



LANCASTER BIBLE COLLEGE

LBC Educational Distinctives

Lancaster Bible College offers an education with a distinctive purpose. The college desires not only to impart knowledge, but also to teach biblical values and living. This handbook is your source of information regarding our standards and regulations. There are four major reasons for our policies:

Biblical Absolutes

The direct commands of God in the Bible are part of the student lifestyle. These commands are absolute and do not vary with time or culture. Some of them deal with behavior and others with attitudes. For example, stealing, drunkenness, dishonesty, cheating, and adultery are forbidden. Attitudes such as rebelliousness and jealousy also displease God. Though our handbook deals primarily with behavior, we are also very concerned about attitudes and motivation. Kindness, humility, patience, love, and forgiveness are commanded by God, and it is expected that these attitudes will be demonstrated in our college community.

Biblical Principles

God's Word teaches us principles, the application of which can vary with time, culture and interpretations. It is the college's responsibility to decide on a lifestyle that will be moderate in our culture and supportive of all biblical principles. For example, the use of drugs and tobacco is prohibited in keeping with the principle that we are to guard our bodies from harmful practices (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Sunday is a special day of worship and rest. We desire a moderate dress code, applying principles of modesty and appropriateness (1 Timothy 2:9).

Individual Responsibility

The application of many biblical principles is an administrative decision, but some practices are left for individual application. For example, personal daily devotions are encouraged, but the time, place, and method are your choice. You are also given the responsibility of applying Biblical principles to many of your own life situations such as dating and life in the residence halls. The College does not regulate the amount of time you are to spend studying. In these areas the overriding principles are Christian freedom and individual responsibility (Galatians 5:13).

Administrative Policies

In order to maintain general order and harmonious relationships, regulations for conduct are established. These policies also promote cooperation and protect the rights of individuals. Scripture sets forth principles such as modesty and appropriateness of dress, but the application of these is not precisely defined. Therefore, specific guidelines are chosen for their fairness and convenience to administer. The college administrators and faculty have a deep sense of responsibility for the fulfillment of your total growth. Faithful adherence to the college standards is a matter of personal honor and obedience to God-ordained authority (Hebrews 13:17).