

# **FLORIDA COUNCIL OF PRIVATE COLLEGES, INC.**

## **BIBLICAL ETHICS POLICY STATEMENT**

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” Matthew 18:15&16.

You have voluntarily chosen to become FCPC Certified Members and Members to mutually serve and protect the freedom to provide quality Christian education pursuant to God’s leading and direction for your respective ministries.

You recognize that each of you has the common God given purpose and mission to practice the pursuit of educating men and women in the word of God to impact the world in accordance with your doctrinal persuasion.

You have acknowledged that the Authorized Version 1611 King James Bible shall be the standard for all truth and justice establishing principles to provide ethical principles for life and practice among your FCPC Certified Members and Members (See FCPC Doctrinal Statement Notes).

As a Certified Member or Member of the FCPC you will uphold biblical ethics in life and practice when difficulties arise between your respective college, university, or seminary by applying the Scripture verses above as follows:

**Step 1. A.** “Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.”

**B.** A true Christian will hear and admit their offence in the spirit of meekness and seek forgiveness and resolution which shall cause the trespassed party to gain their brother.

**Step 2.** If the FCPC member does not admit their offence the offended member may ask the FCPC to select a neutral party that will go with them the second time they approach the FCPC member that trespassed against them.

**Step 3.** The FCPC neutral party shall seek to use Bible principles to bring the matter to a biblical resolution. The FCPC is not the church and therefore does not have church authority to resolve the matter.

**Step 4.** All affected FCPC Certified Members and Members shall follow the biblical admonitions stated above.

**Step 5.** The FCPC may upon consultation with appointed neutral party in egregious situations have to suspend Certified Member or Member status until the matter is biblically resolved.

**Step 6.** Any FCPC Certified Member or Member may appeal a decision made under Step 5. to the Executive Board of the FCPC. An Executive Board member shall recuse himself or herself if his/her institution is Involved in either side of the dispute. Recognizing that there may be a humanly irreconcilable situation we would have to regretfully agree that the decision of the Executive Board will be final.

**NOTE:** The FCPC biblical ethics policy shall not be construed in any way, shape, or form to mandate that FCPC Certified Member or Member college, university, or seminary will be required to accept academic credits from each other. **The FCPC will always support the sovereign right of each institution to determine credits they will or will not accept for transfer.**