

# The Doulos Covenant

*for Christian leaders*

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1. **I seek to serve**, rather than lord it over, those I'm called to love
2. **I seek to serve the reputation of Christ** and his kingdom above all things
  - (a) By a commitment to proclaiming the truth while being personally truthful and honest
  - (b) By standing for justice for the vulnerable while always interacting with others with fairness and without prejudice.
  - (c) By constantly showing grace to the repentant, while never shying away from my own need to repent.
    - \* All this I seek to do, as a fool for Christ, even if it is at the expense of my own ministry, institution, or prestige.
3. **I seek to promote the flourishing** of all those for whom I have responsibility
  - (a) As a means of honouring the Image of God in each one
  - (b) By never reducing anybody's significance to their strategic usefulness, giving potential, or social status.
4. **I seek to keep confidences**, especially when the interests of the vulnerable are at stake
  - (a) This will take precedence over the interest of the powerful, wealthy, or influential.
5. **I seek to honour** those with whom I disagree
  - (a) To represent their views fairly
  - (b) To be sparing with labels and reductionism
  - (c) To turn the other cheek when necessary
6. **I seek to be accountable...**
  - (a) within my ministry - so that others are free to question my decisions appropriately, without fear of reprisal or ostracism.
  - (b) outside my ministry - so that at least one or two trusted friends know enough about the details of my life and work to question, challenge, as well as encourage me.
7. **I seek to grow** in Christ-like virtue rather than Caesar-like influence.