

Relating to your Pastor

In the secular world, someone is usually assigned to oversee the worker's well-being. Perhaps it is the boss, the union or the personnel officer. However, few denominations do an adequate job of nurturing their clergy. There should be a pastor's support group, whose role is to help in the care of the pastor and to provide him or her with the best possible working conditions. The healthy church will encourage its Pastor to spend most of valuable time doing a unique job of spiritual guide, theologian, and teacher. Free the pastor to mediate the essentials of ethical and religious truth to the congregation and to the community. Provide space and time for the integrity of the ministerial calling to yield its fruit. Recognize the pastor as a professional whose skills and training elicit respect. Allow the pastor the right to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, with respect to his or her own conscience, wisdom and professional priorities.

The Pastor's work Load!

Because of the (CALL) to serve God, it's hard to stop being a minister and go home. The pastor's work is never finished.

1st Tim 3:2,4 ..Our leader, or Bishop, must be above reproach, faithful, sober, temperate, courteous, and hospitable and a good teacher. Must be one who manages his own household well.

The Pastor need a lot of Help

The way the Pastor spend his or her time during the week and the extent to which anything gets accomplished will depend heavily on the way the members interact with him or her as they work together and the church.

Receive the Pastor as a Gift

Read Eph 4:10-16 kj

Receive the Pastor as a gift. They were given to us and they are our gifts. We must receive them and be thankful the Lord sent us our Pastor. Therefore we should thank the Lord everyday for our loving Pastor.

Jer 3:15 kj _____

Matt 10:41 kj--⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall **receive a prophet's reward;** and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a **righteous man's reward.**

Heb 13:17 kj 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, but that is unprofitable for you.

Can you say this with me- I have a Leader. I have a Pastor. He's looking after my soul and I submit to him. He's a gift from Jesus and I receive him. He's mine and I receive his correction and instruction. I will be a blessing to my Pastor. I won't complain and dump a lot of bad news on him all the time. I am a child of God. I am a believer. I will never make my Pastor's life miserable. He's my gift and I receive him.

If you are one who will submit to and relate to your pastor spiritually, then you will reap from his ministry spiritual things.

If you are one who will submit to and relate to your Pastor only in a natural or religious way; you will probably only receive mostly natural things from him.

You will seldom see or draw from the Jesus in him, because you are looking at his personality, style or looks and therefore you may not recognize the spiritual. We must submit to our Pastor supernaturally, then it doesn't bother you when he makes a mistake. Why, because you're looking for the God in him. You don't excuse or ignore the mistake, but you have confidence in God that Jesus is big enough to deal with any shortcomings.

Highly esteem your Pastor in Love

1st Thess 5:13 - And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Pray for your Pastor

2nd Thess 3:1 Finally, Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

1st Tim 2:1-2 kj I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2) for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Communicate with your Pastor

Gal 6:6 Kj Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Amp: Let him who receives instruction in the word of God share all good things with his teacher- contributing to his support.

Follow your Pastor

Heb 6:12 That ye may not be slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Obey the scriptural teachings of your Pastor

1st Cor 11:1,2 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you, brother that you remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

Touch not mine anointed

Ps105:15_____

1st Chron16:22_____

Note:

a. If you have a problem with your Pastor. With a meek spirit and the right attitude in privacy say "Pastor, I need to have I'll talk with you about something I don't understand and I'm feeling uncomfortable with. Would you please help me with this ``. Then share what you have to say with your Pastor.

b. Remember according to the scriptures, the devil is always out to accuse the brethren and your Pastor. Accusations from the Devil that he whispers into your ear are 99.9% of the time absolutely false, completely exaggerated and erroneous.

He is always trying to take you away from the covering of your pastor and the local church. Remember, to have grace and mercy for your pastor. He is a man that will make mistakes. He needs people of mature status to have his back as well. This is why you should know your pastor's heart. So when he makes mistakes, you can positively confirm the person he really is. Also, If you have mercy and grace in the bank for other people then when your time comes for mercy and grace, that would be plenty in the bank for you to withdraw from. One of the greatest errors in humanity is when one makes a mistake; people by nature tend to forget all the wonderful things they have done and contribute to them and society as a whole. When you make your overall judgment about anyone, especially your Pastor, make sure you include all the great things they have done and do for you and society. This is only right and fair.

Rev 12:10 kj - And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

c. There are times in life when you might have to seek God for direction as it relates to different church home. This will include, when the leader:

1) Openly and continually sins, walk in iniquity and wickedness before the entire church.

