

## **HOW TO MAKE YOUR PASTOR SUCCEED!**

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Int: “Some churches can make almost any pastor fail. Almost any church can make a pastor succeed.” What must a church do to make its pastor a success?

### **PRAY FOR HIM**

I have never known a pastor to fail when his people prayed for him.

*Pray for his personal life.* No pastor can lead his people where he has not gone!

*Pray for his family life.* Ministers and their families are under satanic attack.

*Pray for his ministry.* He cannot preach and lead without the unction of God.

### **RESPECT HIM**

A pastor may be years younger than a member but members must respect him. He may not always be right but he is the pastor. Respect him! He may disappoint people but he is the pastor and deserves respect. He may do or say something a member thinks no pastor ought ever do or say but he is still the pastor and every member must respect him.

### **APPRECIATE HIM**

Nobody likes to be taken for granted.

*Tell your pastor you appreciate him.* And do something now and then to show it.

*Tell other folks you appreciate him.* The community needs to know you do.

*Tell the Lord you appreciate him.* Thank God in prayer in your pastor’s presence.

### **FOLLOW HIM**

“But if we follow the pastor, he will change things.” Change is uncomfortable. But unless a church is perfect, the only way to make it better is to change it. If a pastor is wise he will change his church. If he is really wise he will change it slowly! If the church is wise they will let the pastor change it. If they are really wise, they will help him change it!

### **HELP HIM**

*Guard his time.* If you have an hour to kill, do not spend it with a man who does not.

*Do not ask too much of him.* The pastor is only a man. He is only one man. He cannot do everything well. He cannot do everything PERIOD. It will devastate him to try!

*Share the ministry workload.* Release the pastor to do the things only a pastor can do by doing the things anybody can do.

### **SUPPORT HIM**

Jesus said the “laborer is worthy of his hire” (Lu 10:7). Paul wrote, “The Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel” (1 Cor 9:13-14). And by “double honor” in 1 Timothy 5:17-18 Paul meant “double pay!”

Take good care of your pastor. Find ways to bless him financially. As the church grows, make sure his support grows along with it.

How much should a church pay its pastor? All it can. How does a church determine how much it can pay? By faith! I have never known a church to go broke because it was too generous with its pastor.

### **DEFEND HIM**

Deacons were first elected to defend the apostles against attacks leveled by church members. Some folks thought the apostles distributed benevolence funds unfairly. The apostles led the church to elect seven men to handle that ministry. The job was to deal with the disgruntled and calm the troubled waters in the congregation (Acts 6). It is still the duty of deacons to defend the pastor unless he is guilty of something immoral, unethical or unbiblical. Indeed, every church member ought to stand up for the pastor in the same way!

**[KEEP THIS SKETCH IN YOUR BIBLE AND REVIEW IT NOW AND THEN!!]**