



MINISTERIAL ETHICS AND ETIQUETTE



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Elder (Apostle) Harry L. Jackson was born in Rochester, NY, on July 2, 1962, and served in the United States Army from 1981-1989. After leaving the Army, he live in Germany for 11 years, and accepted Jesus Christ in November 1991. He served first as an Usher, and then in Audio Ministry, Sound Reinforcement, Evangelism, his local, district and Jurisdictional Music Departments, as a psalmist, worship leader, and musician, provided computer support, and helped to establish a ministry in a refugee camp in Germany. On March 5, 1995, he answered the call of God to preach the Gospel, and received his Ministerial License in October 1999. He was ordained as an Elder in February 2005, and as a Pastor in June of 2007. Apostle Jackson holds Associate degrees in Christian Ministry, Business Administration and Computer Programming , is currently studying for a fourth degree in Web Design, and will continue studying for his Bachelor's in 2011. Bro. Jackson serves as Professor of Homiletics at United Christian Ministry Institute Rochester, New York Campus, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Christian Ministry in 2010. He founded Christ Foundation Church and Ministries, Inc. in 2007, and is currently transitioning into the Apostolic office under the oversight of Apostle Bernetha Mouzon of Global Impact Ministries International.

Throughout his life, Apostle Jackson has faced, survived and overcome issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, pornography, and rejection. Because he has a heart for helping men who deal with the same struggles, he is currently formulating the vision for Harry Jackson Ministries, which will be an outreach arm of CFCM designed to address such issues.

The Basis of Ministry

Ministry is based on three premises:

- A call from God. (Ex. 3:10-12, Jer. 1:4-10, 17)
- A commitment to God. (Jn. 4:34, 1 Cor. 6:20)
- A commitment to serving and ministering to people. (Matt. 9:36)





The Right Attitude Towards Ministry



Matthew 20:21-29-

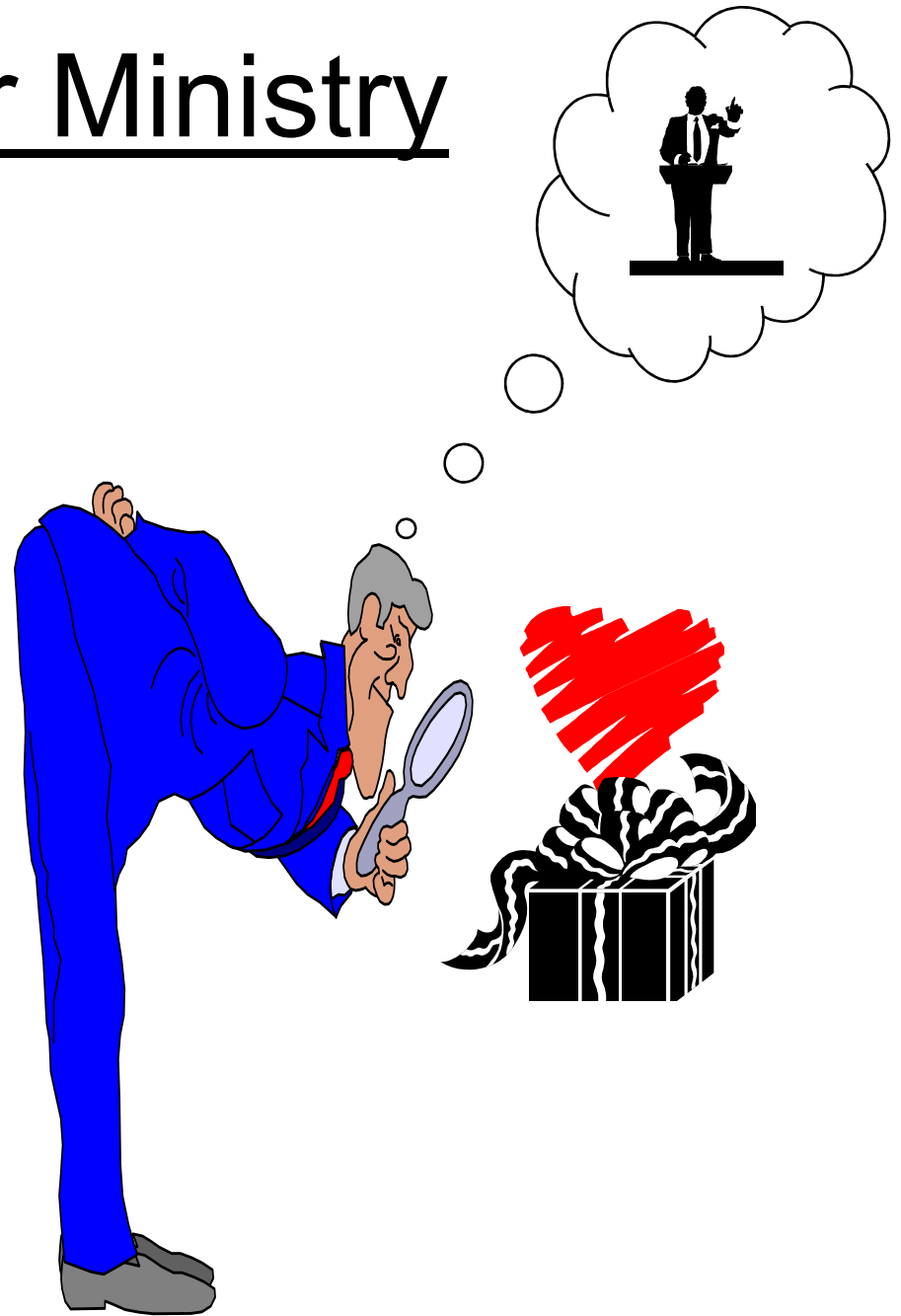
- 20: Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.
- 21: And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.
- 22: But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.
- 23: And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.
- 24: And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.
- 25: But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
- 26: But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your **minister**;
- 27: And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
- 28: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to **minister**, and to give his life a ransom for many.
- 29: And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

