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Deuteronomy 32:17 "They sacrifice unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods

# **AMERICAN IDOLS**

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that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not."

Archbishop William Temple -"Your religion is what you do with your solitude."

A. B. Simpson said, "As long as you want anything very much, especially more

than you want God, it is an idol." Dwight L. Moody said, "You don't have to go to heathen lands today to find false gods. America is full of them. Whatever you love more than God is your idol."

Picture the culture of the heathen as they sacrifice to their gods. Fanatical followers who want to destroy all others that oppose their god, including inflicting physical harm to the opposing party if it requires it. They chant. They wear ridiculous costumes. They pound their drums. They take their hard-earned money and bestow it upon their gods. They dance, scream, clap their hands, paint their bodies, and make sacrifices to these gods. They build these enormous temples to worship in. It seems that their entire existence climaxed into this one scenario, this one over-the-top act of worship!

### Who are theses American Idols?

Fan(atics) jumped and stomped their way to a magnitude of 2.0 earthquake in 2011 during Marshawn Lynch's rambling, tackle-breaking "beast quake" run. The roaring of the crowed exceeded 136.5 decibels. (At 150 decibels ear drums rupture. Noise on an aircraft carrier deck registers 140 decibels. Rock concerts average between 110 & 120 decibels)

Attendance to these events and money spent are evidences of pop-culture idolatry. The Indianapolis 500 has an estimated crowd of **400,000**. A pro-wrestling event at the May Day Stadium on the 29th of April 1995 drew a crowd of 190,000. The market for professional sports in the United States is roughly \$422 billion per year, roughly 50% larger than that of all of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa combined. The average weekly per capita per adult giving in an American church offering is \$26. At the start of 2015 season the average price for an NFL ticket across the league was \$177. LeBron James earns \$20 million per year while a scientist averages \$77k per year.

The average American pastor's salary is \$28K per year. What is wrong with this picture?

Many Christians are increasingly walking incognito, opting to use their device as a Bible rather than carrying the printed pages. At the same time, they think nothing of wearing an idol's name proudly displayed across their shirt or jacket. Even our language is liberally sprinkled with sports idioms such as "he dropped the ball," "get your head in the game," or "we need a game plan." People want to be identified with the team they follow religiously.

Because of mankind's deep desire for God, they continuously try to bestow their worship upon someone or something only to find themselves deeply disappointed by human flesh. Kyle Idelman said, "What you are searching for and chasing after reveals the god that is winning the war in your heart." American culture practices hero worship for athletes across the board. One man said, "This is a gross injustice... America denies itself the ability to take proper advantage of all the minds working as scientists, humanitarians, artists, and engineers." Later, many realize that these American Idols are only human and their less than perfect choices bring disillusion to the illusion of their hero status.

### Money - an American Idol?

What do we trust in ... our 401K, our salary, our investments? What if it were all gone tomorrow? Would we still serve God, or would we get bitter because he took it all away? A life story could be written from one's checkbook and credit card statement. It reflects our goals, priorities, convictions, relationships, and even the use of our time. A person who has been a Christian for even a short while can fake prayer, Bible study, evangelism, going to church, and so on, but we can't fake what our checkbook reveals. Want to tell if money has become an idol? Take

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# **KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS**

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Psalms 148:13 "Let them praise the name of the Lord:"

We live in such a day and hour everybody's fighting for their rights — women's rights, civil rights, animal rights,

and so on and so forth. Everywhere you go you'll see somebody voicing out or standing up for what they believe is their rights. We, as Christian believers of the gospel of Jesus Christ who are washed by the precious blood, should also know our rights.

The world today will go on strike, they will protest, they will stand out in the freezing cold protesting or fighting for what is their rights. We as believers do not have to do all that. It is not necessary. Jesus Christ fought for our rights. He was whipped for our rights. He was chastised for our rights. He was beaten and bruised for our rights. Jesus Christ was ultimately crucified so we could have rights.

### Do you know your rights?

No matter the difficulty, no matter the struggle, no matter the hard time or even the lowest valley, you have the right to praise Him. You have the right to plead the blood over you and your family. You have the right to sing a new song because His mercies are new every morning. You have the right to live in liberty because if Christ lives in you there is liberty. You have the right to stand on the promises that He's given us.

