

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine" 1 Timothy 5:17

Honor for the Ministry

There is a man who God has called to be a watchman for your soul. Paul said in Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account..." This man's entire focus and purpose is to help ensure your salvation. He stands fearlessly and prayerfully in the gap, where the fiery darts of the devil would try to pierce your heart and soul asunder. This anointed man rejoices with your successes and sheds tears for your pain. His name is Pastor.

The Bible teaches that we should always give respect and honor to our Pastor. Respect and honor. Those seem to be foreign concepts today. Everywhere we look, we seem to be receiving the message that we should respect nothing and honor no one. We are being taught that it is our right to challenge authority and question everything. This goes directly against the Word of God. His will is for you to esteem your Pastor, and count him worthy of not only honor, but double honor.


There are many ways that you can honor your Pastor.

- Support him. Know what's important to him and make it important to you. There may be days when he's weary from fighting for your soul. Be in tune enough to know when his arms need your support to be held up for the fight.
- Defend him. Be the first one to stop any gossip or rumors that you might hear. Never be drawn into critiquing your man of God.
- Pray for him. Your Pastor is human, just like you. He faces trials and tribulations, just like you. But he has the additional burden of answering for your soul in his hands. Lift him up daily, and pray for strength, wisdom and anointing for the work he has been given.
- Love him. Show him in every way that you appreciate his love and concern for you, by loving him in return. Love is not only a word on your lips, it's action in your hands, and commitment in your heart.

Family Prayer: Jesus, thank You so much for the shepherd You have placed in my life to help guard my soul. I pray for Your wisdom, anointing, protection, and strength in him. Place firm his steps as he leads us and others to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Includes
Family
Activities



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Looking



Inward

Gather stationery and writing material.

Discuss ways that your Pastor has blessed your family. Let each family member write a personal note to your Pastor to express your appreciation and love for his ministry. Deliver to your Pastor as a token of solidarity from your family.

Let's talk

Think about what society would be like with no rules or laws. Imagine that no one stood between you and evil. What kind of world would that be? Discuss how your Pastor stands in the gap for you between your vulnerability and evil's darkness. Why did God recognize that you needed a Pastor to fulfill this role?

October is Pastor Appreciation month.

Find ways to show your appreciation.

Maybe it's volunteering to help in some way or perhaps it's preparing a personalized gift basket for your Pastor and his family. There are many ways to show your love. Try your best to find one!



Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

Let's take a look at Hebrews 13:17 and explore what it means:

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”

What does it mean to obey them that have rule over you?

How can you submit yourself?

How does the Pastor watch for your soul?

List things we can do every day and ways we can live so that the Pastor can give an account for our souls with joy?

What are some grievous things?

Why is submitting our lives to leadership profitable for us?

Puzzle Page

Find the hidden message!

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God Bless our Pastor!