Minister (*Strong's # 1247 Gr.*) **diakōnia**,
dee-ak-on-ee'-ah; attendance (as a
servant, etc.); *aid* (official), minister (-ing, -
tration, , -try), office, relief, service (-ing).
diakōnōs, to *run* on errands; an *attendant*,
i.e. a *waiter* (at table or in other menial
duties); spec. a Christian *teacher* and
pastor (tech. A *deacon* or *deaconess*)-
deacon, minister, **servant**.



Motives for Ministry

- Our reasons for aspiring to a ministry position must be Godly ones. We must desire God's will above our own. (Matt. 26:42)
- We must be willing to submit to Godly church leadership, and endure God's building process to enable us to carry the anointing (gifts + Christlike character = power) that He has placed on our lives. (1Tim. 3:6)
- We must be sure that God has called us to a place of leadership in the church. It is dangerous and presumptuous to attempt to step into a ministry office that God has not called us to. (Heb. 5:4)



1 Peter 5:1-4

- 1: The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- 2: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- 3: Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- 4: And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.



Ministers Are to Set the Example

1 Timothy 4:12-15-

12: Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an **example** of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13: Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14: Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15: Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.



1 Peter 5:2-3-

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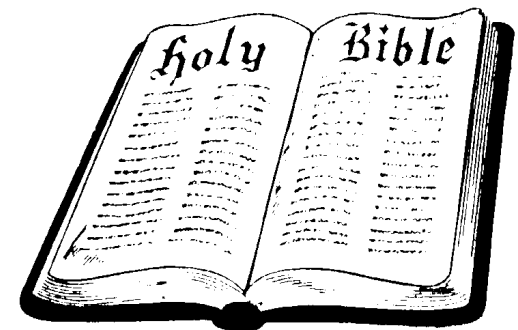


So a **minister** must therefore be a servant.

What is Ethics?

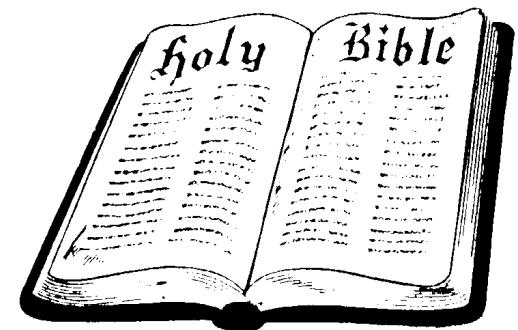
ETHICS- having to do with right and wrong. Good behavior and conduct.

eth´ics, *n.* **1.** A system of moral principles. **2.** The branch of philosophy dealing with right and wrong and the morality of motives and ends. (*Random House Webster's Dictionary*)



The Basis of Ethics:

- Christian ethics is based on the knowledge of God. Without the love of God, true ethical behavior is impossible.
- Ethical behavior cannot be imposed (forced) on us. It must come from within.



