

Villa Heights Baptist Church Youth Leader Guidelines

Adolescence is not easy and the job of the youth leader in church is to help teenagers navigate through life's issues with biblical solutions. This may often mean listening with empathy and comforting with sound Bible teaching. These guidelines are meant not as a stumbling block, but as a safety net so that all youth leaders are in one accord "striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).

Personal Conduct:

1. Do not live a lifestyle that is contrary to clear biblical principles.
2. Do not be involved in an inappropriate relationship (living with or having sexual relations outside of marriage).
3. Do not spend time alone with a teen of the opposite gender.
4. Do not say anything towards the opposite gender that could be taken in any way as sexual harassment.
5. Do not date a middle or high-school aged member of the youth group.
6. Do not share past lifestyle sins as something positive that you did.

Leadership Guidelines:

1. Maintain a personal devotional time with God.
2. Be supportive of the youth ministry, our church, and its leadership.
3. When driving students obey all traffic laws.
4. When counseling teens let them know that what they share is confidential and you will not share their life stories around (except in the case where law needs to step in or someone can better help them with their issue).
5. Please be consistent with your attendance. If the students see us leaders attending only half the time, then they will follow suit.
6. Remember that everything you do as a leader will be viewed as a model for them. As the unknown author said, "What one generation allows in moderation, the next condones in excess."

Unwillingness to adhere to the above expectations can result in you being asked to step away from the youth ministry for the time being.

I _____ commit myself to following the above listed guidelines of the youth ministry at Villa Heights Baptist Church.

_____ (Sign Name)

_____ (Date)