



NEW COLLEGE FRANKLIN
CODE OF ETHICS
2017-18

New College has adopted a Code of Ethics that highlights important aspects of the Christian life and our commitment to God and to one another. We believe that the Christian life by faith through grace involves the whole man and hence every aspect of New College. Because of this our Code of Ethics is holistic. We believe that academics are not separate from faithfully living in community, faithfully worshipping and faithfully seeking the Lord God. In other words, the way to wisdom and knowledge is not outside of personal holiness and life in the Church. Furthermore, we believe that our highest standard for life is Christ himself. Following him *is* our ethic, and no list of extra Biblical rules and regulations will replace the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives making us disciples of Christ Jesus. Our hope is that all members of the New College Franklin community, faculty, and students alike, will follow Christ avoiding legalism.

Personal Holiness

Personal holiness begins by acknowledging the Creator, seeking to honor the Lord in all that we think, say, and do (Deut. 26:17). As God's beloved chosen ones and holy children, we should put on kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and, above all, love, seeking the peace of Christ (Col. 3:12-15). Christians are called submit to the authority of God's grace and His commands (2 Tim. 3:16-17) so that through grace we cultivate the fruits of the Spirit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control (Eph. 5:8-21).

New College expects students will submit to all the appropriate ecclesiastical authorities (Titus 2:1-15) and will regularly attend a local Church, making worship, discipleship and spiritual growth central to their lives (Gal. 2:20). Our hope is that New College will be a community of faithful ambassadors of Christ and His Church locally and abroad and in every sphere of life (Matt. 28:19-20).

Students should endeavor to honor and respect the time, work, and feelings of each other as well as faculty and staff (Rom. 12:9-18) and seek to model honesty, integrity, kindness, and modesty in all relationships (Phil. 2:3-7). New College should be a community of peace (Eph. 4:1-6). In areas of Christian liberty, we encourage students to apply Biblical principles (Gal. 5:13-14; 1 Pet. 2:13-16). Moreover, students should walk by the Spirit not gratifying the

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flesh through sins such as sexual immorality, impurity, hatred, anger, rivalries, drunkenness, etc. (Gal. 5:16-24).

Statement on Doctrine

New College Franklin is committed to examining the Scriptures above all authorities in matters of doctrine. We believe that the early church councils, creeds and confessions are an accurate summary of Biblical doctrine. Moreover, New College is also Reformed, meaning that we are gratefully rooted in the doctrines of sovereign grace as articulated in the *solas* of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Fide*, *Sola Gratia*, and *Sola Deo Gloria* (see “Theological Perspective” above). These doctrines are at the core of New College Franklin, and yet we do not require students to profess these doctrines or violate their consciences. New College Franklin seeks to foster open conversation and debate in love over all matters of doctrine within the confines of historic orthodox Christianity. While allowing liberty in matters of doctrine, we do expect students will not actively promote doctrines contrary to New College Franklin’s doctrine. Students must be teachable, showing respect to one another and to their instructors (Heb. 13:1).

Academic Integrity

New College Franklin students are expected to complete their studies with diligence and integrity (Eph. 5:8-17), willingly seeking to learn and complete whatever is true, honorable, and just (Phil. 4:8-9). Students are expected to be truthful and honest in all areas of the college life. Dishonesty, alteration of documents, plagiarism, misrepresentation, or misappropriation of any sort, intentional or otherwise, may be grounds for disciplinary action by the instructor and the administration. These offenses may be grounds for dismissal from New College Franklin.

Student Pledge

All students must sign the following pledge. Signing below indicates that students have read, understood, and pledged to comply with the New College Code of Ethics.

- I. *As a student of New College Franklin and of my own volition, I pledge to uphold the New College Franklin Code of Ethics to the best of my ability recognizing that in word and deed I represent the Lord Jesus Christ before all mankind.*

- II. *I therefore affirm my personal and covenantal commitment to uphold these Christian responsibilities outlined in the Code of Ethics—realizing that I will be able to enjoy the privileges of attending New College Franklin only so long as I fully maintain this commitment—by the bounteous grace and according to the merciful providence of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Student (please print)

Signature

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Date