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Teen Challenge Work Experience Program Description

In today's culture, we are conditioned to just "get by" with as little effort as possible. This is an unhealthy mindset and it goes against God's direct instructions on the best way to live. Developing a healthy work ethic was consistently taught throughout the Bible times. The Apostle Paul encouraged everyone "to work as unto the Lord," and "if anyone does not work, neither do they eat." In 1 Thessalonians, Paul encourages us to "mind our own business and to work with our hands that which is good providing for daily necessities."

Work is not just physical labor, but positive, productive activity that accomplishes a greater good. For many in Teen Challenge, the former way of life was void of responsibility and positive work experience. Our work experience helps us learn responsibility for the greater good regarding our living quarters, meal preparation, grounds upkeep, and community involvement. During work time, students can begin to identify areas of weakness and opportunity for character development, learning simple traits as obedience, determination, perseverance, adaptability, thoroughness, completion, positive criticism, and many other attributes and qualities.

Every student is required to participate in the Teen Challenge work program. Work hours will average between 10 to 20 hours per a week for students in the Induction Phase of the Program. The time will vary based on the number of work contracts we have at a time. Most of the work that our students participate in involves cleaning churches, and businesses. We also help set up and tear down special events for various groups and churches. As a Teen Challenge work program, we make it our goal to offer the best work services possible. We believe that everything we do should reflect the character of God. With that in mind, we hold our students to a high standard in regard to work ethic. By the time a student completes the Priscilla's Place Teen challenge program, she will have a good work reference to offer future employers.

In addition to our work program we volunteer and serve our community through various work projects every Wednesday. We volunteer at many different organizations. These organizations are normally non-profit groups in the community.