

MORNING DEW
MINISTERIAL ETHICS

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SOURCES.

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OWNERSHIP MINDSET.

- In reality Jesus is the owner (Ps 24:1, Eph 1:22) of the church while we are all stewards (1 Pet 4:10).
- Ministers must have a son/daughter of the owner mentality. My father's house, so I must take responsibility for ensuring all works well. (it is not my department , that is for the PICP or Parish Pastor).
- Hard working not passive (Rom 16:6, Rev 2:2-3).
- Proactive in discharge of duties. (1 Sam 21:8). Haste required.
- Improvement/Growth mindset...Read, Study, Seek counsel and guidance. **10 years bible college certificate is stale.**

OWNERSHIP MINDSET.

- Regularly proffering ideas and initiatives to the department/pastorate and not bothering about who takes credit.
- No "Eye Service" but service unto Christ. Eph 6:5-6.
- Be prepared to preach, teach and pray without notice.
- Have a service orientation.(Rom 16:1).
- Evangelise, win souls, invite people to church programmes without prompting.

S/N OWNER (SON/DAUGHTER) MINDSET

SERVANT (SLAVE) MINDSET

- 1 BUILDS THE HOUSE**
- 2 THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. THE BEST OF MY ABILITY**
- 3 SOMEONE NEEDS TO DO IT, WHY NOT ME.**
- 4 FAMILY ORIENTED**
- 5 INTERESTED IN GOD'S AGENDA**
- 6 SAYS WE, OUR or US**
- 7 ATTACK ON ANOTHER IS ATTACK ON ME**
- 8 COVERS NAKEDNESS OF LEADERS (SETH/JAPHET)**
- 9 HONOURS CHAIN OF COMMAND**
- 10 BONDS NEW PEOPLE TO THE BRETHEN**
- 11 SECURE**
- 12 SHARES WHAT THEY THINK, FEEL AND BELIEVE**
- 13 RECEIVES CORRECTION WELL (HEB 12:7)**
- 14 TEACHABLE**
- 15 GET THINGS RIGHT**
- 16 SERVES WITH JOY**
- 17 SERVES OUT OF DEVOTION**
- 18 REMAINS IN THE HOUSE**

- SERVES IN THE HOUSE**
- I AM JUST AN USHER/CHORISTER ETC**
- THAT'S NOT MY JOB**
- ISSUE ORIENTED**
- DOING MY OWN THING**
- ME, MINE , MY or THEY**
- OYO (ATTACKED IS ON HIS/HER OWN)**
- EXPOSES NAKEDNESS OF LEADERS (HAM)**
- CONSTANTLY QUESTIONS CHAIN OF COMMAND**
- BONDS NEW PEOPLE TO THEMSELVES**
- INSECURE**
- SHARES ONLY WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO KNOW**
- THREATENED BY CORRECTION**
- UNWILLING TO RECEIVE**
- WANT TO RIGHT**
- SERVES WITH A SENSE OF DUTY**
- SERVES OUT OF OBLIGATION**
- ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A BETTER HOUSE**

PULPIT ETHICS:

- A very sacred and exalted place in the church.
- Maintain a good posture, no leaning, no banging. Revere and respect God.
- Not a place for flattery and praise of men. God is our focus.
- Our attitude, mood, and demeanor in the pulpit will have its influence on the degree of reverence and inspiration that will prevail in the service.
- **We must be sensitive and not interrupt the flow of worship or move of the Holy Spirit when we take over the microphone on the altar.**
- **We must not abuse the time allocated for our ministration without express permission of the Senior Pastor (PICP).**
- Pulpit is not open to just anybody, only persons approved by the Senior Pastor (PICP) must mount the pulpit.

ETHICS FOR HANDLING VISITING MINISTERS.

- And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. **Luke 6:31**
- Invite ministers personally and follow it up with a letter.
- **The visiting minister should be welcomed at his point of entry.**
- **The visiting minister should sit next to the inviting minister.**
- Refer to the invited minister by the official designation he has accorded himself.
- Know the full name of your invited guest.
- Identify and introduce the visiting minister's delegation.

ETHICS FOR HANDLING VISITING MINISTERS.

- **The visiting minister's wife should be welcomed nicely.**
- Use the proper name of the invited minister's church.
- Give the external minister adequate time to minister.
- **Introduce your guest minister with excitement.**
- Outline and explain specifically to the external minister any function or expectation you may have of him.
- All conditions of the external minister's visit should be clearly defined prior to his arrival/acceptance to minister.
- The honorarium and all expenses can and must be discussed in many cases before the minister accepts the invitation.
- **The visiting minister should be refreshed briefly and then politely escorted away.**

ETHICS FOR THE TRAVELLING MINISTER.

- **Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company. Romans 15:24**
- Show respect to ministers and churches to which you have been invited.
- **Do not invite yourself to minister in other people's churches.**
- **Never allow the lure of generous honorariums to become your primary reason for ministering.**
- Do not misuse the exposure given you by this invitation. Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. **Proverbs 17:13**

ETHICS FOR THE TRAVELLING MINISTER.

- **Do not promote yourself. Show appreciation to the host pastor and to the church in which you are ministering.**
- Flow with the theme of the programme to which you have been invited.
- **Promote and lift up the ministry of your host. Do not just use the pulpit to promote your own ministry.**
- Invite people who invite you (**RECIPROcity**).

FINANCIAL ETHICS.

- **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:10.**
- **Pay your tithes and give offerings generously as a good minister.**
- **Do not receive money on behalf of the church.**
- **Do not personally count the offerings.**
- **Do not allow money to be counted in the full view of everyone in church.**
- **Do not take Sunday's, or any other offering to your house.**

FINANCIAL ETHICS.

- If you receive an unusually large gift, personally or in the offering (for instance, an expensive car) you must question the source of it.
- Generally speaking, do not borrow money. Try to manage with what you have. **Do not borrow money from the church nor from the offerings. You may be accused of stealing from the church.**
- **Do not borrow money from church members. *they may lose their respect for you.***
- Do not ask church members for material things or for money.
- Do not receive money on behalf of church members.

FINANCIAL ETHICS.

- **Do not act as a surety or guarantor for your church members. Prov 22:26.**
- **Do not lend money to church members.**
- Do not allow money and gifts to be the basis of relationships you have with people.
- **Do not demand or charge a fee as a condition for praying for someone or for prophesying to him. ... freely ye have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8.**
- Do not ask people directly how much they earn or how much they have.
- Do not announce your salary and assets publicly. 2 Kings 20:13, 14, 17.
- **Your financial needs should not affect your preaching and speech.**
- If you make a large financial pledge do not announce it publicly.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

GOD BLESS YOU!