



How To Help Your Pastor Sunday March 19, 2006

Our desire is to have a strong church. To have a strong church, we need to have strong people.

1 Timothy 3:15

There is a proper way to conduct yourself in the local church. Believers need to be taught how to conduct themselves in the house of God.

If each one does what they think is right we will have a house full of chaos and confusion, and God is not the author of confusion.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Here is what the Lord commands:

- You all speak the same thing
- That there be no divisions (split, gap) among you
- That you be perfectly joined together (in complete agreement)
- That you all be of the same mind, understanding
- That you all be of the same resolve, purpose, opinion

Objectives of the Pastor and Church Staff:

Jeremiah 3:15

As shepherds after God's own heart, we are to feed His people with spiritual knowledge and understanding.

Ephesians 4:11-13

Our responsibility is to equip the saints so that the saints can do the work of the ministry. God desires every believer to be a minister of His Kingdom.

Colossians 1:28

Our goal is to bring every believer to a place of maturity – to be full grown in Christ.

4 things that define what we desire to accomplish in each believers' life

We desire to see growth and development in :

- The Word
- The Spirit
- Christ-like Character
- Ministry

Our objective is to build you not to please you. Galatians 1:10

How to help your pastor:

The following apply not only to the pastor but to all church staff who serve you.

1. Help guard your pastor's testimony
 - 1 Timothy 3:2 (Titus 1:6,7) 2 Corinthians 6:3,4
 - Proverbs 22:1



- We are required by God to be blameless. We are to have a testimony that is without any blame.
 - e.g. If you are a lady, please meet your pastor in his office when every one else is present. Don't ask to meet your pastor at odd places and at odd times.
 - e.g. If you are a lady, it would always be better to get help from a lady minister in the church
 - e.g. Don't say or claim something about the pastor or the church that you are not 100% sure of.
 - Please do not exaggerate what the pastor or church is doing.
2. Help guard your pastor's time
- Ephesians 5:15,16
 - Please meet the pastor during normal office hours.
 - If you have an idea, don't ask your pastor to do it.
 - Please do not ask your pastor to do book reviews.
 - Please do not ask your pastor to do what other businesses specialize in doing, e.g. matchmaking, real estate, etc.
3. Help guard your pastor's family
- Matthew 26:31 (quoted from Zechariah 13:7)
 - If the enemy can strike the shepherd he can scatter the sheep.
 - Understand that the ministers of God who lead you are at the forefront of conflict and are often target of intense satanic attacks.
 - Pray regularly for your pastor and family
 - Pray regularly for the other ministers who serve you
4. Respect and work with delegated leadership
- Your pastor cannot do everything. Therefore responsibility for various ministries has been delegated to several other leaders.
 - 1 Timothy 5:17-19
 - Honour those who have been appointed as leaders of various ministries. Bring up issues directly with them and allow them to handle it.
5. Flow with the call and vision of the church
- Amos 3:3 Mark 3:25
 - We must all flow with the call and vision that God has placed on us as a church.
 - As God unfolds His plan for us as a church, He will birth new things that He desires for us to do. Do not resist the changes and new things that God leads us into. Just flow together with the body.
 - Lay aside personal agendas
 - Please don't "date" the church. Don't just look for what you can receive. Give as much as you receive, if not more
6. Flow with the faith and teaching of the church
- 1 Corinthians 1:10
 - The faith and teaching of the church as expressed in the "Statement of faith" (available on our website and Information Booklet) was established before the church was started.
 - The statement of faith of the church is non-negotiable and is not open for discussion.



- Please read and understand the faith and teaching of the church before you decide to become part of the church.
- If you are not in agreement with the faith and teaching of the church, you are free to find another church. There is no compulsion to stay.
- Please keep personal convictions that are not in agreement with the faith and teaching of the church, personal.
- Please don't use the church to promote your personal convictions that are not in agreement with the faith and teaching of the church.

7. Become a Minister

- Ephesians 4:11-13
- At APC Every believer is a minister
- 1 Corinthians 12:18 Find your place and carry out your God appointed function in the body
- Understand the importance of Character over gifting
- Build Trust
- Manifest your ministry first, and then let people recognize your calling. Don't go about proclaiming your calling without manifesting corresponding ministry.
- Don't push yourself into the forefront. Wait to be invited.

8. Demonstrate commitment

- 2 Timothy 2:2 Proverbs 28:20
- When you take up a responsibility, make sure you are faithful at it
- If you are unable to fulfill it, make sure you communicate that as early as possible
- Enjoy what you do
- Do it to the Lord not for the pastor

9. Pursue Excellence

- Whatever you do, do it well. Give God your very best.

10. Be a Kingdom Builder

- Glorify Christ at all times
- Lay selfishness and self-centeredness aside
- Promote unity among ministers and churches



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