



How to offer pastoral care and counseling to the social deviants

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Pastoral care and counseling are essential components of Christian ministry. The Bible is full of examples of how God's people have been called to care for the social deviants in their midst. In this blog post, we will explore how to offer pastoral care and counseling to the social deviants in the Christian faith.

1. Understanding Social Deviance

The first step in offering pastoral care and counseling to the social deviants is to understand what social deviance is. Social deviance is defined as behavior that goes against the accepted norms of society. This can include anything from criminal behavior to simply not fitting in with the majority of people in a given society. It is important to remember that social deviance is not necessarily a bad thing, as it can be a sign of creativity or a way of expressing one's individuality.

2. Showing Compassion

The Bible is full of examples of how God's people are called to show compassion to those who are different. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." This verse is a reminder that we are called to show compassion to all

people, regardless of their social status or deviance.

3. Offering Support

Salvation Prayers : Dear Lord Jesus, I come to you today acknowledging my need for salvation. I confess that I have sinned and fallen short of your glory. But I believe that you died for my sins and rose again. I ask that you come into my heart and be my Lord. I commit to following you and living for you every day. Thank you for your love and for the gift of eternal life. In your name I pray, Amen. **Amen** [If you prayed the above prayers kindly click here to get more information](https://www.xgospel.net/harvest_form/form/?page=0&salvation=true)
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It is important to remember that social deviants often feel isolated and alone. As such, it is important to offer support and encouragement to those who are struggling. This can be done through prayer, listening, and offering practical help. It is also important to remember that social deviants often need to be reminded that they are loved and accepted by God, regardless of their social status or deviance.

4. Encouraging Change

While it is important to show compassion and offer support to social deviants, it is also important to encourage them to make positive changes in their lives. This can be done through prayer, counseling, and offering practical help. It is also important to remember that change is a process and that it takes time.

5. Praying for Guidance

Finally, it is important to remember to pray for guidance when offering pastoral care and counseling to the social deviants. Praying for guidance can help us to stay focused on the task at hand and to remember that God is in control.

Rededication Prayers : Dear Lord Jesus, I come to you today with a heart of repentance. I confess that I have strayed from your path and have not been living according to your will. But I am here to rededicate myself to you and to make a commitment to follow you with all my heart. I ask for your forgiveness and for the strength and guidance to walk in your ways. I thank you for your love, grace, and

mercy. I give you my all, my heart, my mind, my soul, and my strength, I trust in you and I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen. [Amen](#)

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Quiz

1. What is social deviance?

- A. Behavior that goes against the accepted norms of society
- B. Behavior that is accepted by society
- C. Behavior that is encouraged by society
- D. Behavior that is discouraged by society

2. What does Matthew 25:40 say about showing compassion?

- A. We are called to show compassion to all people
- B. We are called to show compassion to only those who are like us
- C. We are called to show compassion to only those who are different
- D. We are called to show compassion to only those who are in need

3. What is an important step in offering pastoral care and counseling to the social deviants?

- A. Showing compassion
- B. Offering support
- C. Encouraging change
- D. All of the above

4. What is an example of a practical way to offer support to social deviants?

- A. Praying for guidance

- B. Listening
- C. Offering practical help
- D. All of the above

5. What is an important thing to remember when offering pastoral care and counseling to the social deviants?

- A. Change is a process and takes time
- B. Social deviants are not loved by God
- C. Social deviance is always a bad thing
- D. Social deviants should be ignored

Answers: A, A, D, D, A

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