

## **BEHAVE THYSELF IN THE HOUSE OF GOD** II Timothy 3:1-16

*(the household of God.....the assembly of the living God....support and foundation of truth)*

The PEOPLE are the church....the building is dedicated to God as a tool for Worship, Fellowship, Teaching and everyone is to be welcomed into the facilities as long as they behave in a decent and peaceful manner. *"My house shall be called a house of prayer for ALL people."*

The apostles had to set rules of conduct within that context...(Jewish customs and rules) (hair, jewelry, clothing, The Lord's Supper, food, womens place, offices of the church, gifts of the Spirit)

We too must respectfully follow guidelines designed to promote holiness, spirituality, unity, and harmony within the Bethel Chapel Fellowship of Believers .

1. In all our activities never forget the reason for the building and the people.....  
(it is not a theater, nor a sports event, nor lovers lane)
2. As Gods people we are to be examples to the world and especially those in leadership are to be examples to the congregation and the world.
3. If you are in any leadership position (pastor, elder, deacon, musician, choir member, Sunday School Teacher, Youth worker, etc.) we respectfully ask that you:
  - a. Abstain from both alcohol and drug abuse
  - b. Abstain from the use of all types of tobacco products.
  - c. Live a life above moral reproach; pre-marital sex (fornication), extra-marital sex (adultery) is forbidden, all homosexual and lesbian lifestyles and activities are forbidden.
  - d. Be respectful in your habits and personal ways within our church functions and activities.....please do not wear shorts in the choir or during any leadership event....and refrain from wearing sleeveless attire, sundresses, tank tops, and revealing clothing (short short skirts, open front blouses , etc.) when in any leadership position or activity.
  - e. Do not be contentious and easily provoked.....do not gossip and spread rumors....be discreet about other peoples sins (but be eager to restore a fallen brother)
  - f. When you accept a job or position, be faithful to it, be on time for it and do it the very best that you can
  - g. Take care of your own household and manage it well for God and keep it in order before you judge or talk about someone else's
  - h. Above everything whatever you do in Gods work, do it in **LOVE**, without respect to persons and without resentment.

## **LIVING IN THE CHURCH.....COMMANDMENTS**

### **ONE**

Always remember it's HIS church.....He said it's MY church.....and HE died for it!

### **TWO**

Always remember His church is diverse, multiracial, multilingual, multicultural but ONE IN HIM

### **THREE**

**Therefore:** You shall love one another....it's the God thing

### **FOUR**

You shall forgive one another.....after all HE forgave you!

### **FIVE**

You shall forbear one another.....we have to "put up" with our personal ways

### **SIX**

You Shall Be kind one to another and tender hearted

### **SEVEN**

You shall not shun one another

### **EIGHT**

You shall be faithful and pull your own weight

### **NINE**

You shall not gossip or meddle

### **TEN**

You shall be honest in every word and deed with church members

### **ELEVEN**

You shall always remember: Fellow church members are ALL your brothers and sisters, children of the same Heavenly Father and bought with the same BLOOD OF JESUS as yourself!