
CODE OF ETHICS

The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada

1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

I will seek to fulfill my duty to watch over my congregation as one who must give account to God (Heb. 13:17). By the power of the Holy Spirit, I will seek to be the pastor God has called me to be. I will strive faithfully to keep my personal quiet time and seek to walk closely with my God.

2. RELATIONSHIP TO MY FAMILY

I will seek to fulfill my duties to my family as given in 1 Tim. 3:2-5, namely: to be lovingly faithful to my wife, as a one-woman man; to be self-controlled; to pursue purity; to be gentle; to manage my family well; to discipline my children in such a way that they will respect me.

3. RELATIONSHIP TO MY CHURCH

I will seek to carry out my pastoral function in the light of 2 Tim. 4:1-2, namely: to preach the Word; to keep prepared in all seasons; to correct, rebuke, and encourage; to exercise patience. If my personal convictions or practices should change in the process of time, and come to differ from my church's doctrinal statement or covenant, I will notify the church through my resignation. I will, with my resignation, sever my pastoral relations with former parishioners, and will not make pastoral contact within the field of my successors without their knowledge and consent. Having accepted a pastorate, I will not use my influence to alienate the church, or any portion thereof from its denominational loyalty and support. If my convictions change from those commonly held by our denomination, I will be honourable enough to withdraw.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY

I will seek to maintain a good reputation in the community as stated in 1 Tim. 3:7. I will fulfill all financial obligations; obey government laws and regulations not contrary to Scripture; contribute as much as possible to the life and welfare of the community. I will seek to be a man of integrity (Rom. 12:17) in all my dealings with others, and above reproach in morals and relationships with men and women.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN CANADA

Because the church I serve is affiliated with the Fellowship, I will participate wholeheartedly in the life of the Fellowship by: praying for God's blessing on its life, witness and ministry; and will encourage my church to participate in all the missionary outreaches of the Fellowship. If I change my doctrinal convictions so as to disagree with the Fellowship Statement of Faith, I will notify my church board through my resignation. Should I leave for any reason and enter another pastoral ministry, it would be viewed by regional leadership as not being in a location that would attract those from my former congregation.