

Lesson 18- Infidelity and Maintaining Counselor Boundaries

I. Infidelity

A. Resources

1. *Torn Usunder*- Dave Carder
2. *Private Lies*- Frank Pittman
3. *Surviving Betrayal*- Donald Harvey

B. Divorce

C. Infidelity- Four types

1. Romantic
2. Philanderer
3. Accidental
4. Marital arrangement

II. Maintaining Counselor Boundaries

A. Make sure there are no secrets

- B. Do not discuss your own marital problems with your client
- C. Beware of the vulnerable person
- D. Be careful about counseling clients of the opposite sex
- E. Never touch a client of the opposite sex

III. Miscellaneous issues

Questions to Consider:

1. How could you encourage couple to talk about their expectations?
2. What factors of extramarital affairs are attractive? Who are dangerous people?
3. What are tools for your counseling that would be helpful in dealing with Sexual abuse, infidelity and ambivalence?
4. Consider how to avoid triangles in counseling settings?
5. Consider what are radical breaches of the covenant.