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Who You Are Matters to God- Ministerial Ethics, Morals and Christian Character

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Have we considered that there is more to persons not returning to local houses of worship apart from COVID-19? We are representatives of Christ, whether clergy or lay, churched or not; the world expects us to model the ways of Christ—our Christian character and personal integrity impact how others see the kingdom. Let's look at current challenges and pursue greater opportunities to increase our witness.

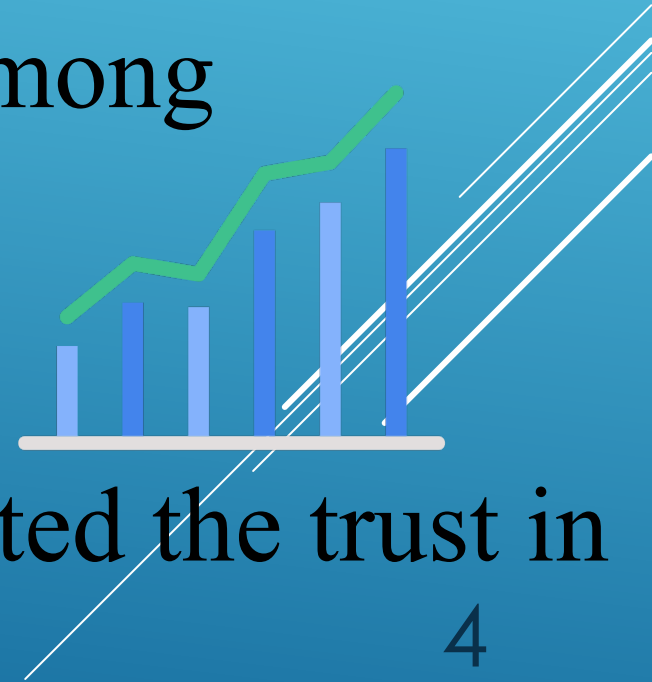


. **1 and 4** members of the clergy reported having some kind of sexual contact with someone other than their spouse..



• Gallup Poll on Honesty

- In 1985, the clergy had its highest positive rating of **67percent**.
- The clergy have **ranked first or second** among professions since testing began.
- 2023 the Gallup honesty and ethics poll rated the trust in clergy dipped to **32 percent**.



So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. **Acts 11:26 NIV**



- **Character** consists of those personality traits that are moral and traditionally have been **called virtues**.

Greek philosopher of history saw **4 traits** as cardinal virtues:

- Prudence
- Justice
- Temperance
- Courage

Dennis Campbell, the former Dean of Duke Divinity School, said there are three major movements in Western culture:

- ❖ Secularism
- ❖ Pluralism
- ❖ Relativism

“But if any **provide not** for his own and specifically for those of his **own house**, he had denied the faith and is worse than an infidel”. **1 Timothy 5:8**

