



The Discipleship Home Resident Covenant (Promise)

A residence for men - Teaching the joy of living

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for this house, we will serve the Lord.”

-Joshua 24:14&15-

As a resident of The Discipleship Home I agree to stay in the home and **participate** in the life of the home for at least six months.

Participation in the life of the home as defined by Next Chapter Ministries is as follows:

I know that I am making it a priority to commit to **participating** in the care and maintenance of the home, the activities of the home and the building of relationships based on truth and accountability with others at The Discipleship Home.

I know I can stay for up to one year. After I have lived in the home for six months, my progress will be evaluated to determine the level of my commitment. I agree to talk with the staff about my plans to leave the home at least thirty days before leaving.

The first month at The Discipleship Home there will be no financial contribution. I agree to pay \$200.00 for the second month I am at The Discipleship Home and \$400.00 a month for the remaining months of my residency. This monthly contribution covers all expenses (food, room, utilities, etc). If I do not remain financially accountable for this fee, I may be dismissed from The Discipleship Home.

I agree to be accountable to a financial mentor for a monthly budget and all of my money matters while I am a resident at The Discipleship Home. A financial mentor will help set up a budget, set up a bank account and discuss decisions that will impact my financial goals.

I agree to attend a local church each week and become an active part of that church as a resident of The Discipleship Home.

I agree to work a full time job or attend school as a resident of The Discipleship Home. I will have one month to find a job and to begin work or get established in school.

I agree to be an active volunteer in the activities and outreaches of Next Chapter Ministries. The Director will set up the volunteer opportunities.

I agree to share in the duties of the care and maintenance of the home while I am a resident. I will be accountable to the staff of The Discipleship Home for the work that I am to do.

I agree not to alter my room or bring in any furniture or household items without the consent of the Director. Anything left at the home for more than thirty days after I leave the home will be discarded.

I agree not to have anyone in the Home without the knowledge and consent of the Director. Only accepted residents will be in the home overnight.

I agree to participate in Bible studies, Network for Life group, and other learning opportunities provided by The Discipleship Home.

I agree to meet one on one weekly with a spiritual mentor that is provided me by The Discipleship Home.

I agree not to smoke on Next Chapter property or to use alcohol or drugs at any time I'm a resident at the home.

I agree to follow the established rules of the home.

The purpose of this covenant is to help you, the resident, know God through His Son, Jesus Christ. Through that relationship you will worship Him with your life and will experience peace, joy and contentment that can only come from knowing Him. We also want you to gain financial independence that will give you some savings and make it possible for you to support yourself financially when your stay at The Discipleship Home is complete. Another reason for the agreement is to help you develop commitments and disciplines in your life that will help you to be responsible for the life God has given you.

I recognize this is not a contract, but a promise (covenant) I am committing to fulfill.

It is my desire to live my life according to The Discipleship Home and Resident Covenant. **I agree that as a resident of the home I am not a recipient but a participant. I will participate in the lives of the other residents, helping to make The Discipleship Home a strong home for all who live there now, as well as future residents of the home.** I have read the above covenant and agree to live by it as a resident of the home. I know and understand that being a resident of The Discipleship Home is a commitment to **participate**, as defined in this covenant. I know that at The Discipleship Home there are staff and volunteers that will help me with my daily life and to reach my goals. I also know that in not keeping this covenant I will be saying that my desires in life have changed and I will be asked to move out of The Discipleship Home. The decision of the Director is final.

Resident

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Director of The Discipleship Home

Signature _____ Date _____