

# Liberty House Program

Liberty House is a Christian home for men coming out of prison. All residents are expected to live and work together as a family. Since Jesus Christ is the head of our home, all residents are expected to live in a manner that brings glory to Him and helps provide an atmosphere of love and cooperation. This is a very strict program and should be chosen as a home plan only if you are committed to starting a new life in Christ. If you fail to complete this program, it will make it much harder for you to be sent to a different program or have another home plan approved.

Each new resident is given a Resident Manual that contains the house rules and program materials. Residents are required to maintain:

1. A daily journal and record the Scripture(s) used in devotions.
2. A Scripture memorization journal.
3. Goals for several different areas (spiritual, financial, relationships, etc.)

Residents are also encouraged to maintain:

4. A social activity journal showing the different “fun” things done each week.
5. A church attendance journal showing which church the resident attended.
6. An exercise journal showing the physical exercise done by the resident.
7. A contact list showing names, addresses, and phone numbers of new contacts made while in the program.
8. A financial worksheet used to prepare and monitor a budget.

In addition, there are specific goals that each resident must accomplish in order to graduate from the program. Rewards are given to residents contingent upon their conduct. In other words, we will reward good behavior. An example of a reward might be the privilege of an overnight or weekend visit with approved family members or friends.

During the first sixty days (approximately) at Liberty House, residents attend morning classes, watch videos, listen to tapes, work at Liberty Thrift & Home Furnishings, take care of probation/parole issues, and get any needed identification. The main focus during this phase will be for the resident to acclimate himself to the policies and procedures of the house and to allow ministry staff an opportunity to assess individual needs. At the end of this phase, residents will start applying for full-time employment. We will assist all residents in finding desirable employment, when at all possible. Once they begin working (any paid position), residents will pay \$105.00 per week for room, board, transportation, and programming. Residents may keep up to a maximum of \$25.00 per week for their personal use. All other monies will be deposited into a restricted escrow account that will remain secured until completion of the program.

Each resident is responsible for keeping his room clean and doing his own laundry (including sheets, pillowcases, blankets, bedspreads, towels, and washcloths provided by Liberty House).

To insure that Liberty House functions properly, we have put in place specific policies and procedures. We ask that every candidate take a few minutes to review some of our more critical policies before deciding to come to Liberty House. Much prayer should accompany all decisions.

1. The use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or weapons is strictly forbidden and may result in immediate expulsion from the program. Residents will be required to submit to random drug tests. Should the resident test positive, he will pay \$10 to cover the cost of the test. All rooms may be searched by Liberty Ministries' staff at any time.
2. Residents are required to sign out every time they leave the house and sign back in when they return. We work closely with Parole/Probation and they require us to know where you are at all times. Curfew is at 9:00 pm. each night.
3. Visitors are permitted only with prior staff approval. All contact with persons outside Liberty House is subject to staff review and must be discontinued upon staff request.
4. Phone calls are limited to 15 minutes during the week and 30 minutes on the weekends. No phone calls can be made or received during the dinner meal, evening programs, or after 11:00pm.
5. Residents are required to participant in the following:
  - A. Sunday morning attendance at an approved church.
  - B. Monday-Thursday evening classes as scheduled.
  - C. Personal counseling as scheduled.
  - D. Social activities as scheduled.
  - E. Preparing dinner as scheduled.
  - F. Daily and weekly chores as scheduled.
  - G. Working at our thrift stores as scheduled.
6. Any type of involvement with women, other than your immediate family, is prohibited. All of your attention needs to be focused on strengthening your spiritual life. Relationships with women are a distraction to this objective.
7. All residents are expected to do whatever they are asked to by staff without complaining or having a critical spirit.

We have a point system with each infraction of House rules assigned a value from one (1) to six (6). Once a resident has accumulated six (6) points, he may be expelled from the program.

Men who come to the Liberty Ministries Program have a sincere commitment to rebuild their lives graduate from the program, stay out of prison, restore broken relationships, and succeed in life. If this is your desire and your mission, we stand ready to help you in any way possible.

By signing this sheet, I state that I have read its contents, I understand about the Liberty Ministries Program and that I will abide by all the rules of the program without question.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_