

Understanding People - Chapters 3 & 4 Class Notes
Biblical Sufficiency

1). Crabb begins chapter 3 by making vital distinctions between two categories of human problems. Summarize each (Pages 46-47)

1. (_____) Physical / natural causes which includes:

2. (_____) Moral issues - _____

2). Crabb describes three different positions related to the question of Biblical sufficiency to provide a framework for answering every question that confronts a counselor.

A. What results from holding the first position that the Bible is not sufficient. (Pages 48-53)

1. Content other than biblical data is permitted to serve as _____ for thinking through the issues of counseling (pg 48)

2. Biblical counseling reduces to include anything that does not clearly _____ Scripture instead of something that _____ from Scripture (pg 48)

3. It makes a separation between _____ problems which are addressed by the Bible and _____ problems which are not which diminishes confidence that the Bible speaks meaningfully to every issue of life (pg 50 & 51)

4. It removes aspects of _____ from Biblical teaching (exegesis and interpretation) (pg 51). Orthodoxy and conforming behavior are maintained without helping people with their personal problems (pg 52).

5. Either the real questions people ask are _____ or the text of the Scriptures are stretched to cover their questions (pg 54).

6. Summary: It limits the church's ministry by abdicating to _____ any ability to really help people.

7. Summary: It weakens the view of Scripture and can lead to a denial of Scriptural _____ because secular views of true (rationalism, empiricism) become basis of truth instead of Divine Revelation.

B. What are the results of holding the second position that the Bible is sufficient because it answers every question that should be asked (pages 54-58).

1. It disregards important questions by calling them _____ (pg 54)

2. The literal meaning of a text can be given a comprehensive relevance that it simply does not have (pg 55)

2. Complex problems are given _____ answers promoting an outward conformity to man's standards without dealing with issues of the heart - therefore of no lasting help (pg 57).
- 3). In chapter 4 Crabb talks about psychological therapy and Freud. What was Freud right about according to Crabb (Pages 59-61)
- A. We need to look _____ problems to hidden internal causes.
 - B. We need a clear understanding of how people _____.
 - C. In order to understand how other people function, we need to understand _____.

What was Freud in error about?

Freud refused to study and accept a _____ view of man.

What do you think?

6. How does Crabb describe Biblical sufficiency? (Pg. 62)

Describe Biblical sufficiency in your own words. What Scriptures support this view?

7. What three questions does Crabb ask in his model for finding Biblical answers for crucial questions? (Pg 63)
- A) What questions is God _____? (What conclusions about God, man and life are supported by the text?)
 - B) What questions are people _____? (How can I explain the data of people's lives using Biblical categories)
 - C) How can I make _____ the path to life in powerful ways?
8. What process do we need to go through in order to develop and apply Bible commands, principles and precepts to our lives and the lives of those around us? (Pg. 63-71)
- A. Proper _____. Accuracy in interpreting the Biblical text. (Pg. 63-66)
 - B. Develop Biblical _____ - What the Bible says about a subject - (Pg. 66-69)
Systematic theology / categories of truth
"Ask the questions that God has answered in the Bible in order to develop a framework for thinking through the questions that arise out of our lives." (Pg. 66).
 - C. Implications: _____ of Biblical truth to our lives (pp 69-71)
Biblical categories X Life's Observations X Reflection = Biblical Understanding
 - D. Images: _____ of these truths (pp 71-71)
This includes both verbal communication and being a model for life