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This is CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH. We would like to share a few thoughts with you and say to ALL CLERGY, that we truly love and APPRECIATE you and the work that you are doing in obedience to the “call” of the Lord upon your life.

1 Thessalonians 5:12

But we ask you, brothers, to acknowledge those who work diligently among you, who preside over you in the Lord and give you instruction.

Pray for your Pastor, but do more.

1. Tell him/her she is doing a good job. (They will probably have a heart attack and you'll be done with them.) Just Kidding here, but how often do you compliment your Pastor.
2. Stop talking negatively about them to others in the congregation, and definitely stop talking negatively about them to those who are not saved.
3. Take Him/Her out to dinner and pay for the meal.
4. Stop taking Him/Her for your “significant other”.
5. Join the “AMEN” corner for when he/she is preaching.
6. Don't “hog” their attention after the service. You are not the only member in the church.
7. Walk up to your pastor and volunteer to do some needy ministry around the church.

8. Your pastor is not your “ride” to and from church. You get everywhere you want to go but “can’t come to church without a “ride” from your taxi pastor, whom you give NOTHING for his gas or other expenses for his automobile.

9. Abide in your own calling and STOP “pastoring” the members of the church behind your pastors’ back.

10. **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.** Hebrews 13:17

11. Remember “All chiefs and no braves leave NO TRIBE”.

12. Show up for services and meetings ON TIME!

- 75% of pastors report feeling extreme stress; 90% work an average of 55-75 hours per week.
- 90% feel fatigued each week; 70% say they’re very underpaid.
- 40% report serious conflicts with someone in the congregation on a monthly basis; 78% have been forced out of their pastorate due to a conflict with someone in the congregation.
- 80% will leave ministry completely within 10 years; 70% struggle with depression.
- 80% say their ministry has negatively impacted their marriage and family; 70% don’t have a close friend; 85% have never had the opportunity to take extended time off.

According to Ephesian 4:11 ***“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.”*** The Pastor is a “GIFT” from the Lord Jesus to His Church. He is a person whom Jesus himself has chosen and given to the church for the multitude of ministry to the church. It is unfortunate for the body of Christ that the above statistics show a picture of the ministry that is prevalent in our modern-day world.

Even though the Pastor is listed towards the end of the people that the Lord Jesus has gifted to the Church in the above scripture, it does not in any way diminish his office and position among the members of the fivefold ascension ministry. The Pastor is not necessarily a “gifted person”, but he or she is a person who has been given by appointment from the Lord Jesus for specific responsibilities. These responsibilities are. Ephesians 4:12-16. ***12Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.***

14Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. 15Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. 16He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

We encourage all Clergy in your ongoing labors in this “evening light” hour as the “DAY” draws closer when the Lord is returning for his church.

Pastors and Clergy remember: Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) ***Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.***

BLESSINGS ALWAYS

