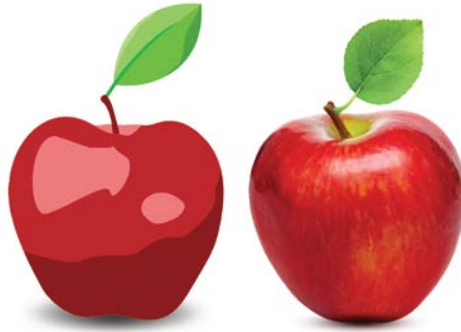


# The Lawn Is Looking Bad

## CASE STUDY 9



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“Welcome, everyone, to the morning worship service. Brother Bob will be filling in for Pastor Miller today. Pastor Miller collapsed this past week as he was mowing the church lawn in the extreme heat. Apparently he had not had any sleep for two days because he had to make back-to-back, middle-of-the-night emergency hospital calls. Let’s all remember to say a prayer for Pastor Miller that he’ll get out of the hospital soon. He has a lot of people to visit in that same hospital, three sermons to prepare, a wedding to officiate, the commode in the men’s bathroom to fix, and from the reports about Great-Grandpa Billy, most likely a funeral to conduct. And, of course, he still needs to finish mowing the lawn. I’ll make sure he remembers to do that. It’s starting to look pretty bad. I apologize if any of you were offended by the church lawn this morning. Try not to let it bother you.”

1. Though this scenario is a bit over the top, what truths might it represent?
2. What should this church do to help their pastor?
3. What sobering truths about the future do you find in Hebrews 13:17?
4. What would your pastor say would be the best way to honor him?
5. What will you do this week to show honor to your pastor?