



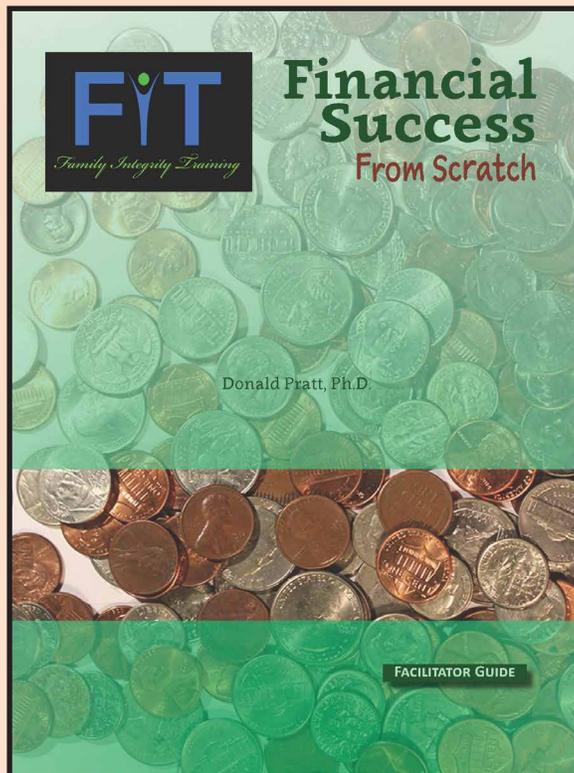
February 2016 Newsletter

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It's Here!

The upgraded Financial course is now available online at our website. It has been upgraded and expanded to nine lessons with enough information and discussion activities to fill eighteen hours of small-group discussion.

Practical, simple, and effective with people struggling with life skills, *Financial Success* helps students to think things through and solve their own problems. It represents the "best-practices" of life-skills and is thoroughly "Biblical".



Topics

| Lesson | Title |
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| 1 | A Clean Slate |
| 2 | Getting Out of Debt |
| 3 | Qualities for Success |
| 4 | Budgeting and Saving |
| 5 | Housing |
| 6 | Preparing for your Future |
| 7 | Getting a Job |
| 8 | Keeping a Job |
| 9 | Getting a Better Job |

Newsworthy...

Joe Johnsick recently spearheaded an effort to contact 82 churches about taking the FIT curriculum into their nearby prison. This included churches in Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, Virginia, and New Hampshire. Particularly encouraging was this response from North Florida:

"The reason that I am writing is because I received some information in a packet that came to my church through the mail. I am the treasurer for the Mae Edwards Memorial UMC and when I opened the packet up I couldn't believe everything that I was reading. I work at the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office and we are doing research on parenting classes and there this packet was in the mail. All I can say is that it's a GOD thing. Anyway I wanted to know just a little more information before I present this to my Captain. I am interested in the Complete Curriculum Set..."

First Baptist Church of Naples, FL is actively supporting the FIT ministry at the Collier County Jail. Our new "perfect binding" books are working out nicely there as the jail does not allow the plastic spines we were using. All but one of our curriculum books are now produced with the perfect binding.

Ed White reports that persistence pays off in his January training class at Suwannee Correctional in North Florida. "I had been working on trying to get in for over a year. It really did happen. God moved in a special way in this class of mostly professional men. Most of the group were local pastors who worked in the prison as chaplains. Lively discussion occurred all class period. The local retired sheriff was very excited about his Parenting class and how effective he thought it was with his 15 students. 'Tears flowed as problems were being resolved', he stated. I believe we will see exciting things coming from this C I. I think we have seen a breakthrough in this north Florida area."

More Leader Trainings

Bradenton, FL. A diverse and energetic group met on February 6th to learn how they could better serve and be effective in their ministries. They are among the highly dedicated individuals that make our type of ministry effective. Standing at left is Barbara Cleary of Brooksville, FL. Barbara is a graduate of our program and is now working at the Jericho Road Rescue Mission. At her right is Angie Bibler. Angie is a community leader in Bradenton and Sarasota, FL, an IFOC chaplaincy leader, and plans to expand our program in the Manatee County Jail. In front on the left is Cathy Sasser. Cathy is a regular facilitator in Bradenton, FL and took the session as a refresher. From Rivera Beach, Florida, Benny Harper, center, left after the meeting for the 3 1/2 hour ride home with plans to implement our anger and parenting courses. Last, but not least, is Ioni Castillo from Winter Haven, FL. Ioni is very active in ministry in the Lakeland, FL area.



Bartow, FL. From trainer Ed White: "Saturday January 30 was an exciting day for me as well as 23 other trainees at the Polk county jail. The leadership hopes to start all 6 books of the FIT program at one time with the 2000-plus inmates. There were several professional students in the class...pastors, educators, laymen who were excited about what this material would mean to the students. Linda Houghton provided refreshments, coffee, snacks etc. A five minute break each hour provided a time for the students to get to know each other. Many questions were ask and answers were provided. New ideas came as a result of the lively discussion. The group went home with a quiver full of ideas to bring this training to the local jail and several other areas of need. There is a mission field of people behind bars in our state. We feel that trained personal is the best way to reach them with the Gospel."



Course Graduations in Bradenton, FL

At left is the graduation picture of Tiffany of the Learn to Fish Recovery Center. Pray for Tiffany. Her husband was killed this month while riding his bicycle. Below are two graduates of the Anger Dynamics class of the Character Development

program at FIT headquarters. Group members from both of these facilities prefer to have their pictures taken with their classmates.



If you would like to showcase your program, send photos and info to us at fit@100hour.org.