### Do you know your rights?

Sometimes the devil wants to make us ignorant of our rights. He would like to keep us in the dark because through Jesus Christ and the rights that He has given us there is power over the enemy. As Christians we must exercise our rights. We must stand on the promises of God. We must not let the devil distract or divert us in this day. We must be believers that exercise our rights.

The right to witness, the right to pray, the right to testify, the right to preach, the right to assemble for worship, the right to openly carry the Bible. We must not be silent in this last hour, but we must stand on the word of God, on His truths, on His precepts, and we must know our rights!

2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."



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# American Idols - continued from page 2 "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."

<u>a look at spending habits.</u> One will effortlessly spend money on their idol. If money itself is the idol, we will hoard it! Our hand will close on it to keep it as our own rather than using it as a tool. It will be hard to give God his 10% much less put into missions, evangelism and charity works if we love money.

1 John 5:21

Me, Myself and I - an Idol?

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."

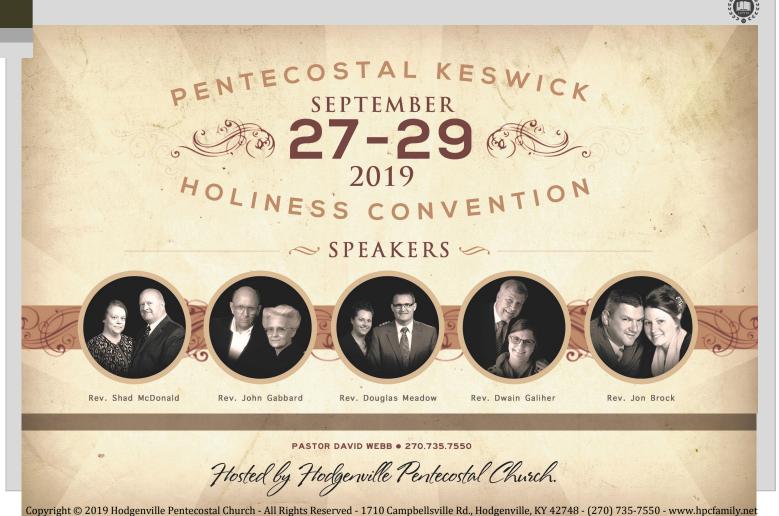
2 Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves

Do we have our very own trinity of idolatry? Are these members me, myself and I? Have we become our own idol and have been taught to "look out for ole #1"? Are we self-consumed? Do we find ourselves excusing our abrasive behavior because that's "just how we are"? Do I believe that everyone should cater to me? Are we upset when things don't go our way? Do we bite and devour those around us? Do we tear down others if they are better than us? **Could it be that we may just be our very own "American Idol"**!

Tim Keller said, "If your God never disagrees with you, you might just be worshiping an idealized version of yourself!"

S. D. Gordon said, "Everyone has a cross and a throne in their heart. If Christ is on the throne then I am on the cross, but if I am on the throne then Christ is on the cross."

Charles Spurgeon said, "False gods patiently endure the existence of other false gods. Dagon can stand with Baal, and Baal with Ashtaroth; how should stone, and wood, and silver be moved to indignation; but because God is the only living and true God, Dagon must fall before His ark; Baal must be broken, and Ashtaroth must be consumed with fire."





# I WAS IN PRISON

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Matthew 25:31-46 - Matthew 28:19-20 - Hebrews 13:3

These scriptures and others well sum up the reason for a Christian jail and prison ministry. Throughout the Bible are examples, descriptions, and commandments about prisons, prisoners,

bondage, captivity and slavery. The Bible mentions prisoners, prisons or imprisonment more than 130 times. Though a jail or prison ministry is not a calling for everyone, it is a calling none the less, and a very important and essential one at that.

My wife, Debbie, and I have been in, or associated with, jail and prison ministry for over 13 years. We've seen lives changed and people saved, never to return to incarceration again. It has been one of the most rewarding ministries we've ever experienced. I, myself, have worked as a deputy jailer which has given me some valuable insight into jail and prison life.

Statistics from several years ago can be frightening; and they're much more prevalent today. The statistics I saw said that 1 in every 32 American adults is in jail, prison, or on parole. 46% of inmates were incarcerated for an offense of violence. 64% of prison inmates are of a racial or ethnic minority. Only 28% of jail inmates are there on their first offense. In addition, according to Crossroads Prison Ministries, 2.2 million people (other statistics say 2.3 million) are imprisoned in the United States. Of those 2.2 million, 40% of prisoners have little experience studying the Bible; 95% of prisoners eventually will be released. A Barna research study indicates that 75% of released inmates will commit another crime and be returned to custody. However, only 14% of inmates involved in a regular, organized study of the Bible will return to prison. Some of these statistics are eye-openers to say the least.

