

DISCIPLESHIP RULES

CHURCH ON THE STREET (COTS)

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PURPOSE

***“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven;...a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn; and a time to dance.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3, 4***

This is a time set aside to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. It is a time for Him to talk to you, for He is the Good Shepherd who ***“...makes you to lie down in green pastures; leads you beside still waters, restores your soul.” (Ps. 23:1-2)*** It is your opportunity to dedicate and consecrate yourself wholly to the LORD. The cares of the world are set aside, allowing you to direct your thoughts wholly onto the LORD and His work. In ***Joel 2:25***, God promises to ***“... restore to you the years, that the swarming locust has eaten...”*** The Discipleship Program is a time of restoration, building the new you in Christ and equipping you for productive living.

EXPECTATIONS

Directions: Put your initials on the line in front of each expectation and rule to indicate you understand it and are willing to comply.

___ ***PLEASE INITIAL:*** ***“When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow—better not to vow than to vow and not pay.” Ecclesiastes 5:4, 5***

___ (1) You will make a vow to the LORD to complete the 180-day program, to surrender your heart, your time and attention to Him.

___ (2) You will complete the study curriculum to the best of your ability.

___ (3) You will serve the LORD in works of ministry as follows: week day outreach breakfasts, church nursery (approved women only), evangelistic outreaches, housekeeping chores, work training program, and other duties as specified.

___ (4) You will obey the ministry leaders with a submissive heart. The Bible says: ***“Obey the rulers who have authority over you. Only God can give authority to anyone, and He puts these rulers in their places of power.” Rom. 13:1***

___ (5) The Dream Center is to be made a Christian environment. Hence, **foul language, violent outbursts and the like are not acceptable**. God has made us all very unique, differences are to be tolerated in a spirit of love. This same rule applies to all offsite ministry and work areas as well.

MINISTRY RULES

___ (1) **Absolutely no drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages will be permitted.** Random drug tests will be issued.

___ (2) You will attend all required services and assignments, being **on time and remaining until the service has ended**.

___ (3) Those receiving unemployment benefits, Social Security, retirement funds or payments of any type will pay \$200 a month to Church on the Street to help defray the cost of room, board and other expenses.

___ (4) Identification badges are to be worn at all times while on the Dream Center grounds.

PROGRAM RULES

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Romans 13:1.

The focus must be the Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently, according to His Word, human authority is to be respected and obeyed. If you willfully violate rules of this ministry or other instructions from its authority, you will be called to account for your behavior through restrictions and other disciplinary measures. These punitive actions are for the purpose of allowing you to ponder your attitude and commitment to Christ and the human authority placed over you, giving you an opportunity to prove your repentance and the integrity of your commitment.

___ (1) **Upon acceptance into the program, no off-campus passes will be given for the first month.** You will be escorted to all necessary appointments, such as DES visits and doctor’s appointments. These are to be scheduled on your R & R days.

___ (2) Thursdays for men, Fridays for ladies are R & R days. (Rest and Recuperation) Off-campus passes will be available, pending administrative approval. **NOTE: R & R days may be changed at COTS’ discretion.**

___ (3) No outside jobs are permitted. (This does not apply to the **Kingdom Training, L.L.C.** Work Training Program which is part of the Discipleship Program.)

___ (4) You will attend the daily discipleship classes, completing all book and memory work assigned by the leader, to the best of your ability.

___ (5) Refrain from kindling any personal relationships with the opposite sex during this time. A smile and a hello are appropriate. Men and women do not sit together in church, women minister to women, men with men.
Remember, for 180 days, no one but Jesus!

RESIDENTIAL RULES

___ (1) Performance of all duties as signed to you is expected.

___ (2) You must be in your room by 10 p.m. Lights out one hour later.

___ (3) **Appointments will be recorded by the Resident Manager on the master calendar in advance.** Be prepared to give the following information: Location of Appointment, Contact Person and Phone Number. Remember, your R&R day is your day for such appointments.

___ (4) Off-campus passes are required for all nonscheduled activities and appointments. They may be obtained in the Church on the Street discipleship offices.

___ (5) You will make your bed and tidy up your own area before leaving for breakfast.

___ (6) All prescription medications will be retained and distributed by the Resident Manager or another designated staff person.

___ (7) Your choice of music and literature should reflect a wholesome lifestyle.

___ (8) Pagers and cellular phones are allowed for staff and assistants only.

___ (9) **On time attendance at all Church services and activities is required.**

___ (10) Proper and modest dress is expected at all times. Clothing parameters will be determined by the leadership.

___ (11) Women are not permitted in the men's corridor; men are not permitted in the women's area. **This rule applies to all Leaders except in emergencies and then 2 of the same gender must work together.**

CLASSROOM STANDARDS

GROUP CLASSES

___ (1) Respect and obey the instructor, he/she is God's appointed authority over you.

___ (2) Remain in your seats and in the meeting hall.

___ (3) Give the instructor your full attention: no talking to your neighbors, no doing your independent work.

___(4) If you have to make an emergency trip to the restroom, get the instructor's permission before leaving.

___(5) Use your break-time to use the restroom and get your drinks.

STUDY TIME

___(1) Respect and obey the person in charge, he or she is God's appointed authority over you.

___(2) No talking or sleeping.

___(3) Remain in your seats and in the designated area.

___(4) If you have to make an emergency trip to the restroom, get the instructor's permission before leaving.

___(5) This is a time to work on your independent work, to read the Bible and/or write in your prayer journal. Any other activity must have the instructor's approval.

KINGDOM TRAINING, L.L.C.

___(1) I understand and agree that I am under the total direction and control of the Church on the Street (COTS). From time to time I may be requested to work under Kingdom Training, L.L.C. (KT) of which COTS is the sole member. My work for KT is part of my training to learn skills, work ethic and attitude to make me successful in the marketplace after graduation from the COTS program.

___(2) I understand and agree that working under KT at no time constitutes my being an employee of COTS or KT. I will not be covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance. I will not receive a salary. Any small amount of money that I may receive for my work contribution is simply a "Thank You" but will never exceed 10% of the entry level wage for the task I am doing would be.

___(3) I will only be used in KT if I agree in writing to the above and that I agree to sign up for AHCCCS insurance in the event that I may be injured while working for KT. I understand I will be required to also sign a more complete waiver form.

___(4) I understand that COTS and KT are separate corporations.



AGREED - I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM IN TOTAL AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE ABOVE ON PAGES 1-4 AS I ALSO SO INDICATED BY MY INITIALS NEXT TO EACH ITEM

Name Printed: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____