

Kelowna's
Gospel Mission

Men of Destiny Ministries

Men of Destiny was established by Kelowna's Gospel Mission in 2003, as a long term recovery home for men in crisis. Our Mission is to reach out and provide assistance to troubled and hurting men. We seek to minister to the whole person; emotionally, physically, socially, spiritually and mentally. Men of Destiny is dedicated to introducing men to the love of Christ and their true identity in a secure environment that promotes respect, dignity and personal growth.

Inside the heart of every person is the desire for love and acceptance. When our basic needs are not being met, people turn to temporary solutions to fill the void and numb the pain. Some turn to alcohol and drugs, harmful relationships or even suicide.

Men of Destiny recognizes the individuality of each person and, through love, boundaries, and the touching of their wounded spirit; we see lives changed, hearts healed and hope for the future. We believe that lives can be changed by the unconditional love of God.

Currently Men of Destiny can accommodate up to 10 men in our program. We also offer follow up for our graduates with some transitional accommodation available.

Length of stay is determined by:

- Motivation towards meeting established goals
- Willingness to address underlying issues
- Willingness to follow policies and procedures
- Participation in daily chores and responsibilities
- Positive attitude towards others in the program
- An ongoing need for shelter
- Supporting others in their recovery process

The minimum time commitment to the MOD program is six months and men are welcome to stay up to two years to work on their programs to improve their daily way of life. We are not in a rush to get them fixed and back out on the street, they need time to heal and grow in a safe environment.

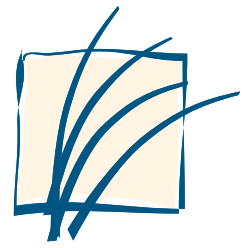
Men of Destiny Ministries: the Residents

Who Qualifies:

Men who are experiencing life-controlling issues, such as alcohol and drug addiction. Because this program can be intense and exhausting, each man who is accepted into the program must have a definitive desire to change his life.

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The Men of Destiny program also provides for long term training to interns:

Interns are program graduates who have been asked by the Director to participate in an intensive training program. Interns are responsible for helping ensure that all policies and procedures are followed and to facilitate the overall mission of Men of Destiny.

Men of Destiny Ministries: the Program

The Purpose of Men of Destiny is four-fold:

- to provide a safe, secure and structured environment
- to help the men adjust to community living
- to identify the causes underlying their needs for shelter
- to turn these men from takers into givers – an indicator of male emotional health is caring about others (for women it is caring about self)

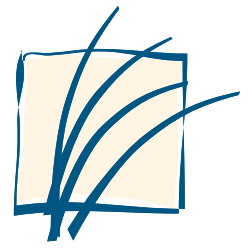
Our desire is to assist men in establishing interdependence and the ability to provide for their families. As well, we provide biblical counselling and guidance, empowering men to become more effective in today's society through a radical change in lifestyle.

Men of Destiny Ministries will provide you with:

- Personalized Christian education
- One on one counselling
- Peer counselling
- Addictions counselling (alcohol & drug, gambling)
- Grief and loss counselling
- Genesis Relapse Prevention* counselling and training
- Life skills and job preparation
- Discipline, responsibility and accountability and support
- Self esteem
- Financial planning
- Meal planning and preparation
- Communication: Rebuilding self esteem and confidence which will result in a better understanding of effective communications

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- Family Education: Teaching men how to care for the needs of each other within the family unit, with an understanding and caring heart
- Volunteer work hours in community and residence

Men of Destiny Ministries: Policies and Procedures

Policies:

1. An intake process occurs before a person is admitted as a resident
2. Men of Destiny provides confidentiality to all of its residents
3. Men of Destiny is a safe and secure environment
4. Men of Destiny is drug and alcohol free
5. While staying at Men of Destiny residents are expected to behave in a manner that is appropriate for living in a Christian community

Procedures:

1. Anyone desiring admission as a resident to Men of Destiny must complete an intake interview. The purpose of this interview is to determine the needs of the applicant, whether or not Men of Destiny is an appropriate place for him and whether or not he would fit into community living
2. Men involved with Child Protective Services, Mental Health, or prison must provide the names of caseworkers, counsellors, or other professionals that can verify information about them. Men with mental health issues must be connected with Mental Health or have a counsellor. Men who are about to be released from prison must be in contact with their parole officer or probation officer and we will verify information with them.
3. Anyone being considered for admission must have current I.D.
4. When applying for admission men will be asked when they last used drugs or alcohol. If they have used recently they will be tested upon arrival and then retested to ensure they are not continuing to use. If the Director determines on intake that the man is intoxicated or “high” on drugs he will be referred to a detoxification program before a determination of admission is made. Periodic, random testing, throughout the duration of the program will be practiced.

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