So, why would anyone want to minister in a jail or prison? All the inmates mentioned above were created by God, to have a relationship with God. Jesus Christ was crucified to redeem them all. Therefore, we are commissioned by God's Word to serve them by bringing them the gospel and giving them the opportunity to worship. So, how do you affect the lives of 2.2 million incarcerated people? One inmate at a time.

As Christians, we must see people where the world sees statistics. To do otherwise is to reduce inmates to something less than beings created in the image of God.

A jail or prison ministry has the potential to change lives, restore families, and make communities safer. You see, a jail or prison ministry is a field ripe for the harvest. Many inmates have hit bottom, ruined their families, and wrecked their lives. According to an article in By Grace Today magazine, John 8:36 tells us that only those who have the Son are "free indeed." So, if the Lord uses prison to get someone's attention and introduce them to the gospel, then so be it. If a person's soul is set free from the power of sin and death, it doesn't matter if their body remains behind bars. This powerful truth is perhaps what motivated Paul to say, "Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; But the word of God is not bound (or imprisoned)." (2 Timothy 2:9).

Just like a missionary to foreign lands, the Christian jail or prison volunteer or Chaplain is entering a foreign land, a land with different customs, cultures, and government. We need to understand that. It may not be easy in many cases, but it's still a calling. We have no absolute constitutional right to minister in correctional facilities; we are permitted to be there, guests of the administration, subject to the rules of the facility. By the same token, while inmates

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have a constitutional right to practice their religion, there is no obligation for correctional facilities to permit volunteers into the facilities. You have no absolute right to be there. It's only by God's grace, many times, that we are permitted.

Remember the verse in 1 Cor. 3:6 which said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase"? In a jail or prison ministry, we can plant the seed of the Word of God into their hearts and minds, or we can water those seeds where someone else has planted, but in the end, it's God who gives the increase of our labor. However, without planting and watering, there would be no increase.

Remember the parable of the sower and the seed in Matthew 13? A sower sowed some seed. Some fell by the wayside as it surely will be in a jail or prison. Some seed fell on stony places and among thorns, as it will surely be in jail or prison, where some inmates will hear and believe for a period, but the word won't be planted deep in the heart, or, someone will come along and cause them to deny the word. But then some seeds sown will fall on good ground, take root, and spring up into a productive life in Jesus Christ. That's what I'm talking about.

The Chaplaincy Training Library form the Chaplaincy Training Institute put it like this: "Christian Chaplains are an extension of Christ's ministry to all people. There is a common misconception that Chaplains have left the real ministry to do social ministry. This could not be farther from the truth. Jesus did make a habit of regular synagogue attendance, and he often taught there (Luke 4: 16-24). However, most of His ministry was very much outside the walls of the institutional "church." He taught on the seashore, on mountaintops, over dinner tables, and along the roads as He walked. Additionally, He did not limit His ministry to devout Jews, but befriended sinners and

tax collectors, healed
Romans and Samaritans.
He preached to crowds
of mixed Jewish and Gentile ancestry." Boy, that
sure goes against the
grain of some church
members today!

Here is what Frank Mastrolonardo, Senior Chaplain, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has to say, "Jails are full of people with lots of time and little distraction. They come to Bible study, church services, or Fundamentals of the Faith classes curious and looking for answers. They are often desperate and broken, and the Lord has used their circumstances to prepare them to receive the gospel. It seems like every week someone behind bars asks me, 'What must I do to be saved?' Answering that question is the biggest joy of my life."

Need I say more?

### Some suggested reading:

- Thinking About Jail and Prison ministry; A Guide For The Lay Volunteer by Larry Nielsen
- *I'm Not Coming Back!* John Sala Story. Published by International Prison Ministry.
- Publications by Gregory Von Tobel from *prisonersforchrist.org/store*



# RATTLESNAKES IN THE HANDS OF OUR CHILDREN



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Would you hand your child a rattlesnake? Of course you wouldn't! Rattlesnake bites can be deadly. What kind of

question is that? I would never hand my child something I knew had the power to destroy them, would you?

