

CHURCHMAN CHAPEL MINISTRIES

Lifestyle Policy For Those in Public Ministry

For our leaders and for those in public ministry (James 3:1; 1 Timothy 3), we desire personal holiness and accountability, repentance, healing, and restoration. Whenever you fall into sin, as pastoral leaders we are eager to walk with you, to help you amend your life and to walk in the light (1 John 1:5-8). We are all called to live a life worthy of the calling that we have received from Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:1) and to witness to the good news of salvation by the way they live their lives (Matthew 5:16).

As you read this, please understand that each of us realizes that we are all sinners. Our objective is let you know that we have agreed to live the life that Jesus Christ has called us to live. Though there are times that we might struggle, we know we can trust in Jesus to lead us through (Phil 4:13). Christ has called us to live a life that is set apart (1 Peter 1:16).

We ask our leaders and those in public ministry, to flee from the behaviors listed below. If you see that you are struggling in any of these areas, please feel free to have a conversation with any of our leaders to help you move forward in your walk with Jesus.

- Consuming too much alcohol and/or driving under the influence of alcohol
- Use of illegal drugs or illegal use of prescription drugs
- Physical or verbal abuse against anyone, including gossip and slander, destructive criticism of others, and spreading rumors
- Compulsive or addictive behaviors that become life-controlling problems such as eating, shopping, sports, or any other activity that places God second in your life
- A sexual encounter with (including online encounters), or sleeping with, anyone other than your spouse that you have been wed to under God
- Being unequally yoked with unbelievers when possible
- Other sins that compromise your Christian walk

We encourage our leaders and those in public ministry to...

- Maintain appropriate confidentiality when people speak to them in confidence.
- Use wisdom in "neutral areas"- dressing appropriately, language, activities you are participating in.
- Live each day in a way that brings honor and glory to God and set aside individual and corporate time each week to worship God.
- Lead a constructive prayer life
- Give unto God what is rightly His.
- Not neglect the house of our God.

Commitment: I agree to live a life of accountability so that others may see my example and I can be an effective vessel for God.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____