

# Leadership Academy Student Covenant

*Relationship* is a matter God has demonstrated His utmost interest in:

- ◇ He instituted it in The Garden.
- ◇ He continued it even after the fall of mankind into sin.
- ◇ He declared it by proclamation with Abraham.
- ◇ He defined it even more narrowly in setting the nation of Israel apart.

Today, He commends His value of relationship in that, while we were yet sinners, God's only begotten Son, Jesus, died for us, taking upon Himself the due penalty of our sinfulness and making a way for us to enjoy an eternal covenant written in blood able to satisfy the wrath of God's justice.

We owed a debt for sin we couldn't possibly pay. God the Son paid the debt He didn't owe. That's how important *relationship* is to God: He made a way for His people to enjoy relationship with Him by covenant (I Corinthians 11:25).

We take the issue of *covenant* (promise) seriously, too.

We ask each Leadership Academy participant to abide by these promises:

*Having been forgiven by God's great grace, baptized in His Name, which is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and being in agreement with Leadership Academy statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to participate. In doing so, I commit myself to God, my home church's leaders, the Academy facilitators and other students by doing the following:*

- I. I will **protect the unity** of my home church and Leadership Academy.
  - A) By showing love and respect toward pastoral staff and leaders of my home church and to leaders and fellow students of Leadership Academy;
  - B) By refusing to gossip;
  - C) By continuing to faithfully attend, financially support and serve in an area or areas I desire or am needed in my home church;
  - D) By committing to work through conflicts according to the biblical principles set forth in Matthew 18:15-20 for my integrity's sake, my home church's health, and the sake of Leadership Academy's effectualness.

*"So then let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up" (Romans 14:19).*



*"Now you can have sincere love for each other as brothers and sisters because you are cleansed from your sins when you accepted the truth of the Good News. So see to it that you really do love each other intensely with all your hearts" (I Peter 1: 22).*

*"Don't use foul or abusive language. But everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them" (Ephesians 4: 29).*

*"Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this joyfully and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit" (Hebrews 13:17).*

*"As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned" (Titus 3:10-11).*

II. I will ***share the responsibility*** for my home church and Leadership Academy.

- A) By praying for my and other's growth on a daily basis;
- B) By demonstrating moral support of my church and working for her good;
- C) By being a good steward: participating in and completing in the required elements for satisfactory completion of the Academy in a timely manner.

*"It is written to the church... we always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly" (I Thessalonians 1:1-2).*

*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity" (Psalm 133:1).*

*"So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified" (Romans 15:7).*

*"Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me'" (Luke 9:23).*

*"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people" (Colossians 3:23).*



III. I will *support the testimony* of my home church and Leadership Academy

- A) By faithfully attending and remaining a part of my home church;
- B) By living a godly life in accordance with the biblical standards holiness set forth below;
- C) By supporting my home church through regularly giving tithes tithing and offerings.

*"And let us not neglect our meeting together... but encourage and worn each other" (Hebrews 10:25).*

*"Whatever happens... you must live in a manner worthy of the good news about Christ, and citizens of Heaven" (Philippians 1: 27).*

*"On every Lord's day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering" (1 Corinthians 16:2).*

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