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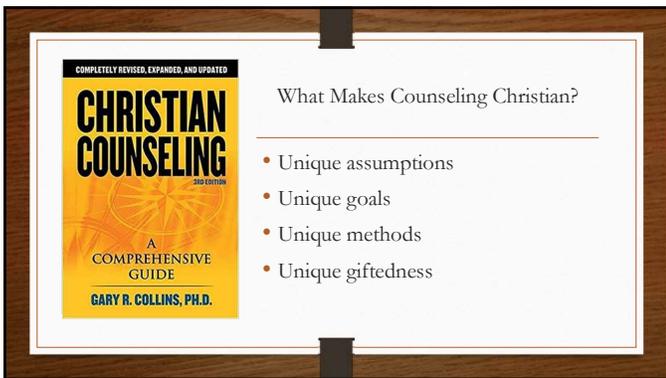
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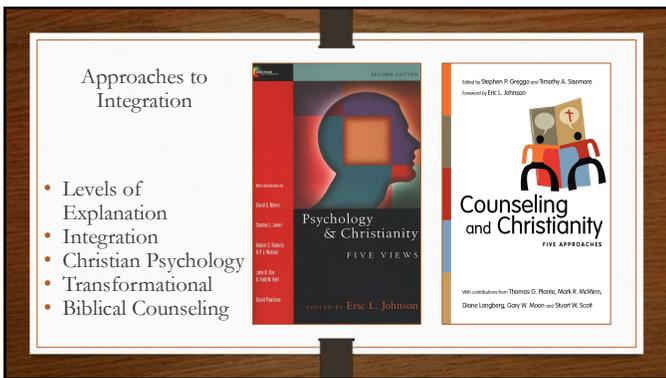
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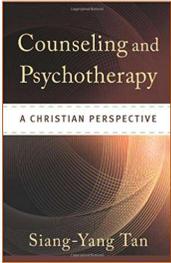
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### Christian Counselor or Counselor that is Christian

- Explicit integration: "overt approach that directly and systematically deals with spiritual or religious issues in therapy, and uses spiritual resources prayer, Scripture or sacred texts, referrals to church or other religious groups or lay counselors, and other religious practices."
- Implicit integration: "covert approach that does not initiate the discussion of religious or spiritual issues and does not openly, directly or systematically use spiritual resources."

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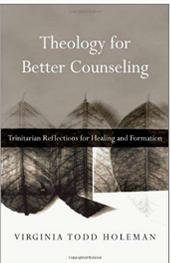
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### Is Theology Necessary?

- "Name and consider what your own particular theological understandings are and reflect on how they may influence your work with clients, especially Christian clients."
- "A counselor is not the only one in a counseling session with theological convictions. Christian clients bring their theological perspectives with them."

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Points of Theological Diversity among Christians

- What is the Bible?
- What is God's Will?
- How did we get here?
- Why did Jesus die?
- Who can be saved?
- Do Christians still sin?
- What if Christians sin?
- What happens when we die?
- What happens when unbelievers die?

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Lots of Other Issues

- Baptism
- The Lord's Supper
- Miracles
- Gifts of the Spirit
- Gender Roles
- Sexuality
- Violence
- Participation in Government
- Human Constitution

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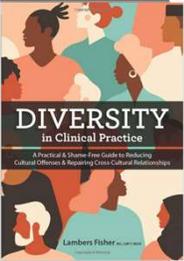
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### Steps to Increasing Multicultural Competency

- Accept the Limitations of Your Knowledge
- Value the Knowledge that You Have
- Intentionally Seek New Knowledge

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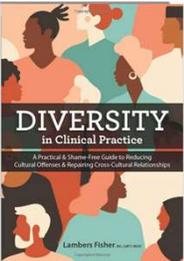
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### Accept the Limitations of Your Knowledge

“No matter what you know about a group of people, each individual is still the expert on their own personal experiences. If you share your thoughts or beliefs about others and are corrected, choose to reduce the tendency to defend your beliefs based on your experience; while your thoughts and beliefs may have been influenced by true experiences for someone similar to the person you're currently interacting with and others like them, there may still be differences within the individual which you could benefit from understanding and broadening your perspective more thoroughly.”

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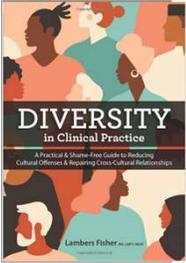
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**Value the Knowledge that You Have**

- “Use the knowledge that you have gained from personal and professional experiences as a starting point, reassuring others that while you may have things to learn, they don’t have to teach you everything. Acknowledging what you already know makes your openness to learning new information more sincere. They can then focus their efforts on clarifying which things do not apply to them or were misunderstood, and sharing the new things that are most applicable and important to them personally.”

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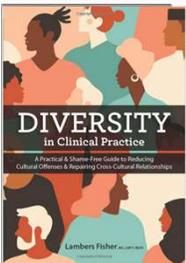
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**Intentionally Seek New Knowledge**

- “After establishing a solid foundation of accepting the limitations of your knowledge and valuing the knowledge that you have, you can build on that foundation by making the most of every opportunity that you have to intentionally seek new knowledge.”

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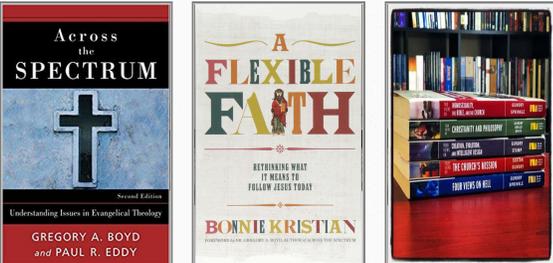
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Key Questions

- Should you present your theological commitments?
- Should you explore theological commitments in session?

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