Starting Points for All Ethical Behavior:

- We should learn to look over the mistakes of others as we would have them to do ours.
- Relationships between ministers must be sound.
- There is a direct relationship between the life of the minister and his or her relationships with other ministers, laity, and even unbelievers.



Therefore...

The starting point
for ministerial
ethics is found in
being **BORN
AGAIN.**



Ministers, like other professionals,
are grouped together in the eyes of
the public.



Ministers Must...

- Respect the ministries (and pulpits) of others.
- Stay out of the internal affairs of other churches.
- Never perceive another minister as a threat to one's ministry.



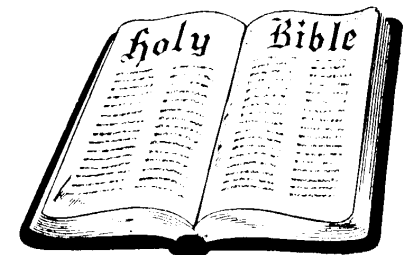
“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”
-Amos:3:3

Brother-and sister-liness, respect, and professional courtesy means that ministers do not discuss other ministers and their families with members.

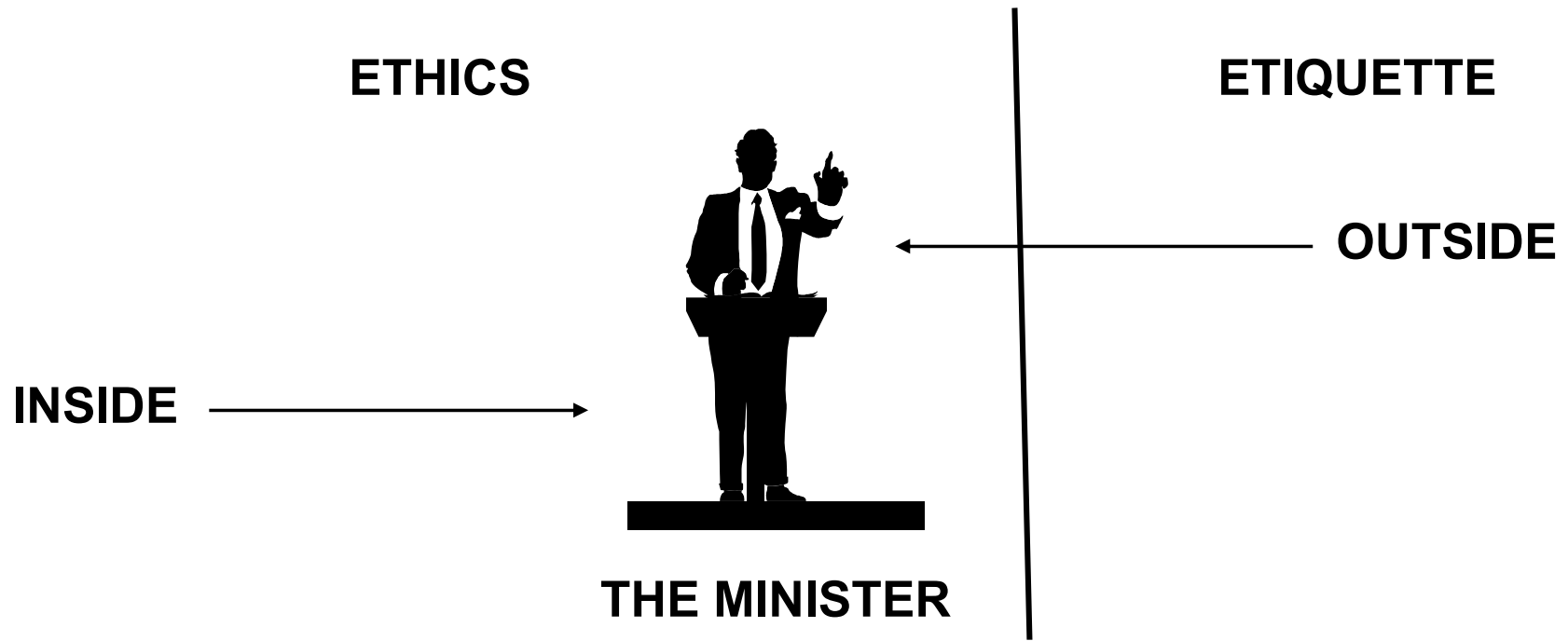
What is Etiquette?