2) When the leader starts to include forms of witchcraft into his church.

3) When the leader permanently begins to include in his teachings other books that scripture does not permit- (New Age, Koran- Buddhism, Spiritism etc.)

4) When your leader encourages you to sin and skillfully sneaks to create opportunities for you and others to sin.

5) When your leader makes continual passes at you, verbally or physically.

6) When your leader always has nothing good to say to you about your spouse.

7) 1st Tim 5:19 _____

8) Matt 18:16 _____

The Attitude of Submission

Rom 13:1-3 kj Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. But there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2) Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive themselves damnation.3) for rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. With thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Every part you play is important. Maintain a proper attitude toward leadership and supporting those in authority. Get in the Lord's work and never despise the nature of it. By doing so, you are supplying your part and helping to fulfill the Great Commission.

Suggested reading material- Spiritual Authority – by Watchmen Nee

What If my pastor told me to do one thing but I felt that the Spirit of God wanted me to do it another way. What should I do?

Did you know that God on Earth honors earthy leadership? If I were to ask one of my assistant ministers to preach Sunday on Prayer, do you know what God will expect him to do? To preach on what I asked him to speak on. God is a God of Authority and Leadership. God is not a God of confusion. ****Stay completely on your task. You are being tested****

Warning::

Oftentimes people will operate totally contrary to the Pastor's instructions. They figured they knew better than the Man of God, or has something burning in their spirit' so they went ahead behind his back and did just the opposite of what he had asked them to do or they added something to it. People who do that, are not serving the lord, but rather promoting themselves or being used by satan. The Bible warns against this kind of attitude, saying that only those who can follow will ever be trusted to lead.

Paul was the head of the Corinthian Church because he established it. He sent his son in the ministry, Timothy, to that church. Paul called him faithful. He told the Corinthian Church that Timothy would bring them God's ways. 1st Cor 4:17

Timothy did not come in trying to teach the people his ways and what he wanted them to do, but to give what his leader had said. Timothy proved himself faithful to the ministry of Paul, and when the time was right, God rewarded Timothy about giving him his own great ministry.

When a Pastor gives you the opportunity to speak to his flock:

1. Give the people exactly what you have been instructed to give them- if you don't, the Pastor can't trust you until you learn this discipline. Many have said - "you know pastor this is what the Lord has given me to say also" or "This is what I think would make this presentation better and much livelier" .**That's not God!** Even if it's something good to say. (These actions show to the learned; great immaturity, and many times, unwelcome embarrassment). The church will experience an abrupt shift in the spirit of that service.

2. Be on time and stick specifically to the time frame -given. The Pastor and the entire service is on a time frame given by God.
3. Where the appropriate attire. (No tee -shirts, rollers, shirt with a skeleton head on it, flip-flops etc.
4. No food or gum chewing etc.
5. Never try to make yourself look smarter than the Pastor, or any leadership for that matter. There are those who try to make themselves look smarter than others by asking hard to answer questions or questions that are really not relevant or important at all.
6. Never use innuendos to correct the Pastor. (He will know it or He will get wind of it) .
7. I have had people tell me, as the Pastor- "I can't teach this or that , but I can teach in another capacity" This is a great disservice and hindrance for God's Kingdom. Here lies ignorance, immaturity, and pride at its greatest expression. Remember - you should always be willing to help in any capacity. Consider it an honor to serve wherever you are asked.
8. Do what you have been given instruction to do and you will be blessed and honored in heaven and exalted by God in his time.
9. 1st Cor 14:32,33 kj - And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.33) for God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all churches of the Saints.(This means whatever- of whoever is telling you to say or do anything contrary to what your Pastor expects is not valid, period! That spirit is subject unto to you to not obey it and therefore stay on track with your leadership and with God. * That's great wisdom!)

10. 1st Cor 14:40 kj – Let all things be done decently and in order.

11. Never all of a sudden strike out and start loudly speaking in tongues or prophesying to any congregation. (You must be given permission to do this from the Pastor of that flock- Too many have missed God, caused great interruptions, and made havok in people's lives). Prophets, by the way, must be trained as well. Most so-called Prophets are so deep that they have no Covering, Pastor or Church home. They are self-made and will be held accountable by God. Pastors today, want to make sure you have been trained and have a teachable and submitted spirit before you speak to his God- given flock.

12. Before you speak behind any altar make sure you spend time with God, so your presentation will be blessed and anointed by God. By the way , this rule go's for anyone serving God period, during any service, even on the parking lot.