



## Joy of Living Camp Standards of Christian Living

Members of the Board of Directors and all Staff members shall subscribe to the following Standard of Christian Living:

The life of Board Members and staff should be positive. A hesitant, uncertain Christian testimony will greatly weaken the effectiveness of the Gospel appeal to those we serve. They should be certain of their relation to Christ and joyful in it. Their lives should be without question. All leaders need to be reminded, "Don't look now, but you're being followed!" The serious responsibility of shaping young lives demands high standards of personal conduct. Christian leaders cannot be too careful.

There is no question about the teaching of the Scriptures concerning standards for honesty, self-control, humility and cleanness of speech and thought. However, there are certain practical problems of conduct, which sometimes cause confusion and disagreement among Christians. Such matters cannot be settled by superimposing commandments that go beyond the Scriptures, but must be determined by the individual's own communion with the Lord based on the Word of God and the witness of the Holy Spirit. When Christians face squarely the matter of their daily personal conduct, they have an obligation to obey those standards which they believe God has given them. The Word of God clearly teaches: "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." (James 4:17) All who are sincerely determined to live according to God's standards will find positive guidance from Romans 12 and 13.

Christian leaders have the additional responsibility of maintaining those habits of conduct which young campers can safely follow. It is impossible for them to have one way of living before campers and another when they are presumably away from them. In practice, leaders should weigh their personal habits in the light of whether or not they would be satisfied for campers to do the same. Campers can hardly be expected to achieve a higher standard of Christian conduct than their leaders.

The Lord's service requires clean vessels, and He has promised the grace necessary to be such. The Savior calls for each of us to stand before those we serve with a positive, clear-cut Christian testimony and in turn have the joy of watching our charges follow the model we present.