

STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL ETHICS

A. The Minister's Life

1. It is the minister's responsibility to discipline his life so that he maintains an intimate and dynamic relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. It is the duty of the minister to develop a lifestyle that is above reproach and morally pure.

B. Relationship to Fellow Ministers

1. It is inappropriate for a minister to speak evil of or belittle the work of a fellow minister.
2. A fellow minister should be held in respect and honour.

C. Relationship to Organization or Denomination

1. It is unethical for a minister to speak disparagingly of the organization to which he belongs or of the officers who lead it.
2. It is unethical for a minister to ignore or disobey the authority of the leadership of an organization to which he belongs.

D. Relationship to Predecessor

1. A minister should never disparage his predecessor or his work.
2. A minister should be kind and courteous to his predecessor.

E. Relationship to Members of Another Church

1. It is unethical to proselyte members from another church.
2. A minister should not seek to undermine the loyalty of a fellow minister's congregation.

F. Relationship to the Business World

1. It is unethical for a minister to fail to meet business obligations without making appropriate arrangements.
2. It is unethical for a minister to seek special privileges or use his office to an unfair advantage.

G. Relationship to a Church Seeking a Pastor

1. A minister should not consider or seek the pastorate of a church whose pastor has not resigned.
2. A minister should not seek a position or pastorate by using friends or circumstances for personal advancement.

H. Relationship to Party or Parties He Has Counseled

1. A minister should not betray the confidences of persons he has counseled by talking about their circumstances either in public or private.
2. A minister should not allow himself to become emotionally involved with a party or parties he has counseled.

I. Relationship to the Materials of Another Man

1. It is unethical to use another man's sermons or materials in preaching without proper acknowledgement.
2. It is unethical to put another man's materials in print and pass them off as one's own.

J. Relationship to the Members of His Own Church

- A. It is unethical for a minister to leave a church without having given it appropriate notice of his intentions.
- B. It is inappropriate for a minister to take sides with factions in the congregation.