For some time now the effects of technology on our children has weighed heavy on my mind. We see our children struggling to even know how to communicate. We see children together, but they might as well be home alone because there was no communication between them. Instead, they all sit completely lost in their device, scrolling through Instagram, snapchatting, taking a selfie, or playing the latest, greatest game. We've seen a rise in depression and loneliness in this generation from the effects of it. The only friendships some seem to create are virtual.

# Now if those things were the only issues with technology there might be an argument on the deadliness of it.

Lack of communication, Instagram, snapchat, taking a selfie, or playing a game may not be deadly altogether, but the effects of it very well can be if there are no limits set. When I was a child, we didn't deal with technology like we do today, and I thank God for it. I didn't have to struggle with it, and my parents didn't have to deal with having to protect us from that. The internet wasn't in our home, and I don't recall even knowing there was such a thing until after I was married. Move forward a few generations and now technology basically controls our world. It's everywhere, and it draws our children more than anything I know of. Many restaurants have it on their tables, you can now use it to order a cheeseburger at McDonald's, many of the toys we buy our children are somehow connected to it. It has become our #1 babysitter. It is so dominant that we feel everything has to somehow be connected to it to really make our children happy. As a mother I agree with anyone that it's tough dealing with it. I honestly wish it would just go away because it would make raising my children so much easier.

By now you may be asking yourself what any of this has to do with rattlesnakes—let me explain.

Here (your child's name) is your first device, (iPhone, iPod, iPad, etc.) Congratulations! I know you are only twelve, but I went ahead and bought the latest device, with the latest technology on it. I know I can set restrictions on it, or even turn your internet off, but I want you to know that I trust you. I know many of your school friends, and possibly even some church friends, have no restrictions, and I don't want you feeling left out. Their parents trust them, and I trust you. I know you can handle this! Now be careful because there are things you don't need to see or become involved in, but again, I trust you. Here is your "rattlesnake"; enjoy!

Your child is now eighteen and has been addicted to pornography since he or she was thirteen. They've seen so much violence with the games they've played, the videos they've watched, and the filth they have seen has infiltrated their innocent minds. Freedom from it seems impossible! The battles they are fighting in their minds are driving them to the breaking point with sleepless nights, immorality, and some even thoughts of suicide. As a parent you wondered why your child seemed distant, depressed or secretive at times, but you put the blame on the adolescent years. You knew what a great child they were, and even though from time to time you casually mentioned the dangers of the device, you felt they were strong enough to handle the temptations behind the screen. Instead they've been bitten by the "snake" that has proved to be deadly to so many innocent children.

In reality your child feels hurt because you handed them such a deadly device you trusted them with and never set any restrictions or boundaries for them.

You've created a monster for them to fight, possibly for the rest of their lives. You want to be mad at them because you trusted them, but instead they broke that trust

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and looked up such things during those curious years...how dare they do that!! Parents, in reality I wouldn't blame your child for crushing the device in front of you and saying thanks!! Thanks for trusting me, by trusting me I've almost been destroyed. I struggle to think straight. I struggle to know what normal even is. The "rattlesnake" that I was bitten by almost proved to be deadly. Why didn't you tell me how venomous the device could be? Dad and Mom, I will never get those pictures out of my mind. I wish you hadn't trusted me so much. I wish you had set boundaries for me, had restrictions turned on, or completely turned the internet off. Dad and Mom, you were right. I was a good kid, but good kids are curious and can't hold a deadly snake without being bitten.

What price are you willing to pay for your child to fit in? Are you more concerned about hurting their feelings, or making them feel like you don't trust them?

This was written from the heart of a mother that is trying to raise her children in a Godly, Christian home while dealing with technology. I find myself revisiting boundaries and restrictions often. My children don't own phones, but my fourteen year old son has an iPad. We keep his internet turned completely off, and YouTube is definitely a no-no. We make sure there are no violent games, and I check his messages from friends almost daily, but I question myself often if that is enough.

If I thought my child was holding a rattlesnake I would do everything in my power to remove it from his hands before he was bitten.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child and technology looms over your home, would you consider revisiting your boundaries and restrictions? If you have no boundaries or restrictions can I remind you that what you've given your child is as harmful as the snake I mentioned. Consider the innocence of your child and the damage that this "bite" can do to him or her. Also, remember the snake doesn't go to sleep at midnight.

