Privacy Policy

Sermon Preparation Assistant

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1. Introduction

This Privacy Policy applies to the Sermon Preparation Assistant ("the Assistant"), a custom GPT designed to help pastors prepare sermons by accessing sermon transcripts and utilizing a Bible API for scripture references.

We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of your information while providing valuable ministry support tools.

2. Information Collection

Our Assistant does not collect or store personal information beyond what is necessary for its core functionality:

- Conversations are maintained within the OpenAI platform according to their privacy policies
- Sermon transcripts uploaded to the Assistant are used solely for informing responses
- Bible verses and passages requested through the Bible API are temporarily processed to provide scripture references

The Assistant does not store your conversations outside of OpenAI's systems and does not build user profiles or collect demographic information.

3. Use of Information

Information processed by the Assistant is used exclusively for:

- Generating sermon outlines and content based on user requests
- Retrieving relevant Bible verses and passages
- Referencing uploaded sermon transcripts to maintain stylistic consistency

Providing contextually appropriate illustrations from the knowledge base

We do not use your information for marketing, advertising, or share it with third parties beyond what's necessary for the Assistant's functionality.

4. Bible API Integration

The Assistant uses a Bible API to retrieve scripture references. When you request Bible verses:

- Your verse requests are sent to the API
- The API returns the requested scripture content
- This content is incorporated into the Assistant's response

These transactions do not include personal information beyond what's necessary to process the scripture request.

5. Data Security

We implement appropriate security measures to protect any information processed by the Assistant:

- Sermon transcripts and other ministry resources are securely stored
- API communications use standard security protocols
- We rely on OpenAI's security practices for conversation handling

6. User Rights

As a user of the Sermon Preparation Assistant, you have the right to:

- Request information about how your data is used
- Delete custom sermon transcripts you've uploaded
- Discontinue use of the Assistant at any time

7. Children's Privacy

The Sermon Preparation Assistant is designed for adult pastoral use and not intended for individuals under 18 years of age. We do not knowingly collect information from children.

8. Changes to This Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy periodically to reflect changes in our practices or for other operational, legal, or regulatory reasons. The date at the top of this policy indicates when it was last revised.

9. Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy or the Sermon Preparation Assistant, please contact:

Email: sermonprep@example.com

Address: Piney Grove Chapel Baptist Church, 123 Chapel Way, Anytown, USA

10. Theological Framework

The Sermon Preparation Assistant operates within a specific theological framework aligned with the beliefs of Piney Grove Chapel Baptist Church. This framework guides the nature of content and recommendations provided by the Assistant.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor." - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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This tool is designed to support, not replace, the Spirit-led work of ministry.