



## **EXPECTATIONS OF LIFESTYLE FOR LEADERS AT *THE GATHERING***

**(Elders, ministry leaders, teachers, and other contributors...)**

Leaders are always held to a higher standard. Thus, each person involved in a leadership position at The Gathering is regarded by the general public as one who not only represents The Gathering but Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as the head of our Church. For this reason, lifestyle that goes contrary to the principles of righteousness laid out in Scripture can result in mockery to God and to the local church.

It is expected that you pursue a lifestyle that is above reproach, both within and without the Church, and that it is consistent with biblical standards. This would include an ongoing desire to develop a closer relationship with God through prayer, and using his Word (the Holy Bible) as our guide.

You are encouraged to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, as God gives you the opportunity in your day-to-day activities, and as the Holy Spirit leads you.

As Jesus instructed his disciples, you are encouraged to love and serve others, showing compassion, demonstrating humility and patience, and considering the interests of others ahead of your own interests.

It is expected that you attempt to maintain the highest ethical standards and honesty, in all business and personal dealings avoiding any real or apparent conflict of interest. This would also include dishonest practices such as cheating, stealing, gossip or slander.

The Bible teaches a lifestyle of moderation. Thus, it is expected that you refrain from habitual involvement in that which is biblically unacceptable: criminal behaviour, fighting, substance abuse, inappropriate language, using the Lord's name in vain, involvement with the occult and/or secret societies, and all forms of sexual immorality (including pornography, premarital sex, living common-law, adultery, homosexual behaviour, etc.).

In your role as a servant of God, and a representative of The Gathering and Jesus Christ, it is expected that you strive to set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith, in purity and in family.

Here is the commitment we would ask you to make:

*"I have read these duties and expectations and, as a leader of The Gathering, will strive to honour them in my ministry to God and the people of The Gathering..."*

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