

Preparation

Counseling boys is a growth experience. It begins when you become aware that God is calling YOU to reach boys for Him. But it doesn't stop there, for an essential part of that "calling" is the realization that you need to grow spiritually and learn more about your task. The exciting part is also knowing that you can trust God to see you through.

This Counselor Profile has been designed to help you begin that growth process. Simply read each statement and place an **X** in the appropriate space to the right. After you have finished all the statements, draw a line connecting all your **Xs** to determine your "profile." Your objective from that point will be to trust God to work in your life and guide you to grow spiritually. Then your line in this chart will become straighter and will be found in the columns on the right.

Counselor Profile	Haven't begun	Just started	Making progress	By God's grace, I'm there
I believe				
• that I am a new creature in Christ				
• the Bible is God's revelation to ME				
• attending church is vital to my growth				
• God is generous to me, even in times of trouble				
• that my life is led daily by the Holy Spirit				
• that I am able to forgive others, friend or foe				
• that I have special gifts from the Holy Spirit				
• that I am able to share my faith with others				
My daily life includes				
• putting myself aside so Christ can live through me				
• reading and meditating on Scripture				
• personal prayer where I talk intimately with God				
• physically taking care of myself				
My personal qualities include				
• initiative (moving ahead without being asked)				
• dependability (doing what I say when I say I will do it)				
• persistence (completing what I start)				
• tact (speaking truthfully, but without unnecessarily offending others)				
• a sense of humor (even when the joke is on me)				
• warmth (a friendly personality)				
• self-discipline (I stick to it)				
• a willingness to face my own personality problems				
• sensitivity toward the needs of others				
• a desire to give of my time and talents joyfully				
• self-control (even in emergencies)				
• a willingness to meet new situations with excitement				
• an open and sincere liking for boys				
My attitude toward and involvement in cadeting includes				
• seeing cadeting as a ministry to boys				
• having the primary goal of meeting the needs of each Cadet				
• seeing the Cadet program and activities as "tools" to meet these needs				
• daily prayer for each Cadet and fellow counselor				
• adequate planning for my meetings				
• adequate preparation, especially for Bible discussion				
• being on time for meetings				
• cooperation with fellow counselors				
• allowing Cadets to learn by doing (even mistakes)				
• treating each Cadet with fairness				

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• looking at my Cadets — whether from the church or community — as individual persons made in God's image				
• congratulating my Cadets when they succeed				
• encouraging my Cadets when they fail				
• helping my Cadets when they act improperly				
• avoiding punishment of the entire cadre for the behavior of one (or a few) Cadet(s)				
• being more concerned about finding the problem that causes bad behavior than with dealing with the actions themselves				
• having a positive attitude toward my Cadets and fellow counselors				
Summarizing				
• I can speak knowingly about cadeting				
• I am effective enough in all the above that my Cadets individually come to me for advice				
• I am constantly seeking ways to become better trained				
• I allow proper time for my family				