

Public Deliverance Versus Deliverance Counseling

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I have been asked on many occasions to comment concerning the differences related to the manner of deliverance each type of ministry provides. I do not pretend to be an expert in this field, but I have gained an appreciation for how God has worked in these two types of ministry. I need to say right from the start, that God will not be limited in the ways that He chooses to administer His grace. He is very creative in the methods He chooses to bring people to Himself.

1. Public Deliverance

I include in this category any type of deliverance that has been administered publicly, whether as a feature of a ministry in a public setting or the spontaneous ministry that arises when a demonic manifestation occurs in a worship service, bible study, fellowship meeting or seminar.

What are some of the things God addresses through public deliverance?

- a. God draws attention to the reality of demonic oppression and the need for spiritual warfare.
- b. This type of ministry often happens spontaneously, surprising those who will receive ministry.
- c. God builds faith – people see the power of God defeat the enemy.
- d. He shows people the wonder of His grace – people are set free despite the sins still residing in their lives.
- e. Often, more bondage areas will surface as time passes. This often opens the individual to seek deliverance counseling.

2. Deliverance Counseling

- a. This ministry is more private and confidential
- b. People seek out this type of ministry, because they recognize the possibility of demonic influence in their lives and they want to talk to someone about it and have their questions answered..
- c. The deliverance counselor approaches each case by first seeking to ascertain the personal motivations of the heart and the willingness of the person to take personal responsibility for his or her life.
- d. More attention is given to personal sin issues and true repentance.
- e. There is more of an opportunity to go deeper into the issues of the person's life.
- f. There is a greater possibility for a more thorough work and a more permanent outcome.
- g. The depth of the deliverance will depend upon the cooperation and obedience of those counseled.

Each ministry has its place in God's plan. In many respects, deliverance has some parallels with evangelism.

Evangelism Deliverance

- a. Conversion a. Public deliverance
- b. Discipleship b. Deliverance Counseling

Conversion and public deliverance bring forth opportunities for new and unexpected freedoms. Discipleship and deliverance counseling involve greater in-depth personal accountability and responsibility, as a rule, so that the freedoms can be secured and maintained. Some ministries incorporate both public deliverance and deliverance counseling in their overall ministry to the oppressed.