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Proverbs 29:15 KJV





# THE HIGH COST OF REVIVAL

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The economics of swine and souls

Mark 5:1 And they came over unto the

other side of the sea, unto the country of the Gadarenes.

The country of the Gadarenes and Jesus' method of approach to that region could very easily be likened to our lives as followers today. Jesus was leaving a Jewish region where he had been carrying out ministry. He

and the disciples entered a boat and crossed over water to gain the other side. Along the way, they encountered a storm that Jesus calmed. All this while on their way to what was gentile region, to meet the man Jesus was going to help. One could make the observation that Jesus was bringing revival to the Gadarenes community.

We live in comfort ministering among our Holiness brothers and Sisters and perhaps that few that happen into our midst. The 21st century Church believes that attending services is the primary means by which we serve God. Leonard Ravenhill once was heard to say "In revival, God is not concerned about

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filling empty churches, but filling empty hearts"

Mark 5:2-3 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

Fact: God wants us to enter into the boat to gain the other side where those folks that are not familiar to us inhabit. The way is strewn with adversity of one sort or the other, not the least of which is our own fear. Finally, upon arrival, we find the gentile. So foreign, so diametrically opposed to our way of life, but all the same, crying out for help. He is wholly unaware in himself that there is a raging spiritual war going on despite being in no man's land. The chains and fetters appear to be of the flesh, but in fact are spiritual. We, as Christians, are uniquely equipped to offer assistance.

Calling a doctor for the demoniac would be like calling an electrician to treat chicken pox. What people need is the Spirit of God dwelling in them, not the demons of this world. Saved and sanctified people do not do drugs, en-

gage in drunkeness, or abuse their families.

They do not abort their children or view pornography. They do obey the law, live right, stay married, treat their children and spouses right, are the best workers, pay their bills and their taxes. Our temporal laws are not written for the saved. Saved people have no need of them.

Mark 5:16-17 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

Most of all, consider the opposition we face. Observe as Jesus relegates thousands of demons to a herd of swine...no doubt of considerable value in the gentile community. The response of the community was predictable: "Away with you sir!". "You are having a nega-

tive impact on the economy". The account in Mark says there were about 2,000 swine. Apparently that is more than he that was delivered was worth to them. Would, perhaps 1,000 have been better? No? Perhaps 100? No? If this were today in your community, who will give 1 swine for a man's life? Will I?

Mark 5:18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

From the accounts in the Bible, it appears that Jesus made a special trip for this one man, but the story continues as the man "clothed and in his right mind" asks to accompany Jesus. The Lord refused and told him to go tell his friends and family what had been done for him.

The Bible says that "all men did marvel". That sounds a lot like revival...... and it makes me wonder what else might have been wrought had Jesus stayed on for a while, if those folks had been willing to pay a few swine to see more revival past the first man whose deliv-

erance cost 2000 animals.

What will we pay for revival? Please don't confuse this as exhorting you to attend revival services. No mistake, I love revival services, even if my body does not, but that is not the point. Real revival is not a meeting in my estimation. It is a change of heart. It is personal. It is self driven. It occurs when we surrender ourselves to God in our prayer closet even more than before and when we push abundance away from us and begin to take note of those bound with fetters and chains around us. It is never free. It costs time, it costs resources, it costs us our standing with the gentiles of our time perhaps, it is uncomfortable to our flesh. However, real personal revival is shed abroad into our fellow man like rivers of flowing water. It flows out on the washed and unwashed alike.

How many swine are you willing to give for a man?



# THE PASTOR'S WIFE'S VALUABLE PRICE

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Proverbs 31:10 - "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

Sometime back, I read where the month of March is Pastor's Spouse Apprecia-

tion Month. So I thought it would be fitting to honor the unsung hero of the parsonage — the pastor's wife. I am blessed to know the valuable treasure of a pastor's wife because of the toil and labor I have witnessed from my own precious wife.

As a young man, I felt the call of God to work in the ministry. During my teenage years as a young preacher, I received wise counsel from various elder preachers that my choice of a wife could make or break my ministry. Those words of counsel have stood the test of time. Now I myself often repeat that same counsel to young preachers. The greatest compliment and help to your ministry can be your wife, or she can be the biggest hindrance and liability. This is especially true in the position of pastor. The role a pastor's wife plays is invaluable not only to the pastor, but also to the congregation. Let's look at how valuable she is to the work of God.

