



Christian Lifestyle Statement

All students and residents are required to read and sign that they agree to comply with this Christian Lifestyle Statement, which states that they accept and follow the stipulated lifestyle expectations while attending TBS.

While acknowledging that policy statements on other issues are not addressed here and may need to be adopted at a later date, the trustees and members of the Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College corporation ("the Seminary") affirm the following statement on Christian lifestyle in recognition of the need of the Seminary to maintain and uphold biblical standards.

1. We affirm that the Bible clearly reveals God's will for the lifestyle of his redeemed people.
2. We believe that Christ and his redemptive work are the lens through which we understand the commands of scripture and how they apply to our lives today.
3. We deny that biblical standards in such areas as the family and sexuality are out of date in this age in which we live. We affirm that in the Bible, God has revealed marriage to be a life-long, exclusive covenant between a man and a woman, and that marriage pictures the relationship that God desires with his people, so that the pattern is as fixed as God is unchangeable.
4. We affirm that impure viewing habits, profanity, crude joking, disrespectful speech, dishonesty, and alcohol or drug intoxication are sinful for those who call Christ their Lord. Instead, our viewing habits should be consistent with God's will for our lives; our conduct should be marked by kind, encouraging, and gracious speech; we should exhibit self-control and sobriety, dress modestly, and in everything give thanks to the Lord.
5. Because we are building our lives on the authority and foundation of scripture, we will seek to cultivate the daily habit of reading and meditating on God's word. We affirm that without Christ we can do nothing, and therefore we commit to making prayer an essential part of our daily lives by setting aside time for private prayer and regular corporate prayer.
6. We believe God has called us to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit as we let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. We have been called to live lives of love, exercising active and dependent faith in Christ, and lives full of hope in all that God has promised. This means we will endeavor not to live selfishly, irresponsibly, with a critical spirit, or with grumbling, and complaining. Instead, we commit to live so that our good works will glorify our heavenly Father.
7. We affirm that the above guidelines are based on scripture and therefore constitute the will of God for the students of the seminary, as well as those who live in the residences. We further affirm that the above guidelines will serve as the basis for discipline and/or dismissal as determined by the discretion of the seminary administration.



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Signature

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