

Code of Ethics

The Fellowship of Evangelical Children's Workers exists to promote and support the role of itinerant and resident children's workers and/or evangelists. As Christians called by God, we seek to glorify Him in every area of our lives, both private and public (Matthew 5:16; Romans 15:5-11; I Peter 2:9). As children's workers/evangelists, we are called to a special ministry of working together with the Lord in His pursuit and reclamation of those who are lost in sin (Luke 19:10; Acts 5:28-32). Our Mandate—Our mandate is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that children and young people will be persuaded to repent of their sin, put their trust in Jesus Christ, and serve Him as their Lord and Savior. (Matt. 28:19; Acts 20:21; II Cor. 5:15; Eph. 2:19-22). Our Motive—We are motivated by our conviction that God has called us to be children's workers and/or evangelists. The personal conviction that we have this calling has been confirmed by the scriptures and by others. (Acts 13:2,3; I Tim. 4:14). As a result, we are obliged to practice our calling, employing fully the particular gifts with which the Holy Spirit has endowed us, in fulfillment of our task and responsibility. (Rom. 12:6,8; I Cor. 12:4-5). We will not allow ourselves to be motivated by worldly or personal considerations such as money, power or sexual gratification. Rather it is our sincere, earnest and intelligent response to Christ's love for sinners and their salvation which shapes and directs our work. His love for all mankind and our love for Him demand our total and unrelenting obedience (I Thes. 2:3-6; II Cor. 5:14-21). Our Lives—We seek to be filled with the Spirit and controlled by His power as we "do the work of an evangelist" (Luke 24:45-49; John 20:21-23; Acts 1:8; II Tim. 4:5). A life of prayer, Bible study and other spiritual disciplines is essential if we are to be endowed with power in our ministry (Acts 4:24-31 and 13:3; II Tim. 16-17). We acknowledge that our families are a gift given to us from God. We are determined to be faithful in serving them and fulfilling our responsibilities to them as we minister to others (John 19:26-27; Eph. 5:22-6:4). We seek to be accountable to others for our personal conduct and the financial stewardship of our ministry, knowing the temptations we face as ambassadors for Christ. (I Peter 2:12 and 4:17). As servants of God, we acknowledge our obligation to lead lives of holiness and moral purity (II Cor. 7:1; I Thes. 2:10). We are aware that we are expected to exemplify Christ to the Church and to the world (I Cor. 11:1; I John 3:3 and 4:17). We also accept the obligation to receive admonishment, should our conduct deviate from these ethical guidelines. (Gal. 6:1-2) Our Methods—We believe that all children and adults are created equal in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27; James 3:9). Therefore, we believe that every individual is worthy of hearing the Gospel of the loving Lord Jesus Christ.

a) — We must therefore go anywhere and endure any sacrifice to communicate the Gospel (Acts 1:8; 4:18-20; 5:40-42).

b) — We must disavow any practice which would depersonalize people and deprive them of their inherent value (II Cor. 11:20)

c) — We must disavow coercion and manipulation of every kind. (II Cor. 2:17)

d) — We must appeal to people to believe in Christ with their minds, to yield to Him with their wills, and to love Him with deep feeling. (Luke 24:32; Acts 2:37-38 and 10:36-43)

e) — We must be completely honest in reporting our statistics. (II Cor. 8:20-21) We are committed to the role of the Church, both local and universal, recognizing its mandate to make disciples of all nations and to nurture them in the Christian life (Acts 13:1-3; 15:6-31; Eph. 4:11-16). Therefore all our evangelistic efforts will include the encouragement of those who respond to our message to become involved in a local Bible-believing church where they will receive effective spiritual nurturing.

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