

# EBC Community Lifestyle Commitment

As a part of the Emmanuel Bible College community, we accept the responsibilities of living and ministering in community with one another. We accept that the adherence to civil law, God's moral law and wise practices are necessary for the Christian educational environment of EBC. *I, therefore, along with the rest of the EBC community, will commit myself to the following:*

1. I will actively seek to nurture my spiritual development by devoting time to my relationship with Jesus Christ through the exercise of spiritual discipline.
  2. I will foster my involvement in the community and worship of God by participating in chapel, as well as special campus events.
  3. I will seek to develop my educational experience practically by participating in a local church.
  4. I will engage in the honest pursuit of knowledge, exercising careful judgment in the use of my time, energy and material resources. As a Christian institution, Emmanuel Bible College expects the highest standards of academic and moral integrity from students. Academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, is considered a serious offense.
  5. I will refrain from practices that are biblically condemned. In light of our understanding of Scripture, prohibited activities include: dishonesty, theft, premarital sex, extramarital sex, homosexual behaviour, profanity, gossip, drunkenness, criminal behaviour (including use of illegal non-prescriptive drugs), all forms of abuse of others, and the infringement of the rights of others.
  6. While Scripture does not teach specifics regarding all social practices, I will uphold the following practices for the betterment of the EBC community:
    - a. I will not engage in gambling, sexual harassment, entertainment that is not conducive to the Christian life, or the use of alcohol and tobacco while on campus or at EBC-sanctioned events.
    - b. Sexual harassment includes explicit behaviour involving touch, but also harassment that occurs through the use of pornography, discrimination, and verbal comments.
    - c. Dancing, along with "clubbing", continues to be an issue for many Christians and churches, and therefore, is not allowed on campus or at college-related functions off campus.
  7. I will use discretion and careful discernment in my choices of media. No sexually explicit movies will be allowed on the EBC campus, and students and staff are encouraged to use discretion in what they watch when off-campus.
    - a. I commit to turning off or leaving any movie or television program that is unsuitable. I will avoid all pornographic media.
    - b. I recognize that many computer and video games may be harmful to the whole community. For this reason, I will not engage in computer or video games that depict explicit sex, foul language, extreme violence, horror scenes, and satanic/cultic activity. In all things I will seek out the things that contribute to moral development, and Christian witness.
  8. I will ensure that all of my living arrangements are appropriate to the high calling on EBC. The EBC lifestyle commitment does not condone arrangements that may call into question, or place in jeopardy, the moral and ethical standards of the College. For this reason, students are not permitted to live in co-ed situations outside of family.
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In general, college regulations and moral requirements are intended to set boundaries that best provide for healthy personal growth and community life. These guidelines are not intended to replace conscience or obedience to Christ in light of Scripture, but to detail the particular stance of EBC.

Your signature on the Grad Application Form verifies your compliance with the EBC Lifestyle Commitment.

If you have any questions about this statement of lifestyle commitment, please contact the Dean of Student Life ([mhopkins@ebcollege.on.ca](mailto:mhopkins@ebcollege.on.ca)).