### 1) A Pastor Wife's Position of Service for Her Savior

The pastor's wife has many opportunities to minister or serve. In her service to the Lord, she balances the needs of her family and the church. She tends to the normal routines and responsibilities as a wife and mother, but also must be ready to do any job possibly needed at the church. Often times, the hardest working lady in the church will be the pastor's wife. While her husband is busy with sermon preparation or engaged in a variety of tasks concerning the church, she is working behind the scenes to keep everything running as smoothly as possible. As a mother, she seeks to build the character of her children by displaying the joy of service. While she displays this joy, she might also need to guard her children from the hurtful things that pastors and their wives may encounter. She also must handle graciously the scrutiny and unreasonable expectations of some church members.

The various tasks that the pastor's wife may find herself involved in are too many to list. However, a few that come to mind are janitor, interior decorator, party planner, wedding coordinator, caterer, and fundraising organizer. She may also find herself involved in community outreach, building projects, and various unexpected events. All of these tasks will keep her from ever uttering the words of youth, "I'm bored!"

In order to be a servant in the work of God, you must be selfless! The pastor's wife is not her own. Many times she will put the needs of the church ahead of herself. While it could have been easier to stay home some nights, the pastor's wife may find herself at the emergency waiting room with her husband and a family in crisis. If she is not staying up late, then it is rising early to get everything completed. All of this labor is done in an effort to follow the example of our Lord who came in the form of a servant.

### 2) A Pastor's Wife Is a Pillar of Support for Her Spouse

One of the most important roles of the pastor's wife is to be a pillar of support to her pastor husband. The ministry can be a difficult and challenging endeavor. The support of a loving and understanding wife will help to lighten the pastor's load.

Often times the call of God will take the preacher to some interesting places and difficult situations. The pastor's wife must be willing to follow and support her husband wherever the will of God may take them. God's will is not always easy. It often requires you to leave your comfort zone. But if the pastor's wife will follow God's call on her husband with a supportive attitude, it is a wonderful help to her husband.

The greatest way a pastor's wife can be a support to her husband is by holding him up in prayer. A priceless gift it

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is to a pastor to know his wife is interceding on behalf of him, their family, and their church. It is a help to the congregation when the ladies of the church can share their needs with their pastor's wife and know that she will sincerely stand in prayer for them. The value of the pastor's wife's prayers can only be weighed on eternity's scales.

The support the pastor's wife gives to the pastor's preaching is not just in her response in the church service, but also in the life she lives. As the congregation observes her display the biblical truths her husband has preached, it strengthens the message. A pastor's wife that openly undermines her husband's preaching and decisions does much damage to his ability to effectively lead the church. But when the pastor boldly declares God's Word and the congregation sees the pastor's wife standing strong with him, his influence is greatly strengthened before the people. Oh, how valuable the pastor's wife's support is to her husband.

## 3) The Pastor's Wife Is a Pattern to Be Seen for the Saints

The pastor's wife is the mother of the church. The home often takes on the personality of the mother because she has such great influence there. I believe the same is true of the church. The pastor's wife has untold influence in the church in which her and her husband serve.

When you consider how influential a pastor's wife can be, it is critical that she be an example of godliness and holiness. In Titus 2:3-5, Paul gives instruction to the aged women. Verse 3 speaks to their own behavior, but verses 4 and 5 show their responsibility to teach the young women. The pastor's wife, no matter what age, holds a position of elder to the women of the congregation. The example of godliness and goodness she displays should be emulated by every lady in the church. As she follows the Word of God in her life, the pastor's wife becomes a wonderful pattern for others to follow.

The author of Proverbs 31 asked, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." I believe there are many holiness churches that know the answer to that question. They look no further than the lady that stands next to their pastor. A godly, caring, praying pastor's wife is a treasure beyond price!

### The Pastor's Wife

When we thank God for our pastor
We must give Him thanks for two,
For when your husband came to us
God also sent us you.

A pastor's wife must be many things, You have many hats to wear; And we say thanks for all you do and lift you up in prayer.

You adjust your life to meet the needs
Of your husband's congregation,
And it seems that you can always cope
With most any situation.

Your presence blesses all of us
Who know you from day to day.
As our pastor's wife, you are serving God
In a fine and worthy way.

~Author unknown~



# "Win the Lost"

Matthew 18:11-12

"11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. 12 How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?"



# **Services and Times**

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Worship 7:30 pm