



Community Code of Conduct

The required standards of conduct for The Living Word Ministry community & videos.

Overview

We as a community are committed to providing a friendly, safe and welcoming space for believers of the LORD Jesus Christ, of all ages, to partake in. We want our space to be an open place of discourse for discussion that is edifying and harassment-free, regardless of Bible experience, education, socio-economic status, age, race, body size, disabilities, neurodiversity, personal appearance, and being male or female.

TL;DR

1. Be loving and kind to one another, meek and patient to forgive one another's faults through commenting.
2. Don't be divisive or wicked to other people in the community nor to the staff.
3. Be friendly, thoughtful, patient and welcoming in all meekness when interacting in the community.
4. If you encounter an issue, please leave a comment, message us on our website or email us at info@tlwm.org.

Why do you have rules?

1. To establish a baseline and give guideline rules for acceptable behavior in our YouTube community; aiding people of different communication backgrounds to talk together respectfully in a way that shows we love one another as we loved ourselves, as King Jesus has instructed us to do.
2. Providing a reference mechanism for resolving conflicts in the community when they arise, e.g. troll attack, raid, etc.
3. Make our community welcoming to Christian believers of any background that respects the beliefs of ours.

We believe that healthy debate and disagreement are essential to a healthy channel and community. However, it is *never* ok to be disrespectful.

We value diverse opinions, but do not accept seeds of discord and division. When you are in our community, we expect you to show respectful behavior when interacting with people on our content.

Who does this apply to?

If you interact socially with our YouTube channel in any way, these community guidelines adhere to you. It applies to all official online social media groups and messages. You are encouraged to follow the Community Code of Conduct while interacting with our channel.

Anyone associated with our team is required to follow and model the Community Code of Conduct in all situations, including places with social interaction and in other spaces, like e-mail, too.

Accepted Behavior

1. Showing love to one another by using respectful language and edifying words.
2. Being respectful of different backgrounds and people's personal testimony experience with Christ Jesus as his or her Savior.
3. Gracefully sharing your perspective and content that consoles and uplifts the whole community.

Unacceptable behavior

1. Public or private harassment of one another.
2. The use of sexualized language or imagery and unwelcome sexual attention or advances
3. Trolling, insulting/derogatory comments, insidious questions and personal or political attacks
4. Publishing others' private information, such as a physical or electronic address, without explicit permission
5. Starting drama/beef in the comment section over minor disagreements.
6. Any other conduct that would be considered inappropriate in a physical Church setting.

The Big Ol' Ban Hammer

Please understand that your words and your actions have consequences, and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

When you participate on our YouTube channel, please be reminded that the Community Code of Conduct still applies. Moderation will be enforced.

If you act in a way that is warned against in the Community Code of Conduct, you will be warned and asked to stop. Multiple times. And if you do not adhere to that, your messages will be recorded into our records (read: database) and removed by the moderators from the community.

Repeated offenses may result in a temporary or permanent ban by the Mod Squad from the community.

- On your first offense, you will receive a written notification from one of our moderators in the community. You may be asked to apologize or to remove your message, willingly.
- On a second offense, your message will be removed from the community, and we will send you a message explaining why.
- On a third offense, we will remove your message again and will send you a final warning message to not repeat your behavior.
- On a fourth offense, you will be temporarily removed from the community for up to 3 days. This is based on the seriousness of the identified and/or reported behavior. You are still welcome to return to the community after your temporary ban is complete.
- On a fifth and final offense, you will receive a permanent ban and be added to our community database of records, unable to comment on our page in the future.

Reporting an Issue

Cases of abusive, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behavior may be reported by contacting the Mod Squad Support Unit at info@tlwm.org.

All complaints will be reviewed and investigated, resulting in a response that is deemed necessary and appropriate to the given circumstances.

The Mod Squad support unit is obligated to maintain confidentiality in regards to the reporter's identity of an incident.

Acknowledgements

The goal of the Community Code of Conduct is to resolve conflict in the most agape way possible. We hope that in most cases, this can be resolved with a simple warning and agreement. Bans will only be used as a last and final resort.

Thank you for reading this document and its message.