



HOLY TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, INC.

MEN OF DISTINCTION  
WOMEN OF ELEGANCE  
RITES OF PASSAGE

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## Men of Distinction & Women of Elegance Rites of Passage Program

The goal of the Rites of Passage Program is to facilitate the transition of youth by preparing them spiritually, culturally, physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually for passage into adulthood.

The Rites of Passage Program will:

1. Expose participants to their history and how it impacts their present and future
2. Assist participants mentally and physically in preparation for adulthood and its responsibilities.
3. Encourage positive self-esteem through a comparative exposure to various social images and ideas about personal and communal development.
4. Discuss the development, roles, values and responsibilities of family life
5. Provide an opportunity to participate in community service that encourages accountability and responsibility to humankind.
6. Provide sound information on good health, anatomy and morally responsible sexuality.
7. Teach participants about the importance of nutrition and exercise.
8. To tap into the creative spirit and talents of each participant.

The program includes 4 -5 months of training in areas such as spirituality, identity-formation, peer selection, male/female relationships and cultural definitions, health and hygiene, careers and goal- setting, financial planning and investing, leadership and entrepreneurship.

These sessions are conducted by men and women of the church designated by the pastor, who share their varied experiences with the youth. Participants are also required to keep journals to document their experience. Young men will enter the program before their turning 13 years of age and young women will enter the program before turning 16 years of age, if approved by their parents.

At the end of the program, the church body joins the community in an impressive celebratory ceremony, marking the official acceptance of the transformation of the youth from childhood to young adulthood. With this ceremony, the graduates' journey as young adults begins! The ceremony for the young ladies will be held in October and the ceremony for the young men will be held in November.