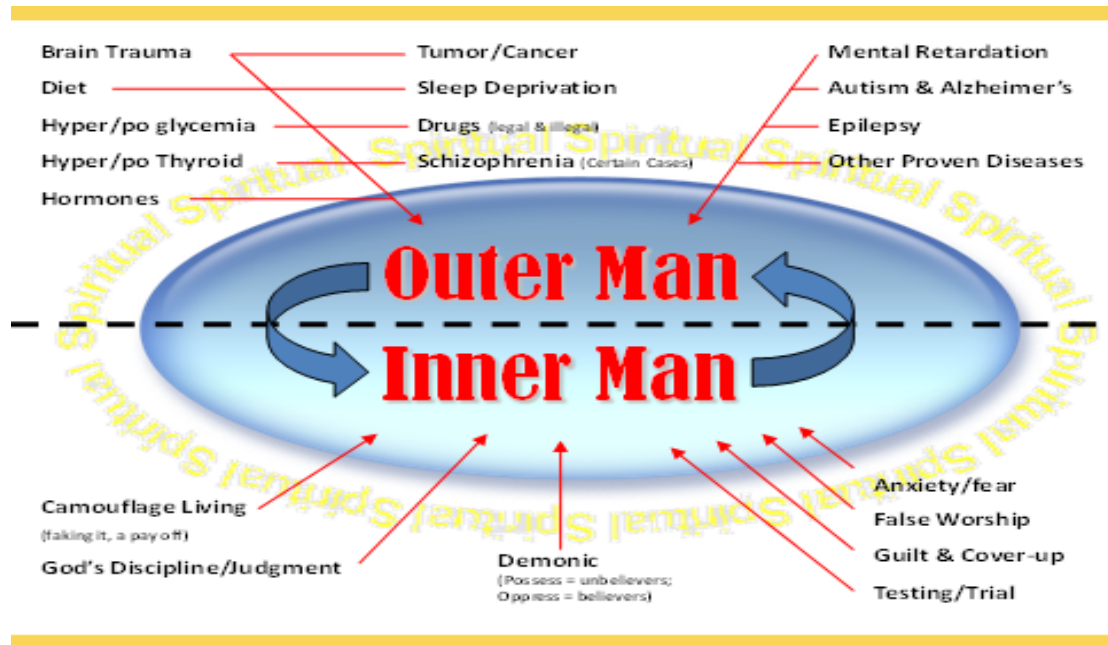
- b. The Person of Jesus Christ (emphasizing pure and sincere devotion to Jesus – 2 Cor 11:3-4)
- c. The Gospel leading to balance (union and communion, e.g. Ephesians 1-6)
- d. Practical ministry (in word and deed – 1 Jn 3:18) in light of the Gospel
- e. Ministering God's Word (2 Cor 1:3-11; 1 Thes 2:7-12; 5:14; 2 Tim 3:15-17)
- f. Ministering in the presence of our sympathetic Lord and Savior, in the spirit of prayer and before the throne of grace (1 Thes 5:17; Heb 4:14-16)

2. To Whole Person (a gathering of Information from both the sufferer and caregiver, distinguish between the inner man and the outer man issues as wisely as possible)³

³ Modified from Jay Adams and Ed Welch (Christian Counselor's Manual, 389; Blame it on the Brain, 45)



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- a. Intensive (presenting issue)
- b. Extensive
- c. The Physical (Outer Man – 2 Ki 18-19; 2 Cor 4:16-18)
- d. The Heart (Inner Man – Prv 4:23; 2 Cor 4:16-18)

3. The Whole Family

- a. Personally
- b. Marriage Relationship
- c. Parenting and the Family



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d. Financial

- i. Special Needs Trust (talk with your family attorney in relationship to your will/trust)
- ii. Other costs involved...

e. Extended Family

f. Guardianship Issues

g. Things to beware of:

4. The Whole Church

- a. “One anothering” by all (list at the end)

b. Practical Assistance

5. A Witness to the World

- a. Witness of the hope of Christ within you (1 Pt 3:15)
- b. Witness your love for one another (Jn 13:35)
- c. Witness your good works towards one another (Mt 5:13-16)

Conclusion



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Other helpful Agencies, Books and Websites

- Medical
- Government and State assistance
 - Social Security
 - Rehab (Occupational therapist, Psychiatrist, Physical therapist, Speech and language pathologist, neuropsychologist, social worker or case manager, vocational counselor, rehabilitation nurse, etc)
- Short term/Long Term Disability
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income – Federal)
- Social Security Disability (based upon past work history)
- Medicaid
- Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD)
- Books: *Blame it on the Brain*, 85-102; & *Counselors Guide to the Brain and it's Disorders*, Ed Welch; *Beside Still Waters*, Spurgeon; *The Saints Everlasting Rest*, Richard Baxter
- The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health Bethesda, MD 20892
- Center on Outcome Measurement in Brain Injury Web site at:
<http://www.tbims.org/combi/>
- http://www.ninds.nih.gov/health_and_medical/pubs/TBI.htm
- The Brain Injury Association of America
<http://biausa.org/Pages/home.html>
- Braininjury.com <http://www.braininjury.com>
- National Resource Center for Traumatic Brain Injury
<http://www.tbi.pmr.vcu.edu/nrc>
- Personal Injury Law Resource <http://www.personal-injury-info.net/brain-injuries.htm>
- TBI Med-Legal Defense and Offense www.tbimedlegal.com
- Brain Injury Aids <http://eadhd.com/braininjury.html>
- Other helpful information <http://tbirecovery.org>



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The One Anothers

1. Love one another with brotherly affection (Rom 12:10)
2. Outdo one another in showing honor (Rom 12:10)
3. Live in harmony with one another (Rom 12:16)
4. Judge not and build up one another (Rom 14:13, 19, "Do not pass judgment and pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding")
5. Welcome one another (Rom 15:7)
6. Instruct one another (Rom 15:14)
7. Sue not one another (1 Cor 6:7, "To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you")
8. Care for one another (1 Cor 12:25)
9. Provoke not and envy not one another (Gal 5:26)
10. Speak truthfully to one another (Eph 4:25; 5:19)
11. Be kind to one another (Eph 4:32)
12. Be submissive to one another (Eph 5:21)
13. Regard one another (Phil 2:3, "Count one another more significant than yourselves")
14. Lie not to one another (Col 3:9)
15. Bear with one another (Col 3:13)
16. Teach and admonish one another (Col 3:16)
17. Love one another (1 Thes 3:12)
18. Encourage one another (1 Thes 4:18)
19. Encourage and build up one another (1 Thes 5:11)
20. Peace with one another (1 Thes 5:13)
21. Seek good for one another (1 Thes 5:15)
22. Pray for one another (1 Tim 2:1)
23. Stir up one another (Heb 10:24)
24. Speak not against one another (Jas 4:11)
25. Grumble not against one another (Jas 5:9)
26. Confess to one another (Jas 5:16)
27. Be hospitable to one another (1 Pt 4:9)
28. Serve one another (1 Pt 4:10)
29. Be humble toward one another (1 Pt 5:5)
30. Greet one another (1 Pt 5:14)
31. Fellowship with one another (1 Jn 1:7)
32. Deprive not one another (1 Cor 7:5)
33. Wait for one another (1 Cor 11:33)
34. Bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2)
35. Forgive one another (Eph 4:32; Col 3:13)