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Mentoring (Life Guides) Code of Ethics

1. I will exemplify Jesus Christ in all my life and in my conduct as a Life Guide (mentor), seeking only the best interests of my clients and to further the Kingdom of God.
2. I will maintain strict confidentiality within my mentoring (Life Guiding) relationship except as required by law and for mentoring supervision unless released by my client.
3. I will clearly explain that mentoring (Life Guide) assists emotionally healthy individuals to more fully achieve their calling, direction, or ministry where counseling (Life Coaching) primarily assists people in overcoming besetting sins, dysfunctional behaviors, and relationship problems. I will be careful not to allow my mentoring to be used as a substitute for counseling, legal, mental, or physical health treatment. If I am not qualified, I will refer issues to a lawyer, mental health practitioner, pastor, or doctor when appropriate.
4. I will do my best to help my client achieve success in his or her life from a biblical perspective. However, I will never attempt to override my client's rights to make their own choices and learn from their own consequences or to direct their own lives unless they become a danger to themselves or others.
5. I will give literary credit for any materials that I have adapted or referenced for my use.
6. I will avoid dual relationships with my clients that might result in a conflict of interest or might interfere with the mentoring relationship. If such a conflict of interest exists, I will openly discuss it with my client and offer to refer him or her to another mentor (Life Guide) if desired.
7. I will honor pastoral leadership within my local church environment, and conduct my mentoring in agreement with their beliefs.
8. I will develop, agree upon in writing, and honor the provisions of a clear mentoring agreement with my clients.
9. I will not accept any form of payment for services rendered nor accept any gift in any amount.
10. I will abide by all rules and guidelines as established by Speak Life Ministries and understand my service can be terminated or suspended at any time upon the discretion of the leadership of Speak Life Ministries.
11. I will not knowingly exploit my mentoring relationship(s) for personal, professional, or social purposes.
12. I will live my life in obedience to Jesus Christ, admit my mistakes, repent if I am wrong, be open and honest concerning my own present and past struggles, and live as a Christian example to those that I mentor.

By signing below, I acknowledge; that I have read, understood and in agreement with all enclosed statements. I have been sober and free from alcohol and drug addictions for a minimum of two years. I am not on probation or on parole. I have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

(Signature) _____ Date _____

Life Guide

Printed Name _____