

Covenant Agreement

Gratia Life Online

The following **Covenant** describes the **Gratia Life Online** Counselor/Coach to Client relationship. Clients must **agree, sign and submit** the following **Covenant Agreement** prior to the initial Counseling/Coaching meeting:

1. **GENERAL DISCLAIMER:** **Gratia Life Online** is a for-profit Christian busyness/ministry and DBA of **Gratia Life, LLC** where the Counselor/Coach to Client relationship is based on a voluntary mutual **Covenant Agreement**. Upon notice, either party may freely sever this relationship at any time. Services provided are to be considered a “Biblical Counseling/Coaching” relationship, only. As a Biblical Counselor/Coach, no “Professional” licenses are claimed, nor do they exist, in the fields of psychology, social work, or counseling. Practical applications from counselor/coach training, pastoral studies, and life-experiences are the **ONLY** credentials to be considered. Counseling/Coaching accountability and standards are consistent with Christian historic confessions of faith AND good standing with the **International Association of Biblical Counselors (IABC)** <http://iabc.net>, respectively.

Gratia Life relies on the ministry of the Holy Spirit through an ongoing counseling/coaching process. For it is Christ, alone, who reveals the Father’s Truth, little by little – through grace, in spite of the admitted fallibilities of the counselor/coach and/or client.

2. **SCOPE:** **Gratia Life Online** offers counseling, coaching, discipleship, consulting, and mentoring services for those seeking biblically-based answers and solutions to today’s challenges, including: personal, marital, relationships, depression/anxiety, fears/worries, bereavement, addictions, sexual, vocational, financial, health, nutrition and more. This **Covenant** is an agreement-relationship between Counselor/Coach & Client, working together to apply sound-historical and biblical principals for personal application to enhance spiritual/practical growth and maturity. **The Counselor/Coach agrees** to providing ongoing prayer, research, third party support, practical applications, appropriately assigned home study for deepening understanding, and ongoing meeting availability for the overall good of the Client. **The Client agrees** to comply with scheduled appointments, completion of any studies or assignments, as well “**The Gratia Plan**” (below).

3. **FINANCIAL ADVISOR DISCLAIMER:** Any Counselor/Coach to Client discussion that is financial, in nature, is limited to financial principles and budgeting, ONLY. The Counselor/Coach is never to be considered as a professional financial advisor resource or a provider of financial advice for investment or planning purposes. **Gratia Life Online**, nor its Counselor/Coach, will act at any time, or in any capacity, to represent **Gratia Financial, LLC**, while conducting an active **Gratia Life Online** Counselor/Coach to Client session, or meeting, unless a separate signed contract agreement has been established with that said firm.

4. **ORGANIZATIONAL DISCLOSURE:** **Gratia Life, LLC** is registered with the state of Missouri, operating as, and doing business as (DBA): **Randall S Swetnam - consulting, Gratia Life Online – counseling/coaching, The Gratia Group – a business consortium, Securus Life – life, accident & health insurance, and Novellus Biohealth – health & nutrition distributor.**

5. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** As Clients concerned about the security of any personal information provided are to be assured that all records are strictly kept secure and confidential between Counselor/Coach and Client. No third party, (i.e., Client’s relative, family doctor, etc.) is permitted to access any case records without the Client’s written authorization. **Gratia Life Online** will either, securely retain this **Covenant Agreement, Personal inventory, and Financial Form**, along with any Counselor/Coach notes for up to five years, OR they may be return to the Client at the completion of the counseling/coaching process.

6. **The Gratia Plan:** Being a “Grace” for-profit busyness-ministry, we receive “gratuities” from Clients based on their own value-judgments of the ministry/services they have received vs. charging an hourly rate. “Freely you have received; so, freely give.” – Matt. 10:8 and “... the Lord directs those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.” – 1 Cor. 9:14.

We recommend the following sliding scale formula, as a guide:
.1% of one’s gross family income per session (Example: .001 x \$100,000 gross family income = \$100 per session.)

Clients agree to this “**Gratia Plan**” and make direct payments to **Gratia Life, LLC** or online, at: <http://GratiaLife.org>
By signing below, we agree to this Covenant according to each of the six statements, above.

Counselor/Coach (Print)

Client (Print)

(Signature)

(Signature)

Date _____

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