

## Giving Challenge is APRIL 26-27

### \$100 Matching Available

You can get the first \$100 of your gift matched by the Patterson Foundation. This may be the last year we have this opportunity. Last year we raised about half of our operating funds from our spring and fall fundraisers.

Our goal is \$8,000. Please help us during this giving period method if you can. If you can't, please consider

### Goal \$8,000

1. Using the regular giving online "Donate Now" option on our website any time in April.
2. Sending us a check to FIT Fundraiser, 3855 Pro Am Avenue E, Bradenton, FL 34203.
3. Set up a recurring monthly "bill pay" account with your bank and we will count it towards the fundraiser.
4. Set up a fundraiser for FIT on your personal Facebook account and post it to your friends. This method was very successful even with small donations.

## New Membership Benefits Video

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A FIT MEMBER ARE SUBSTANTIAL. Since FIT primarily acts as a service organization, most of our focus is on helping other organizations to fulfill their missions. This includes providing our trained facilitators or training their own to offer effective Christian life-skill development and recovery programs. We also provide the materials at no cost in most cases.



Learn more by viewing our Membership Benefits video at <https://vimeo.com/694034653>.

## Volunteers Needed

Because of COVID, our available pool of certified facilitators has dropped to less than 50% of Pre-COVID



levels. Now that volunteers can re-enter many of the facilities that were closed down, we would like to build up our team to meet the needs that open up. We often have requests in new areas where we do not have volunteers. Our program provides an organized and formal approach that many institutions like.

**our next online leader training is May 7.**

If you would like to become of FIT leader and member, click on the link below.

<https://100hour.org/leadertraining1.html>



9 COURSES THAT WILL IMPROVE YOUR LIFE

### Critical Life-Skills Curriculum



Practical Parenting



Insight



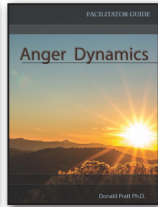
Starting Over



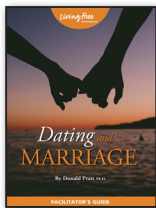
Change of Heart



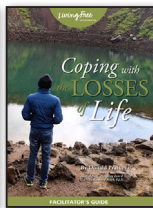
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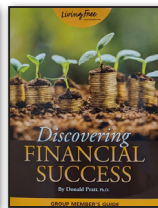
Anger Dynamics



Dating and Marriage



Losses of Life



Financial Success

*"developing life skills through faith"*

# New Curriculum Brochures Available

FIT is mostly known for its course books that serve as the basis for the classes that our volunteers conduct. They have been carefully developed and updated over the years to use the most effective strategies for the people that we work with. Our most up-to-date brochures describing our books and program can be printed out from our website at <https://100hour.org/brochure1.html>. You may also request our already printed brochures by contacting our office at 941.799.4975 or [info@100hour.org](mailto:info@100hour.org).

Do your book covers look different than what is shown here? Then you are using the old editions! The next time you schedule a class, order the new versions and we will replace the old copies as long as your dues are up to date. And don't forget to order a matching facilitator book to lead the class with.

We want you to have the most up-to-date materials. We have worked for years for you to have the best materials.



## from the desk of President Don ...

Your financial support to FIT helps far more than most people realize. We are a small organization for the amount of things we do. REALLY SMALL. But we are still in business after COVID thanks to the faithful support of those who kept up on their dues and even paid a little bit extra and to the monthly support of our board members. This morning was typical. We received two monthly gifts from our board members and one from a nonmember from a church. That is not that much for an operation our size but it has kept us in business. Your monthly gift could help us in many ways.



We could raise Betty's base salary to be more competitive with the marketplace. She is our only paid employee and only gets paid for part of the more than 20 hours/week she puts in.

We could be less concerned for the increased number of books we can provide to our volunteers. Today, we received an order for two courses from a newly trained facilitator for her ministry (32 books, retail value \$404).

Please consider the monthly option by sending us checks, paying through our website, or by setting up a "bill pay" option through your local bank.