



Biblical Principles, Inc.
Application for Certification
Biblical Budget Counselor

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This form is to be completed and submitted to Biblical Principles Inc. when there is a desire for certification for Biblical Budget Counseling Certification. The eligibility statement from the introduction section of the process document is copied below:

Eligibility for Biblical Budget Counseling Certification is open to Vocational Pastors, Ministers, Missionaries and Vocational Evangelists, and to laypersons who are sponsored by their pastor and will minister under his authority. We have not identified any other persons eligible for Biblical Budget Counseling Certification at this time but exceptions to this definition will be given consideration. Persons interested in this certification not eligible under this definition should discuss sponsorship with their pastor.

We are making a basic assumption that vocational ministers have the fundamental experience and skills required for successful certification and therefore they may self-nominate and self-certify the completion of their self-study work in this process. A Vocational Pastor must sponsor all other budget counseling certification candidates and their work will require his certification. When considering sponsorship for laypersons, the pastor should consider the following issues:

- Personal tithing to their local church is mandatory for budget counseling certification candidates. Complete commitment to and steadfast execution of the biblical principle of tithing to their local church is an absolute requirement without exception.
- Biblical Budget Counseling is simply applying biblical principles to a basic budget counseling process.
- Biblical Budget Counseling is **not** investment counseling, marriage counseling or any other form of counseling. The elements involved are identifying assets and liabilities, identifying and analyzing income and expenses, assisting in the creation of a budget and/or a debt reduction plan when needed by completing a simple set of forms.
- Biblical Budget Counseling has as its first step a discussion of a person's spiritual condition. There is no training for this in the certification process, therefore persons wishing to be certified should be qualified in spiritual life evaluation and salvation counseling prior to becoming involved in Biblical Budget Counseling.
- Pastors should consider the education, experience, and skill level of each person sponsored, realizing in advance that basic skills in mathematics and advanced ability in interpersonal communication are essential. Prior experience in teaching biblical principles is recommended.

Vocational pastors, ministers, missionaries, and vocational evangelists please fill in the spaces below and submit for self-nomination. For a pastor wishing to sponsor a candidate please fill out pages 1 and 2 and submit both pages. If there are multiple candidates, please submit a separate page 2 for each sponsored candidate.

Name _____ Title/Position _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

- I wish to apply for Biblical Budget Counseling Certification.
- I wish to sponsor the person(s) named on page 2 of this application for Biblical Budget Counseling Certification.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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This page is to be used by pastors who wish to provide sponsorship for a layperson to become a candidate for Biblical Budget Counselor Certification.

Please complete the following contact information and the checklist:

Pastor Name _____

Candidate Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

- I wish to apply for Biblical Budget Counseling Certification. I understand that I will only be eligible to counsel under the authority of the pastor named above. In the event of disagreement with respect to the pastor's or Biblical Principles' policies, I agree to surrender my certificate upon the request of the pastor or Biblical Principles, Inc.

_____ Date _____

Candidate Signature

- Member in good standing of local church
- Experienced in spiritual/salvation counseling
- Able to maintain confidentiality
- Cheerful tither
- All tithes given to the local church where membership resides
- Gainfully employed, successfully retired or a homemaker
- No revolving credit card debt or consumer loans
- Believes in the value of a personal budget
- Pays all personal bills on time all the time
- Has emergency savings account of at least \$1,000.00
- Has a current will
- Has adequate health and life insurance
- Has experience and/or aptitude for financial calculations
- Willing to counsel without fee, always
- Willing to avoid even the appearance of conflict of interest
(No products or services will be sold or recommended and no sales leads of any kind will be developed)

Please attach a note to explain any items not checked. Exceptions will be considered individually. Mail to the address listed below.

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