



## Why guidelines are necessary

On-stage and off-stage guidelines are designed to create the best opportunity possible for people to pursue God without needless distractions. These guidelines are not meant to be a legalistic set of rules that determine spiritual maturity, but rather, they are there to help ensure that people can have their attention fully on God at a church service. While some of these guidelines may lie outside of one's personal convictions, as Christians we are called to set aside our own freedoms when necessary for the sake of helping others ([Romans 14](#)). These guidelines are meant for anyone who publically represents our church by being on-stage during a Gateway service.

## Guidelines for on-stage dress

- Avoid immodest clothing including:
  - tight fitting, low-cut or sleeveless shirts
  - shirts that expose the midriff area
  - leggings without shirts that cover to at least mid-thigh
  - skirts that are shorter than just above the knee
- Avoid flashy clothes that would draw attention to yourself
- Avoid clothing with large words or statements printed on them
- Avoid sloppy or overly-casual dress such as old T-shirts or frayed shorts
- Avoid baseball caps

## Guidelines for social media

- Avoid posting items that are vulgar, sexually explicit or otherwise contrary to biblical morality
- Avoid posting items that make fun of or mock other religious beliefs or attitudes
- Avoid posting items that show yourself or others engaged in activity that is contrary to biblical morality (ex. drunkenness)
- Avoid posting items that are contrary to the doctrinal or moral positions of your church

## Guidelines for lifestyle

- Anyone who is on-stage should not be engaged in on-going, unrepentant behavior that the Bible declares as sinful. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - sexual activity outside of marriage
  - addiction to a chemical or substance
  - abuse of spouse or children
  - dishonest or unethical business/financial practices