

How To Treat Your Pastor

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Scriptures: Ephesians 4:7-11, Hebrews 13:17, I Tim 5:17-20, John 10:27-8

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⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸

This is why it ^a says:

"When he ascended on high,
he led captives in his train
and gave gifts to men."

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The Point: Each believer is responsible for how he treats God's gifts.

I. _____ the pastor as God's gift to you.

A. God has given each of a gift of His grace.

B. God has evaluated what we need and has freely given us the gift of the pastor.

1. It is because the people of God need to be prepared to serve.
2. It is so church body can be built up.
3. It is to bring unity to the body of Christ.
4. It is because we need to become mature and experience the full measure of what God put within us.
5. It is so we can grow, so our lives may increase and become more than they are now

II. Follow the pastor's _____.

John 10:27-28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. **NIV**

- B. Note the three things that should happen with your pastor.
1. You should listen to His voice.
 2. You should understand that the shepherd/pastor will learn to know you by the way you listen and respond to him.
 3. You should follow him ... as a disciple.

III. _____ the pastor's authority.

A. Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1. Submit ... means to take the weak place, to yield under their authority and teaching.
2. Just know there is not any benefit to you if you give him stress and grief. You are the loser.

IV. _____ the pastor's ministry.

A. 1 Timothy 5:17-18

¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," ^b and "The worker deserves his wages." **NIV**

B. Take good care of your pastor.

1. Esteem him highly.
2. Pay him well.

V. _____ the pastor's anointing.

A. 1 Chronicles 16:22

²² "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm." **NIV**

B. 1 Timothy 5:19-20

Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.