Unit 5: Work and Responsibility

Overview

This contract is designed to begin some serious thinking and planning for the future of the student. The statement of purpose for Teen Challenge states in part that if the student is going to function successfully as a Christian in society she/he must know how to apply spiritually motivated Biblical principles in relationships in her/his chosen vocation.

Many students come with a vocational background which will provide them with a solid financial future to support their family. Many other students come with little or no work experience, very poor work habits, and no vocational training. Almost all of those who come do not have a clear understanding of how God's Word instructs them to function on a job.

The purpose of this contract is to begin the foundation of becoming a truly Christian worker, whose vocational choices and work attitudes are dramatically affected by their relationship to God. The title of this unit is "Work and Responsibility" because these two issues cannot be separated by the Christian.

Even while the student is in the program there are many opportunities to apply Biblical teachings in this area, because most programs have daily work requirements. These work situations provide excellent opportunities to apply the Biblical teachings covered in this unit.

**Re-entry**

Materials in this unit can also be used with a person who is in the re-entry phase of your program. If your student did not complete this contract while in the program, then   
re-entry would be a good time to assign some of these activities.