## FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

## Trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior (John 14:6); seek Godly Wisdom in partnership with the Holy Spirit (Proverbs 9:1, Colossians 1:9-10); and present our businesses to God as an act of worship both in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24).

- 1. **Kingdom Commerce** We proclaim Jesus as Lord through all that we do in all activities and business interactions (Romans 10:9-10).
- 2. **Resilience** We serve as a forum for meeting together, discussing the challenges and triumphs of being a Christian in the marketplace (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 3. Ethics We serve others with excellence in all we do (Matthew 5:14).
- 4. **Community** We value diversity and foster an environment of inclusion and unity according to biblical standards (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- 5. **Kingdom Leadership** We encourage Christian business owners to view business ownership as a ministry and use their unique gifts to serve others and God (1 Peter 4:10).
- 6. **Legacy** We pray and encourage others to build a meaningful personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (John 15:5).
- 7. **Marketplace Ministry** We dedicate our lives and businesses to serve God and reach people for Christ through discipleship in the marketplace (Matthew 4:19).

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

- We believe the Bible is the divinely inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.
- We believe there is one true God eternally self-existent in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) who is the Creator, Ruler, and Sustainer of the universe.
- We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life on Earth, His miracles, His crucifixion on the cross as atonement for sinful man, His resurrection, His ascension to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, and His Second Coming.
- We believe salvation is by grace, through faith, in Jesus Christ alone and that eternal life is only found through Him.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit as the indwelling presence of God, who empowers the Christian for fruitful service and to live a godly life.
- We believe members of the body of Christ are called to partner with one another in the Spirit of unity and with God to be a testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ to others.
- We believe in resurrection of the dead and the two judgments one for believers (Judgment Seat of Christ) and another for unbelievers (Great White Throne Judgment) - at the Second Coming of Christ.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Central Florida Christian Chamber of Conduct (CFC3) has established a Code of Conduct that all members acknowledge that they understand and embrace for their personal, business, and

professional lives. This Code of Conduct is based on biblical principles, and members and the corporate organization are expected to adhere to these principles. Our desire is to bring glory to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God, while ensuring excellence, accountability, and trust in member relationships, business practices, and community engagement.

- I will conduct my personal life, and my business and professional affairs in a Biblical and Christ-like manner that is above reproach. I will conduct myself and my speech in such a way to bring glory and honor to the Lord Jesus Christ and encourage all others to do likewise. (1 Peter 1:14-16, 2:12, 4:11)
- 2. I believe in the church as the community of believers of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the church is His expression on the earth and will therefore take my rightful place as a faithful and contributing member of a local body of believers and support the work of that church with my time, talent, and treasure. (Acts 2:47; Romans 12:5, 16:1; 1 John 4:17)
- 3. I will pursue a level of excellence in all business/professional/personal matters so that Jesus Christ is always honorably reflected and every endeavor to which I am committed is seen to be a benefit to all. (1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 12:19)
- 4. I believe in the principle of honor, and I will always honor parents and family, those in authority over my life, peers, and community by affirming their value and providing them the best of who I am and what I have. (Exodus 20:12; Romans 2:10, 12:10, 13:7)
- As a loyal member of CFC3, I will fulfill Jesus' mandate of servanthood to my family, my church, my employer/business/profession, my community, and the Christian Chamber. (Mark 9:35, 10;44)
- 6. I will not make public statement in any form to any media that reflects the official policy posture (private or public) of the Christian Chamber but will reserve that right to the CFC3 leadership. (Proverbs 21:23; James 3:2-6)
- I will always speak the truth in love with my counsel to the betterment of others and not for personal benefit or advancement. Demeaning, harassing behavior, or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accordance with Scripture. (Ephesians 4:14-15)
- 8. I will never betray a shared confidence entrusted to me by another. (1 Chronicles 12:17)
- 9. When I am in conflict or disagreement with any member of CFC3 or of a personal/business/professional relationship, I will follow the principles and protocol set forth in Scripture. (Matthew 5: 22-26, 18:15-17; 1 Timothy 5:19)
- I will submit to spiritual, business, and government authority as is appropriate to my relationship with those leaders while refraining from unnecessary criticism of them. (Matthew 8: 5-10; Romans 13: 1-7; 1 Peter 3:8-9)
- 11. I will refrain from sexual misconduct in all my relationships and maintain a sexual lifestyle that is behaviorally consistent with the Scriptures in all regards. (Romans 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Leviticus 20:13,15)
- I will, with personal integrity, honor all of my business/professional/personal obligations to my church, vendors, customers/clients, neighbors, and community. (Proverbs 12:5; John 7:24; 2 Corinthians 8:21)