

David B. Hawkins, MSW, MA, PhD

Dr. Hawkins began his training at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, his hometown. It was there, following a year-long stint in a branch of the Peace Corps, that he developed an interest in human relationships. He graduated from WWU with honors, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1974.

Recognizing a desire to pursue mental health training, he immediately pursued a Master's degree in Social Work at Portland State University while working in hospital psychiatric units. Completing this Master's degree in 1976, he became a psychiatric social worker at a mental health center.

After working in the field of mental health treatment, Dr. Hawkins realized a desire for continued training, obtaining a Master's degree and doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1986 from George Fox University. He has worked as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist since that time and works as the director/owner of Pacific Psychological Associates in Longview, Chehalis and Shelton, Washington.

Over the years Dr. Hawkins has received advanced training as a forensic psychologist, becoming a Certified Sexual Offender Treatment Provider, Domestic Violence Treatment Provider as well as a Board Certified Forensic Examiner. He is recognized as an expert witness and has testified extensively in courts as an expert on sexual offender behavior, domestic violence issues as well as parenting abilities as it pertains to child maltreatment.

Dr. Hawkins also felt the need to receive advanced training as a Christian counselor, participating in a two-year long program and receiving a Certificate in Spiritual Direction in 1994.

Dr. Hawkins is a prolific writer, authoring over thirty books, including such titles as *Nine Critical Mistakes Most Couples Make*, *Dealing With the CrazyMakers in Your Life*, and *Nine Lifesavers for Every Couple*. He is currently completing a

book with Jim Fay titled *Getting Along: Using Love and Logic Strategies With Adults*. He has been the special guest on numerous national television and radio shows, is a weekly guest of Moody Radio, as well as being the weekly advice columnist for Crosswalk.com. He writes a weekly blog, Marriage 911 for CBN.com and is a frequent speaker for the American Association of Christian Counselors.

In his personal time Dr. Hawkins can be found enjoying island living near Seattle with his wife, Christie who works as an Interior Designer. They have five grown children.