

Port City Community Church Worship Team ...

In order to honor the Lord and the ministry of worship He has entrusted to us, we operate under the following principles. Every person involved in the public ministry of worship arts represents the Lord and Port City Community Church by consistently and conscientiously pursuing:

1) Jesus Christ

- **Romans 6:23** For the wages of Sin is Death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Romans 10:9** That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

2) Word of God

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

- **Through study: 2 Tim 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
- **Through living the word: James 1:22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

3) Purity in speech and action

- Definition: Free from adulterants or impurities, dirt, defilement, or pollution. Containing nothing inappropriate. Chaste.
- **1 Tim 5:1 & 2** Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.
- **Eph 4:29** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
- **Eph 5:3** But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. **4** Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. **5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man as an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **18** Do not get drunk of wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. **19** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

4) Modesty in dress

- Modesty – Having or proceeding from a disinclination to *call attention* to oneself. Observing conventional proprieties in speech, behavior, or dress. Free from showiness or ostentation; unpretentious.
- “Character contributes to beauty. It fortifies a woman as her youth fades. A mode of conduct, a standard of courage, discipline, fortitude and integrity can do a great deal to make a woman beautiful.” Jacqueline Bisset (b. 1946) US: screen actor. Quoted in: Los Angeles Times (16 May 1974)
- **Romans 14:13** Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another (as in they are just too sensitive or old fashioned or legalistic). Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way. **19** Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
- **1 Tim 2:8** I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. **9** I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes.
- **1 Pet 3:3** Your beauty should not come from outwards adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. **4** Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.

These may be considered immodest or causing distraction or others to stumble:

- Tight or form-revealing clothes
- Backless or low-cut blouses or shirts
- Bare midriff
- Shorts, short dresses or skirts
- See-through clothing

5) A Commitment to Excellence

- **Ps 33:2** Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre. **3** Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. **4** For the Word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.
- **Col 3:23** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

6) Teachable/Openness to Correction

- **Pr 10:17** but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.
- **Pr 12:1** he who hates correction is stupid.
- **Pr 119:66** Teach me knowledge and good judgment.
- **Pr 9:9** Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.
- **Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

7) A Servants Heart

- **Phil 2:6-7** Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant. In The Message: “He set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave.”
- **Matt 20:26-28** whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

8) Humility

- **James 4:6** God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble
- **Isaiah 66:2** “This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit”
- **Matt 11:29** learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.
- **Eph 4:2-3** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- **Phil 2:3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **4** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- “No truly great man ever thought himself so.” William Hazlitt (1778-1830), English essayist.
- “Conceit spoils the finest genius. There is not much danger that real talent or goodness will be overlooked long; even if it is, the consciousness of possessing and using it well should satisfy one, and the great charm of all power is modesty.” Louisa May Alcott (1832-88) US: Author. Mrs. March to her daughter, Amy, in Little Women, pt. 1 ch. 7 (1868)

9) Faithfulness

- **Matt 25:21** His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”
- **1 Cor 4:2** Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.
- **Psa 101:66** My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me.

10) Being an Active Part of Port City Community Church

Every Christian is called to a Church.

- **Hebrews 10:25** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.

8 of 10 times the New Testament says “to the church,” it refers to a local body or city. Being a Christian without church involvement is like being a football player without joining a team.

Committed to by _____ on _____