

# Lifestyle Commitment



The mission of Little Light House is to “Glorify God by improving the quality of life for children with special needs, their families and communities.” In order to accomplish our mission, it is vital that Little Light House staff and board members be totally devoted followers of Christ, committed to bringing glory to God both individually and corporately.

Little Light House requires the following Lifestyle Commitment based on biblically sound practices, consistent with the teachings of Christ. These principles, as with all the Lord establishes, are for individual as well as corporate benefit. We are called apart, to be a light that shows a better, higher calling to this life. The following conduct standards are requisite to employment in this ministry.

1. A commitment to seek God’s will for our lives and choosing to do what is right through prayer, Bible study, wise godly counsel, and a commitment to yielding our lives, hearts and souls to the power of the Holy Spirit, relying on His leading for the day-to-day direction and activities of our lives.

**Jeremiah 29:11-13** “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

**Psalms 51:10** “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

**Acts 1:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Joshua 24:15** “But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

2. A commitment to exemplify Christ-like character in the way we live our lives both personally and vocationally.

**Peter 1:13-16** “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”

3. A commitment to faithfully develop the gifts and abilities God has given us as members of the body of Christ, and a commitment to using our God given gifts/talents for His kingdom and to His glory.

**Ephesians 4:4-7** “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.”

4. A commitment to treat our bodies as temples of God and therefore a commitment to good health habits and setting our mind on things that are good. This commitment causes us to refrain from the excessive use of any addictive substance including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, over the counter medication or prescription drugs as well as other illegal substances. We recognize that the Bible tells us that anything done in excess can be harmful. We are therefore committed to healthy physical, spiritual, and mental living habits and doing all things in moderation.

**Romans 12:1** “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

**Philippians 4:8-9** “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

5. A commitment to abstain from any conduct which would even give the appearance of immoral activity, such as adultery, homosexual activity, sex outside of marriage, cohabitating before marriage, or pornography.

**1 Thessalonians 5:22** “Reject every kind of evil.”

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20** “Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

6. A commitment to abstain from activities, attitudes or conduct implicitly forbidden in Scripture. This includes but is not limited to: witchcraft, sorcery which includes horoscopes, coveting, lying, deception, divisiveness, idol worship, conceit, self-centeredness, insubordination, immodest dress and gambling.

**Galatians 5:16-21** “So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

7. A commitment to abstain from activities which could give the appearance of involvement in conduct prohibited by Scripture. This would include: frequenting of casinos, night clubs, bars, X-rated movies or adult films and adult bookstores which carry X-rated materials.

**1 Corinthians 8:11-13** “So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.”

8. A commitment to choosing our words to uplift and encourage those with whom we work and live. This commitment prompts us to abstain from foul language, lying, gossiping, grumbling, complaining, or sowing discord of any kind. We should instead go directly to another person with a grievance, privately.

**Psalms 19:14** “May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

**Colossians 4:6** “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

**Philippians 2:14-16** “Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.”

**Exodus 20:16** “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

**Proverbs 34:15** “Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.”

**Matthew 10:26** “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.”

**Matthew 12:26** “But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.”

**Matthew 18:15-16** “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’”

9. A commitment to submitting ourselves to respecting one another as well as the leadership of Little Light House while consistently demonstrating respect for God’s ability to work through those in authority as directed in Scripture.

**Hebrews 13:17** “Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”

**Romans 13:1-2** “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.”

**Galatians 5:13** “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.”

10. A commitment to growing spiritually and to being a part of a body of believers while attending church and/or a Bible study on a weekly basis and daily spending time in prayer and in God's Word.

**Hebrews 10:25** "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

**John 15:4-5** "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

11. A commitment to maintaining professionalism at all times while taking responsibility for the tasks required of you, even when it falls outside your job description.

**Philippians 1:27** "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

**Colossians 3:23** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

12. God first, family second, work third.

**Deut. 5:8-9** "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me."

**1 Timothy 5:8** "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

13. A commitment to value, defend and protect the sanctity of life.

**Psalms 139** "We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of immeasurable worth in every aspect, including pre-born babies, the elderly, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. Therefore, we are called to advocate for, protect, and cherish all human life."

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