



Live-In Program Overview

Pure Life Ministries has been a pioneer in dealing with sexual sin for over 25 years, including establishing one of the nation's first residential programs for men seeking freedom from the bondage of sexual sin. Our biblical counseling model sets us apart from virtually all others. We believe the Bible offers tremendous hope and freedom to those who are willing to deal with their sexual sin as *sin*.

To be sure, any man who has been compulsive in his sexual behavior finds quitting extremely difficult. However, here at Pure Life Ministries (PLM) we have a proven success record of leading men to victory over even the most deeply ingrained habits of sexual addiction.

We are fully aware that there are many factors involved with overcoming sexual sin, and have structured our program to address all aspects of the issue.

Separation

One important element of the program is that the men will, for perhaps the first time in their lives, be living in a godly atmosphere away from the negative influences of the world. The sexualized culture we live in makes it extremely easy for a man to become addicted to sex, and likewise makes it very difficult to overcome illicit sexual behavior.

The Live-In Program acts as a buffer to the world, filtering out ungodly influences. Making the move to rural Kentucky will prove to be a major help in itself, breaking old, harmful relationships and leaving the area of so many past defeats. The 45-acre campus, situated on a high ridge in north-central Kentucky, away from the hustle and bustle of city life, is an ideal place for men to find God. Most men leave with precious memories of their time spent alone with the Lord in this serene setting.

Discipline

Unquestionably, men who are giving over to sexual sin lack self-control. In fact, the man living in sexual sin has, for the most part, freely pursued gratification of his every desire.

Going through our residential program will be a period of readjustment as he learns to lay aside his self-centered pursuit of pleasure in order to seek an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and establish a walk that is pleasing to Him.

The men in the Live-In Program are required to attend meetings, have daily devotions, complete homework assignments and, essentially, learn to live unselfish lives. From the outset, the men are expected to do what the Lord requires of them in light of Scripture. As structure,



accountability, and discipline are worked into a man's life, strength of character develops, enabling him to deny temptations and equipping him to continue living a victorious life in Christ.

Counseling

A central component of our Live-In Program is the weekly sessions of meaningful, one-on-one counseling based on the all-sufficient Word of God. Our counselors are certified Biblical Counselors who have all graduated from the Live-In Program and now walk in victory over sexual sin. The authority each counselor has comes from his personal testimony of overcoming sexual addiction, as well as the level of consecration he has with God.

Staff members of PLM spend at least two to three hours a day seeking the Lord. Not only are they spending time prayerfully interceding for the men in the Live-In Program, but they have learned how to hear from God and be used by Him as a vessel to minister and speak into the lives of others.

In addition to the formal weekly counseling sessions, our counselors make a point of interacting with the men outside the office setting. They are fully invested in the lives of those who come to the Live-In Program and are committed to leading them to freedom.

Spiritual Atmosphere

One of the vital features of the Live-In Program is the godly atmosphere which permeates the entire campus. This consecrated atmosphere inevitably creates a hunger in men to know the Lord in a deeper way. Spending time with the Lord every morning and being involved in chapel services, where there is a strong sense of the presence of God, helps men find the genuine repentance that overcomes their love of sin.

Pure Life Ministries is not offering the worn-out answers found in the vast array of psychology and self-help books out there, nor the exaggerated hype which appeals to the emotions, nor the easy solutions which never produce real change. We know from experience that an encounter with the Living God is the only thing that will bring about the heart transformation and lasting change needed by men trapped in sexual sin. By His mercy, God has chosen to use Pure Life Ministries as a place where He meets men in just this way.

Practical Aspects

Our Live-In Program is 6-12 months long. However, the average stay is 7-9 months depending on the applicant's progress and his preparedness to live out what he's learned (non-US citizens may enroll for only 6 months due to visa restrictions). Once accepted, applicants may start the program at the first available opening.

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Most Live-in Program participants hold outside employment while in the program. The employment is arranged for them, typically through local temporary agencies, with the goal of preventing them from being a financial burden to others while in the program. Obviously some individuals, such as those on disability or non-US citizens, are not expected to hold outside employment.

Highlights of the weekly schedule include Sunday Chapel services, a mid-week worship service, accountability and group meetings, intercessory prayer meetings, special classes on *What the Bible Teaches about Mercy*, and preaching/teaching videos. In addition, each man meets individually with his assigned counselor at some point during the week.

If you have additional questions, visit our [Live-In Application Process](#) page, the [Live-In Fee Schedule](#), or review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). We also invite you to read our [Live-In Testimonies](#) or view our [Unchained: The Stories](#) videos.