

Our Code of Conduct

Calvary Fellowship of Ottawa involves a commitment on the part of all members to embody attitudes and to practise actions identified in the Bible as virtues, and to avoid those portrayed as destructive.

The Code of Conduct is meant as a guideline for godly living and acknowledges that a member in good standing would strive to live in accordance with the Bible. If or when they violate the Code of Conduct, a member in good standing would demonstrate evidence of a repentant heart.

Therefore, members of the CFO community commit themselves to:

- cultivate Christian virtues, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, compassion, humility, forgiveness, peacemaking, mercy and justice (Galatians 5:22-24; Colossians 3:12-17; Isaiah 58:6-8; Micah 6:8)
- live exemplary lives characterized by honesty, civility, truthfulness, generosity and integrity (Proverbs 12:19; Colossians 3:9; Ephesians 4:25; Leviticus 19:11; Exodus 20:16; Matthew 5:33-37)
- communicate in ways that build others up, according to their needs, for the benefit of all (Ephesians 4:29; Proverbs 25:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- treat all persons with respect and dignity, and uphold their God-given worth from conception to death (Genesis 1:27-28; Psalm 139:13-16; Matthew 19:14; Proverbs 23:22)
- be responsible citizens both locally and globally who respect authorities, submit to the laws of this country, and contribute to the welfare of creation and society (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Genesis 1:28; Psalm 8:5-8; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-9)
- observe modesty, purity and appropriate intimacy in all relationships, reserve sexual expressions of intimacy for marriage, and within marriage take every reasonable step to resolve conflict and avoid divorce (Genesis 2:24; Exodus 20:14,17; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4; Proverbs 5:15-19; Matthew 19:4-6; Malachi 2:16; Matthew 5:32)
- exercise careful judgment in all lifestyle choices, and take responsibility for personal choices and their impact on others (Proverbs 4:20-27; Romans 14:13,19; 1 Corinthians 8:9,12-13, 10:23-24; Ephesians 5:15-16)
- encourage and support other members of the community in their pursuit of these values and ideals, while extending forgiveness, accountability, restoration, and healing to one another (James 5:16; Jude 20-23; Romans 12:14-21; 1 Corinthians 13:5; Colossians 3:13)

In keeping with biblical and CFO ideals, members voluntarily abstain from the following actions:

- communication that is destructive to CFO community life and interpersonal relationships, including gossip, slander, vulgar/obscene language, and prejudice (Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:31)
- harassment or any form of verbal or physical intimidation, including hazing
- lying, cheating, or other forms of dishonesty including plagiarism
- stealing, misusing or destroying property belonging to others (Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28)
- sexual intimacy that violates the sacredness of marriage between a man and a woman (Romans 1:26-27; Proverbs 6:23-35)
- the use of materials that are degrading, dehumanizing, exploitive, hateful, or gratuitously violent, including, but not limited to pornography
- drunkenness, under-age consumption of alcohol, the use or possession of illegal drugs, and the misuse or abuse of substances including prescribed drugs
- the use or possession of alcohol at any CFO sponsored event, and the use of tobacco and/or cannabis at any CFO event.

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