**T520.02 Committed to Freedom—Teacher Certification Course—USA**

**Course Description—USA Version**

**Committed to Freedom** curriculum for students
in Teen Challenge.

Abuse survivors wrestle with an array of difficult questions. Survivors of childhood or adolescent abuse carry deep wounds. The damage is physical, emotional, relational, spiritual. The purpose of this study is to offer a setting, in the fuller context of Christian discipleship, where the injuries and impact of sexual abuse can be explored openly and honestly. It also serves to expose what Satan has done in secrecy and darkness to the light of God's Word, love, and healing.

This teacher certification course is for training teachers to use the Committed to Freedom student curriculum, which is designed to be used in the *Personal Studies for New Christians* educational program.

Please note: *Committed to Freedom* teacher certification is required before you can purchase the *Committed to Freedom* student materials for use with your students.

**Required Teacher Certification materials**

The *CTF Teacher certification application* must be completed—it will guide the teacher through the different parts of the training. If you are living in the USA, download the USA version of this application from [www.iTeenChallenge.org](http://www.iTeenChallenge.org) Course T520.02.

Part 1. If you work at a Teen Challenge center or a similar ministry, you must have the approval of the director of your ministry before you begin this teacher training course.

Part 2. You must attend a *Committed to Freedom Staff Training* seminar – OR – watch/listen to the lectures for this course. These are available in video and mp3 files and can be purchased from [www.TeenChallengeUSA.com](http://www.TeenChallengeUSA.com) or downloaded at [www.iTeenChallenge.org](http://www.iTeenChallenge.org) course #T520.01. There is a workbook that goes along with these lectures which you will need to download at [www.iTeenChallenge.org](http://www.iTeenChallenge.org) or purchase from [www.TeenChallengeUSA.com](http://www.TeenChallengeUSA.com)

Part 3. Purchase the *Committed to Freedom Teacher’s Manual* from TeenChallengeUSA.com and then read it and listen to the accompanying lectures. These lectures are available in video and mp3 files on iTeenChallenge.org course #T520.02 or they can be purchased from [www.TeenChallengeUSA.com](http://www.TeenChallengeUSA.com)

Part 4. Required reading of:

*My Father’s Child*, by Lynda Elliott and Vicki Tanner

*On the Threshold of Hope: Opening the Door to Hope and Healing for Survivors of Sexual Abuse*, by Diane Langberg.

These books can be purchased online or at [www.TeenChallengeUSA.com](http://www.TeenChallengeUSA.com)

Part 5: Reporting Sexual Abuse in your state: You must receive basic training on laws in your state on reporting sexual abuse to proper authorities.

Your ministry also must have a written policy at your center for how the staff are to handle reports of sexual abuse at the center. Some samples of policies used by Teen Challenge centers in the USA are available on [www.iTeenChallenge.org](http://www.iTeenChallenge.org) at Course T520.02.

After you have completed all the work related to this CTF Teacher Training course, send in the application and requested additional information listed on the last page of the application.

When a teacher from a local Teen Challenge center has finished all the work related to the CTF application for teacher certification, and their application has been approved by Teen Challenge USA, then they are able to purchase copies of this curriculum for students at their center. These student manuals can be purchased from [www.TeenChallengeUSA.com](http://www.TeenChallengeUSA.com)

If you have questions about becoming certified to teach the *Committed to Freedom* curriculum, please contact the Teen Challenge USA curriculum sales office at curriculum@teenchallengeusa.com

If you are living outside the USA, there is a separate set of instructions for this teacher certification process. Go to [www.iTeenChallenge.org](http://www.iTeenChallenge.org) and download the overview of this course for those “Outside the USA”.