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## Youth Leader Lifestyle Covenant for

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(Name)

***Because we know that our lives will teach the next generation far more than our words will...***

1. We will endeavor to live before God, and particularly before our families and the young people we work with, in a way that seeks to honor Christ with our words, attitudes, and actions.
2. We will seek to grow in our own love for God by practicing the very same habits of godliness we are working to instill in our youth:

**H**ang time with God—setting aside regular time to be in intentional conversation with God (whether 5 minutes a week or 30 minutes a day, the focus is on practicing the proactive discipline of making the time for prayer).

**A**ccountability Partners—developing at least one purposeful friendship in which conversations about matters of faith and priorities take place.

**B**ible Memory—learning to marinate in some principle from the Scripture, whether one verse a year, or a verse a week.

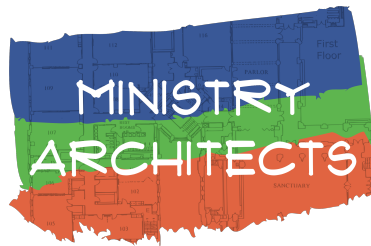
**I**nvolvement in the Church—worshipping with the church family and finding a place to be involved in the church outside the youth ministry.

**T**ithing—giving intentionally to the work of God, moving toward giving the standard 10%, understanding that some may simply need to begin with a lesser percentage.

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**Servant's Heart**—Finding ways to serve those who may never be able to return that service.

3. We will seek to live in such a way that our lives are examples of integrity, faithfulness, and love for God, including...

- Intentionally building healthy relationships, being particularly attentive to our spouses' and children's needs.
- Fidelity in marriage and chastity in singleness.
- Speaking edifying words and avoiding complaint, gossip, and profanity.
- Consuming alcohol only in moderation and within the limits of the law (e.g. making it our home policy not to serve alcohol to those below the legal drinking age).

4. We will seek to make our homes and our vehicles safe places for teenagers by...

- Being supportive of other parents' values concerning the appropriateness of R-rated videos for their underage children.
- Being particularly attentive to driving the speed limit when transporting children and insisting that our passengers wear seatbelts.
- Protecting our home from inappropriate material on the internet by using an on-line screening service or by closely monitoring the computer use of children and youth in our home.

5. We will serve as a part of a youth ministry team by...

- Attending team meetings.
- Making a weekly effort to be in touch with our assigned youth and/or their parents.
- Serve as an early warning communication system for the youth

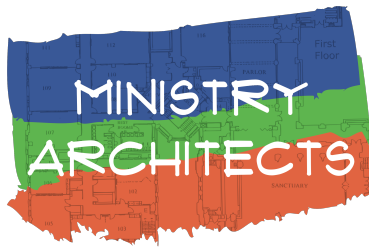
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- staff with kids who need extra care.
- Participating in youth ministry activity (SS, small groups, youth worship, and special events) as time allows.

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