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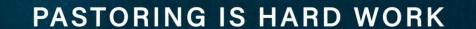
"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood."



### **EPHESIANS 4:11-12**

11 "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,"





### 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

"We ask you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work."



### PASTORING IS HARD WORK BUT ALSO A LABOUR OF LOVE

### 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-8

<sup>7</sup> But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. <sup>8</sup> So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

WHY DO WE HONOR PASTORS?

## GOD VALUES RELATIONSHIPS OF HONOR

## PASTORS ARE APPOINTED BY GOD TO SHEPHERD HIS CHURCH

PASTORING IS HARD WORK



# Back them up Serve with them in the work of the gospel

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of **your partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5



# Lift them up in prayer Strengthen their ministry with intercession

"Brothers, pray for us."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:25

# Encourage them Speak words that refresh them

<sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

**ROMANS 1:11-12** 



# Submit to their leadership Support them willingly and wholeheartedly

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**HEBREWS 13:17** 

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