**World Kingdom Dominion Ministries**

**Ministerial Ethics PASTOR**

As a minister of Jesus Christ, called by God to proclaim the gospel and gifted by the Spirit to pastor the church, I dedicate myself to conduct my ministry according to the ethical guidelines and principles set forth in this code of ethics, in order that my ministry be acceptable to God, my service be beneficial to the Christian community, and my life be a witness to the world.

**Responsibilities to Self**

1. I will maintain my physical and emotional health through regular exercise, good eating habits, and the proper care of my body.
2. I will nurture my devotional life through a regular time of [prayer](http://christianethicstoday.com/wp/?page_id=154), reading of the Scriptures, and meditation.
3. I will continue to grow intellectually through personal study, comprehensive reading, and attending growth conferences.
4. I will manage my time well by properly balancing personal obligations, church duties, and family responsibilities, and by observing a weekly day off and an annual vacation.
5. I will be honest and responsible in my finances by paying all [debts](http://christianethicstoday.com/wp/?page_id=154) on time, never seeking special gratuities or privileges, giving generously to worthwhile causes, and living a Christian lifestyle.
6. I will be truthful in my speech, never plagiarizing another’s work, exaggerating the facts, misusing personal experiences, or communicating gossip.
7. I will seek to be Christlike in attitude and action toward all persons regardless of race, social class, religious beliefs, or position of influence within the church and community.

**Responsibilities to Family**

1. I will be fair to every member of my family, giving them the time, love, and consideration they need.
2. I will understand the unique role of my spouse, recognizing his or her primary responsibility is as marital partner and parent to the children, and secondarily as church worker and assistant to the pastor.
3. I will regard my children as a gift from God and seek to meet their individual needs without imposing undue expectations upon them.

**Responsibilities to the Congregation**

1. I will seek to be a servant-minister of the church by following the example of Christ in faith, love, wisdom, courage, and integrity.
2. I will faithfully discharge my time and energies as pastor, teacher, preacher, and administrator through proper work habits and reasonable schedules.
3. In my administrative and pastoral duties, I will be impartial and fair to all  members.
4. In my preaching responsibilities, I will give adequate time to prayer and preparation, so that my presentation will be biblically based, theologically correct, and clearly communicated.
5. In my pastoral counseling, I will maintain strict confidentiality, except in cases where disclosure is necessary to prevent harm to persons and/or is required by law.
6. In my evangelistic responsibilities, I will seek to lead persons to salvation and to church membership without manipulating converts, proselytizing members of other churches, or demeaning other religious faiths.
7. In my visitation and counseling practices, I will never be alone with a person of another sex unless another church member is present nearby.
8. I will not charge fees to church members for weddings or funerals; for nonmembers I will establish policies based on ministry opportunities, time constraints, and theological beliefs.
9. As a full-time minister, I will not accept any other remunerative work without the expressed consent of the church.
10. In leaving a congregation, I will seek to strengthen the church through proper timing, verbal affirmation, and an appropriate closure of my ministry.

**Responsibilities to Colleagues**

1. I will endeavor to relate to all ministers, especially those with whom I serve in my church, as partners in the work of God, respecting their ministry and cooperating with them.
2. I will seek to serve my minister colleagues and their families with counsel, support, and personal assistance.
3. I will refuse to treat other ministers as competition in order to gain a church, receive an honor, or achieve statistical success.
4. I will refrain from speaking disparagingly about the person or work of any other minister, especially my predecessor or successor.
5. I will enhance the ministry of my successor by refusing to interfere in any way with the church I formerly served.
6. I will return to a former church field for professional services, such as weddings and funerals, only if invited by the resident pastor.
7. I will treat with respect and courtesy any predecessor who returns to my church field.
8. I will be thoughtful and respectful to all retired ministers and, upon my retirement, I will support and love my pastor.
9. I will be honest and kind in my recommendations of other ministers to church positions or other inquiries.
10. If aware of serious misconduct by a minister, I will contact responsible officials of that minister’s church body and inform them of the incident.

**Responsibility to the Community**

1. I will consider my primary responsibility is to be pastor of my congregation and will never neglect ministerial duties in order to serve in the community.
2. I will accept reasonable responsibilities for community service, recognizing the minister has a public ministry.
3. I will support public morality in the community through responsible prophetic witness and social action.
4. I will obey the laws of my government unless they require my disobedience to the law of God.
5. I will practice Christian citizenship without engaging in partisan politics or political activities that are unethical, unbiblical, or unwise.

**Responsibilities to my Denomination**

1. I will love, support and cooperate with the faith community of which I am a part, recognizing the debt I owe to my denomination for its contribution to my life, my ministry, and my church.
2. I will work to improve my denomination in its efforts to expand and extend the kingdom of God.

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**Associate Minister or Para Church Leader Code
(Education/Music/Youth/Etc.)**

* I will be supportive and loyal to my fellow staff ministers, never criticizing them or undermining their ministry.
* I will recognize my role and responsibility on the church/ministry staff and will not feel threatened or in competition with other ministers of my special area of ministry.
* If single, I will be discreet in my dating practices, especially in relation to members of my congregation/ministry.

**Pastoral Counselor Code ((3))**

* I will have a pastor/counselor to whom I can turn for counseling and advice.
* I will be aware of my own needs and vulnerabilities, never seeking to meet my own needs through my counselees.
* I will recognize the power I hold over counselees and never take advantage of their vulnerability through exploitation or manipulation.
* I will never become sexually or romantically involved with a client, or engage in any form of erotic or romantic conduct.
* I will demonstrate unconditional acceptance and love toward all counselees, regardless of their standards, beliefs, attitudes, or actions.
* If I am unable to benefit a client, I will refer him or her to another professional
* who can provide appropriate therapy.
* I will maintain good relationships with other counselors and therapists, informing and conferring with them about mutual concerns.
* I will keep confidential all matters discussed in a counseling setting, unless the information is hazardous for the client, for another person, or is required by law.
* I will offer my assistance and services to fellow ministers and their families whenever needed.
* I will support and contribute to the ministry of my church through personal counseling, seminars, lectures, workshops, and group therapy.
* I will seek to support the policies and beliefs of my church without unduly imposing them upon any counselee.

**Military Chaplain Code ((4))**

* I will be an ethical example of a Christian lifestyle in a military setting.
* I will perform my service duties according to the military codes of conduct,  Recognizing my ultimate allegiance is to God.
* I will be truthful in my reports to my senior officers without divulging unnecessary confidential information.

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Eph 4 “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2. With all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; 3. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism…..

25. Wherefore, putting away lying…. 26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27. Neither give place to the devil. 28. Let him that stole steal no more… 29. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth… 31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice….”

Ministerial affiliates of are expected to operate in one or more of the five-fold ministries as described in Ephesians 4, (“And he gave some, apostles, and some prophets, and some, evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. . . “).

Ministers must also walk worthy of the office in which they are called as described in Ephesians 4 above. They should walk in humility and self discipline.

Therefore, ministers must agree to be held accountable to all Biblical and ethical standards, and agree to pursue a life of holiness as outlined below:

Live a life in the Holy Spirit and the requirements of the Scriptures regarding ethics, integrity, and moral purity.

Maintain a life of sexual integrity.

Live a life of marital fidelity as outlined in the Scriptures.

Walk in integrity and model financial accountability in ministry and personal affairs.

In every area of life, abstaining from anything that might be improper, or give the suggestion of impropriety, so as to remain above reproach and not cause the brethren to stumble.

Membership in the Fellowship will be withheld or withdrawn from applicants or members found not to be exhibiting these characteristics, and/or modeling a lifestyle outside of these guidelines.