

# **“Ministering to Your Minister”**

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1. Recognize that Pastors are \_\_\_\_\_, too. They have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ along with unique \_\_\_\_\_ and talents.

2. Understand that the \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_ and children are not \_\_\_\_\_.

3. It is \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the Pastor to His \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup> And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jer. 3:15

<sup>28</sup> Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28

<sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”

Rms. 10:14 – 15

4. To serve as a Pastor means they have a \_\_\_\_\_ accountability unto the Lord.

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. James 3:1

5. God’s word tells us to \_\_\_\_\_ and follow our Pastor.

<sup>7</sup> Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct. <sup>17</sup> Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Heb. 13:7,17.

6. The Lord tells us to give our Pastors \_\_\_\_\_ honor.

<sup>17</sup> Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. <sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer *is* worthy of his wages.” 1 Timothy 5:17,18.

## **The Role of the Pastor**

The Greek word translated for **Pastor** means “a shepherd, one who tends herds or flocks.” The office of Pastor is also referred to as a *Bishop, Elder, or Overseer (Acts 20:17, 28)*

## **“Pastoral” Qualifications: 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9**

The words Pastor, Bishop, and Elder describe the various functions of the same office.

As \_\_\_\_\_ ( Gk. “**Poimen**”) he shepherds the local church,

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gk. “**Episcopos**”) means he oversees that the work of the local church is done correctly and he guards against doctrinal error.

\_\_\_\_\_ ( Gk. “**Presbuteros**”) means he has spiritual maturity, ministry experience, and is to lead. These three different words are used to refer to the same church leader.

*“To the **elders** I say...Be **shepherds** of God’s flock, serving as **overseers**...” 1 Pt. 5:1-2*

*Paul sent to Ephesus for the **elders** of the church. When they arrived he said to them...Guard yourselves and all the **flock** of which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**. Be **pastors** of the church of God...” Acts 20:17-18, 28.*

Pastors \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Minister to your Minister . . .**

### **1. P \_\_\_\_\_ for your Pastor**

*Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. -Romans 15:30-32*

*“strive together”* - together contending with an enemy

*“delivered”* - rescued from danger

*“Service...accepted”* - ministry may be received and helpful

*“joy”* – to have joy in the midst of challenge and joy serving in ministry

### **Pray for:**

Faithfulness (Ps. 89:1)

Quiet Time in God’s (Word Acts 6:1-4)

Rest & Good Health (Gen. 2:2; Ps. 145:14-15)

Provision (Lk. 12:6-7; Mt. 6:33)

Wisdom & Direction (1Kgs. 3:11-13, Pr. 3:5-7)

Fellowship with Good Godly Friends (Ps. 133. Pr. 27:17)

### **2. P \_\_\_\_\_ for your Pastor**

Scripture teaches us that our Pastors are worthy of “double honor”.

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- **Honor your Pastor by D\_\_\_\_\_ him.**

*“Alexander the coppersmith did great harm to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works. Watch out for him yourself because he strongly opposed our words. At my first defense, no one stood by me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the proclamation might be fully made through me and all the Gentiles might hear” (2 Timothy 4:14–17).*

- **Honor your Pastor by R\_\_\_\_\_ him.**

*Now we ask you, brothers, to give **recognition** to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you (1 Thessalonians 5:12).*

- **Honor your Pastor by L\_\_\_\_\_ him.**

*Regard them very highly in love because of their work (1 Thessalonians 5:13).*

- **Honor your Pastor by P\_\_\_\_\_ for him.**

*Those who proclaim the gospel should make their living by the gospel (1 Cor. 9:14).*

*The one who is taught the message must share all his good things with the teacher (Galatians 6:6).*

### 3. **P\_\_\_\_\_ your Pastor.**

*“<sup>19</sup> Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.” 1 Tim. 5:19*

*“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, [13] and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

*“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”  
Hebrews 13:17*

*Mt. 18:15-20*

### 4. **P\_\_\_\_\_ up your Pastor.**

*<sup>11</sup> As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. <sup>12</sup> When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. <sup>13</sup> So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. Exodus 17:11-13*