Etiquette- socially correct behavior and good manners.

et-i-quette *n.* conventional requirements for proper social or professional behavior. (*Random House Webster's Dictionary*)



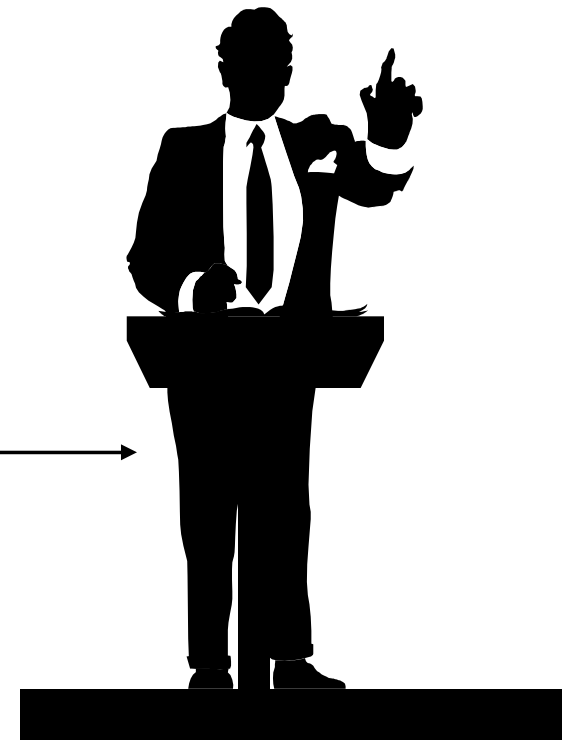
Ethics and Etiquette- What's the Difference?



Ethics speaks to the inward condition, while Etiquette deals with outward behavior.

Examples of Unethical Behavior

- Lying About Credentials
- Plagiarism
- Misuse of Church Funds/ Property
- Improper Relationships With Members/ Fellow Ministers
- Hostility/ Indifference towards Fellow Ministers
- Involvement in Other Churches' Affairs



