



Accusations & Forgiveness



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A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON ACCUSATIONS AND FORGIVENESS

As relating to Credentialed Global Christian Ministry Forum Ministers

The Global Christian Ministry Forum International (GCMF) recognizes the efficacy of forgiveness for and from all sin.

GCMF also recognizes God's ability to immediately transform the sinful heart of every individual, setting them totally free from all transgression and unrighteous deeds.

GCMF equally recognizes the demands of scripture to live an exemplary life before the world, particularly for those in positions of leadership and/or high visibility in the affairs of the church... "Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil" (I Tim. 3:7) and seeks to balance this demand with the individual relationship we all hold with God.

With this in mind the following is established:

It shall be the policy of Global Christian Ministry Forum International that if any member stands accused of any willful, gross, sinful or illegal misconduct, and that accusation has been brought forward by at least two witnesses... "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses" (I Tim. 5:19), the accused member shall be placed under a temporary suspension (relieved of all official ministerial authority) and an investigating team shall be appointed by the appropriate national leadership board within 14 days.

It shall be the responsibility of this investigating team to determine the validity of charges by whatever means they deem appropriate, including, but not limited to personal interviews with all parties involved. In all cases, the GCMF investigating team shall decide whether face-to-face meetings of the accused and accusers are warranted, except for allegations of child abuse where the anonymity of the child must be protected.

At the conclusion of this investigation, and should the accusations be found factual, it shall be the responsibility of the GCMF investigating team to:

- 1) Notify law enforcement agencies, where required by law.
(In particular, child abuse accusations shall be reported.)
- 2) Make a full report, including recommendations, to the appropriate GCMF national board who shall:
 - a) Advise member churches of the accused person's removal from leadership, if recommended. However it is understood that GCMF has no authority or mandate to remove a member from any employment position unless they are employed directly by GCMF.
 - b) Establish ongoing disciplinary action, including the term of suspension and conditions for reinstatement. Conditions for reinstatement may include, but not be limited to such things as required mandatory counseling for the accused, rehabilitation and restitution.
 - c) Prayerfully seek the fullest cooperation of the accused in a plan leading to reinstatement.

At any time during the period of suspension the appropriate GCMF national leadership board may unilaterally, with full disclosure to the accusers, extend grace to an accused member they feel is truly repentant and has received God's forgiveness. This action may be recommended by the GCMF investigating team but may not be solicited by the accused, and is solely at the discretion of the appropriate GCMF national leadership board.