

Position Paper  
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## **ETHICS (MINISTERIAL)**

*Adopted by the General Conference in 1964*

### **My Code of Ethics**

*(Not laws to govern but principles to guide)*

Striving to be a good minister of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
I will constantly prepare myself in body, mind, and spirit.  
I will safeguard the good name of the ministry; [I will] speak the truth in love,  
live honestly, and avoid embarrassing debts.  
I will hold as sacred all confidences shared with me.  
I will exercise the authority of a spiritual leader rather than that of a dictator.  
I will seek to minister rather than be ministered unto, placing service above salary and personal  
recognition, and the unity and welfare of the church above my own personal welfare.  
I will seek to lead my church to accept its full responsibility for community and  
world service.  
I will seek to build my church without discrediting other churches, soliciting members therefrom,  
or casting reflection on other ministers.  
I will not compete with another minister for a call to a pastorate in an unethical  
manner.  
I will, with my resignation, sever my pastoral relations with any former parishioner and will not  
make pastoral contacts in the field of another pastor without his or her knowledge and consent.  
I will not accept the pastorate of a United Pentecostal Church unless I am in accord with the  
Articles of Faith and Constitution of the general church body.  
Having accepted a pastorate, I will not use my influence to alienate the church or any portion  
thereof from the fellowship or support of the United Pentecostal Church International. If my convictions  
change, I will be honorable enough to withdraw.