THE MINISTER

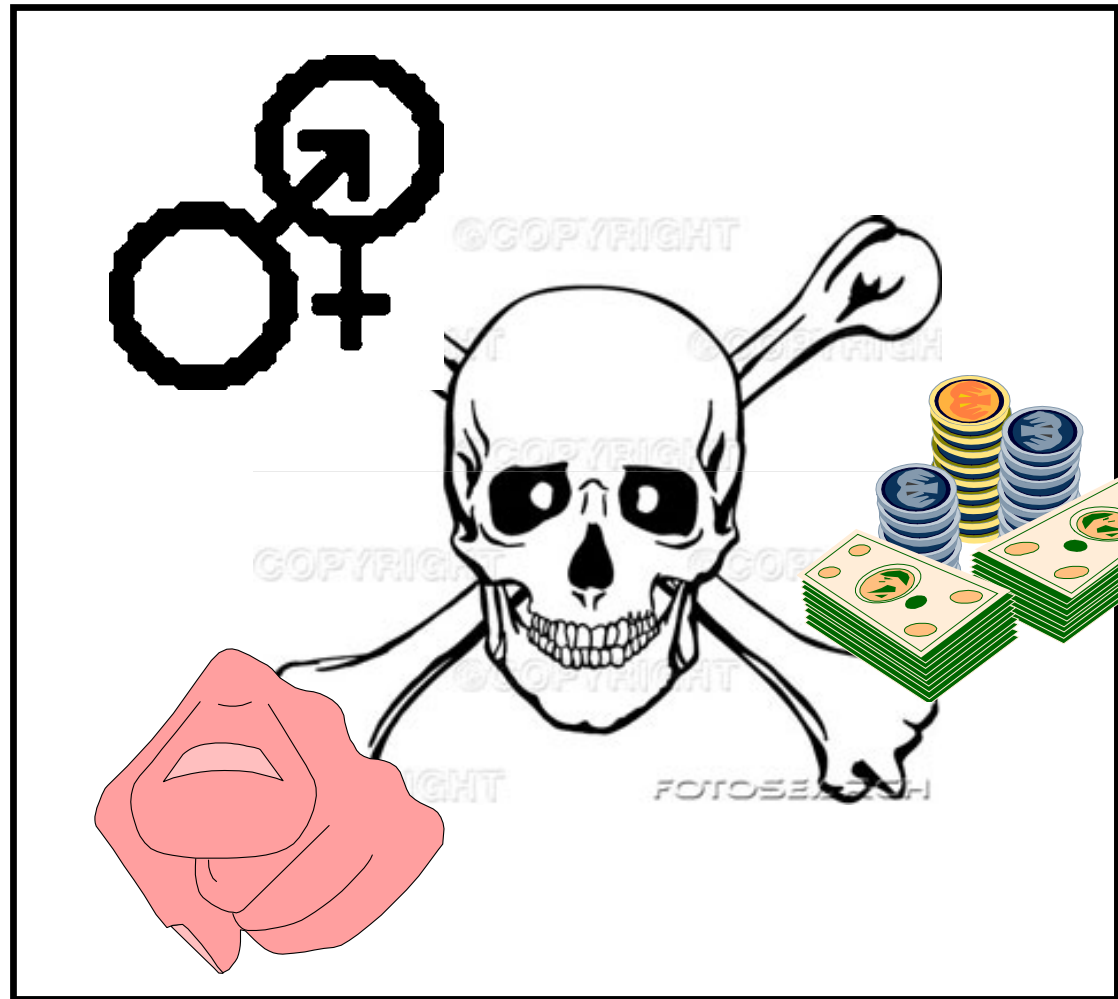
Etiquette and Ministry

- Like the military officer, the minister must never find him/ herself guilty of “conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.” (see *1 Tim. 3:1-7*)
- The minister must never forget that he or she must be on guard against every temptation that could come up against him or her.
- Many ministers have lost their ministries because of the “Death Trap.”



What is “The Death Trap?”

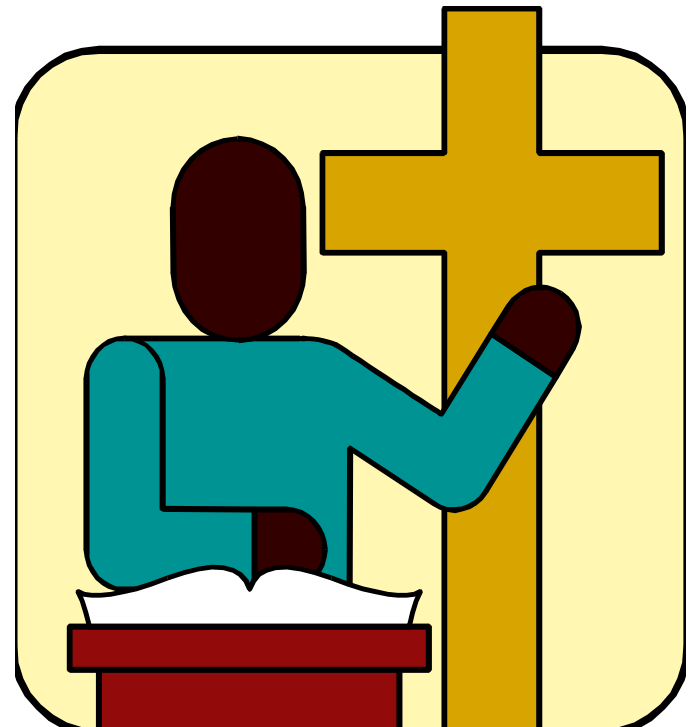
1. Sex
2. Money
3. Pride



“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”-1Cor:10:12:

Professional Courtesy in the Pulpit

- The pulpit should never be used as a battleground, or to correct the behavior of any one individual. (see *2 Tim. 2:24-25*)
- It is considered a general courtesy for preachers to listen to other preachers when they speak.
- We should avoid “preaching behind the preacher” as much as possible. Why?
- It is considered bad manners to sit in the pulpit and adjust one’s clothing. Why?



Professional Courtesy in the Pulpit

- **Plagiarism** (taking and using another person's material) is a no-no. It is another word for **STEALING**. One should at least make mention of the source of the information.
- When one is asked to participate in a service (i.e. read scripture, pray, preach, sing) one should stand up, do **EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE ASKED TO DO, and SIT DOWN**. God is not the author of confusion. The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. You **CAN** help it! (see *1 Cor. 14:32-33*)



Professional Courtesy in the Pulpit

- What we do in another church reflects on us, our leaders, our church and our God. Don't make people glad twice (glad to see you get up, and glad to see you sit down). We should not do or say things that will cause us to not be asked to come back, or cause our leaders and/ or families to receive negative feedback concerning our behavior.

