

## **2. Master Teacher and Counselor**

*John 14:26*

**“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”**

Jesus says the Holy Spirit is the **master teacher and counselor**.

God knows everything! He’s been there from the beginning. He’s seen it all and wants to teach us everything He knows about life, love and marriage.

God will teach us how to be the best lovers, the best parents, the best couple – or we can settle for what people teach us. So many of us look to the Oprah’s and Dr. Phil’s of the world for teaching instead of the master teacher.

How many Christians turn to marital advice from “relationship experts” who have been divorced. Or, perhaps worst yet, aren’t even Christian?

I don’t know about you, but I wouldn’t take marital advice from someone who’s been divorced anymore than I’d ask financial advice from a homeless guy! And why – why? – do Christians seek marital counseling from non-Christian counselors?

This is nothing against those counselors, but it has everything to do with the Christian clients: Why would you take counseling from someone who doesn’t share the very belief that’s supposed to guide your every thought, feeling and action?

Instead, go to the source! God knows it all and gives it “freely” to everyone who asks (James 1:5).

In John 14:18 Jesus promised the disciples, “I will not leave you as orphans.” The Greek word (orphanous) translated “orphans” was often used to speak of students or disciples who were deprived of the presence and teaching of their beloved master or rabbi.

The promise, then, is that we will never be without our divine teacher.

Every believer has a Master teacher dwelling within, the Spirit of truth.

Jesus also said the Holy Spirit was the “paraclete,” translated as “comforter” in the KJV, and “Helper” in others.

The Greek word (parakletos) actually means “one called alongside to help.” One Greek writer used the word to speak of a general putting fire and courage into dejected troops before they faced a difficult battle. It means to encourage.

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Life gets tough sometimes. Marriage gets tough sometimes. Someone once said that everyone either is a problem, has a problem, or lives with one.

Depression, discouragement and disillusionment can creep into any marriage. The promise of Jesus is that whenever discouragement and depression set in, the Holy Spirit is not just with us but *within us* to console us, to fill us with courage, to cheer us on, and to keep us going.

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