

Why The TM Inventory?

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People often ask me why I ask them to fill out the Transformation Ministry Inventory before ministry begins. This question arises first because they're likely not used to filling out a long form and secondly because they may be concerned with confidentiality issues regarding what they are writing down. If you have questions or concerns about this, please take a moment and read the following few paragraphs.

Five Ways To Do Heart-Healing & Deliverance

What I have found in ministering to hundreds of people is that there are roughly five different ways to go about doing heart-healing and deliverance (what I call Transformation Ministry). Each of them is helpful and appropriate and they each have their own strengths and weaknesses.

The first and perhaps most popular approach is a time of altar ministry after a worship service. There, the pastor or someone else prays for you, and may address issues of heart-healing and deliverance as they minister to you. This typically lasts 10 to 30 minutes.

The second is the prophetic approach, which typically involves a person going to an intercessory or prophetic prayer group asking for ministry to help them with their problems. The group prays for direction and the Lord gives them a revelation or word of knowledge to pursue in addressing the problems afflicting the person's life, and intercession and/or prophecy proceeds from there. They may also address key issues with various forms of heart-healing or deliverance. This approach typically takes 20 minutes to an hour or so.

The third approach is group deliverance, and it's done when someone ministers to a group of people, throwing various demonic spirits out of them all simultaneously. Some forms of heart-healing may or may not also accompany group deliverance, depending on who is leading the ministry, what the time constraints are, and how many people are there to assist with the ministry. This lasts perhaps 1-3 hours or more.

The fourth approach is the opposite of group deliverance; it is self-deliverance, where a person kicks out spirits from themselves, typically without anyone else helping them.

The fifth and final approach is what I call the teacher approach, not because someone lectures you, but because the teacher approach normally uses a more methodical approach to heart-healing and deliverance than the other forms of ministry. The teacher approach typically utilizes a number of specific methods or procedures in addition to seeking God's leading for what He wants to do during the session and praying over your Inventory.

The bottom line? I heartily recommend people avail themselves of each of these methods – but what does all this have to do with filling out the Transformation Ministry Inventory?

Glad you asked!

What Does This Have To Do With Transformation Ministry?

To start with, God has given me a teacher anointing, so while I completely affirm the validity of each of the other approaches, my anointing for ministry is as a teacher, not as a prophet or intercessor.

In addition to this, I require people to fill out the TM Inventory for a couple of additional reasons. First to separate those who are serious about getting healed and free and will consequently put some effort toward that end after the ministry session from those who might just want a quick fix approach. My concern is that if people will not expend any effort toward their healing and freedom before ministry, they likely won't do so afterward either and that will most likely set them up for failure down the road, decreasing the likelihood they will maintain their healing and freedom.

The third reason I require people to fill out the TM Inventory is because it gives me the information I need to most effectively minister to them. You wouldn't go to a Christian doctor and not tell him anything about your physical condition or medical history and expect him to get all the information he needs to help you from God, would you? In the same way, since both you and God know you better than I do, it's important that you share some things about yourself with me, since God doesn't normally give a full 'read out' of everything that has happened to you in life. That's your job, not His.

But Isn't All This Under The Blood Of Jesus Already?

In terms of the sins, pains and wounds of the past, while those things are under the blood of Jesus in terms of forgiveness, they are still harming you if they are not healed or you are not delivered from the demons and the lies in them. This is because *the past isn't over yet* – since when you bury pain, you bury it alive! What is ailing you is coming from the past, not the future and not the present alone. Until the past is healed, it's never 'over.' Ask a combat vet (or anyone else) with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) if the past is over yet, even if their sins have been forgiven and are "under the blood," and they'll assure you that it isn't! This is sobering, but true.

What About Confidentiality Regarding The Inventory?

The only information I keep from anyone is their contact info – name, phone, address, etc. for if more ministry is requested later. I return your Transformation Ministry Inventory to you, never make a copy of it, don't keep notes or record sessions and maintain strict confidentiality; since without that this ministry would lose its viability. And frankly, I do enough Transformation Ministry that within a week I won't remember a thing about what you wrote down on your Inventory anyway.

The bottom line is that I don't pressure anyone to do Transformation Ministry because to do so does not yield positive results; willingness on your part is a prerequisite. I have also found that people typically receive the best outcome from ministry if I do it according to the gifting and anointing God has given me. Therefore I require those seeking a new level of healing and freedom to fill out the Transformation Ministry Inventory first before ministry begins.

If for any reason you don't feel this approach fits you, I heartily commend the other approaches listed earlier and I'm sure you'll be able to find people who can pray for you in your area. To God be the glory in any case.

ALL God's best to you, Pastor Bruce Koester