



## **Standards of Dress & Behavior**

Involvement in leadership, service or ministry in the church is a great privilege and a thoroughly rewarding endeavor; and, it comes with a great deal of responsibility to God, the leaders He has established, and the people we serve. As a leader of any kind, whether that be a director, coach, group leader, or serving in any capacity during a church service, you are a representative of Jesus Christ and His church. Let us walk worthy of that calling.

Dave Ramsey once said, “To be unclear is to be unkind.” Standards must be established prayerfully, carefully, clearly, and with the desire to create a healthy atmosphere, which can facilitate undistracted growth in God. We ask that you read the guidelines thoroughly, and carefully. If you have questions concerning any of these standards, please ask for clarification. These standards have been outlined herein in order to be completely clear about expectations for anyone with leadership involvement.

### **Basic Requirements**

To be considered a leader at ILC Riverside, a person must:

1. Have repented of their sins, been baptized in Jesus Name, and must have received the Holy Ghost.
2. Avoid any action that would bring reproach, and thereby not only cause his/her ministry to be questioned but reflect upon the ministry of Inland Lighthouse Church as a whole.
3. Refrain from the use of profanity, pornography, alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, and abstain from all immoral sexual conduct (sexual activity outside of marriage.)
  - a. Romans 14 and I Corinthians chapters 8 & 9 should serve as a guide to avoid becoming a “stumbling block” to those who see your example.
  - b. Remember that it’s not only your conduct while at church but also your actions in all areas and activities of your daily life.
4. Be courteous, treating others with respect and kindness.
5. Refrain from going to the movie theater or watching movies or television on any medium and be careful about their selection of literature.
6. Refrain from attending public sports events, dances or listening to worldly music.
7. Swimming should be only with members of the same sex or the immediate family.

8. (Unmarried women and men) Refrain from dating anyone who is not a Holy Ghost filled, holiness living, oneness believer.
9. Abide by the following standards of dress for women or men.

### **Dress Standards**

For Women:

1. Outlandish worldly styles should not be copied. Clothing should not be tight or sheer and should be 2 inches below the knee when sitting or standing.
2. Slits should be no higher than mid-calf. Dress or skirts shorter than mid-calf should have no slit at all.
3. Sleeves should be below the elbow.
4. Necklines should be no lower than two finger widths below the collarbone.
5. Jewelry should not be worn; including brooches, bracelets, wedding bands, wristbands, or jewelry/gold in the hair.
6. Makeup should not be used at all. This includes clear fingernail polish, French manicures/pedicures, fake nails, or colored lip gloss.
7. Patterned hose/nylons (e.g., fishnet, patterned) or those with exposed seams running up the leg should not be worn.
8. Clothing pertaining to men, including pants of any kind and men's apparel should not be worn. Leggings without feet are to be no longer than skirt length.
9. Hair should be uncut and not dyed. It should be fixed in a professional, but not worldly manner.

For Men:

1. Outlandish worldly styles should not be copied. Clothing should not be tight.
2. Shorts or cutoffs should not be worn.
3. Sleeves should extend below the elbow.
4. Necklines should be no lower than two finger widths below the collarbone.
5. Jewelry should not be worn, including bracelets, wedding bands or wristbands.
6. Clothing pertaining to women should not be worn.
7. Hair should be kept short, not dyed, and neatly combed, off the ears and collar. Extreme or worldly hairstyles should not be worn (e.g., mohawks or spikes).
8. Facial hair (mustaches, beards, long sideburns, etc.) should be avoided.

**In summary, the goal is not to draw undue attention to our bodies and rather let our bodies as well as our conversation, character, words, actions, attitudes, and general lifestyle bring glory to God and point others to Him.**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.