

Why It's So Vital To Pray For Our Pastors

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God is so very good to us. He has given us the Good Shepherd, Who is Jesus Christ, His Son, and He has also given shepherds to watch over and to encourage His flock. This is what scripture says in Jeremiah 3:15: “‘And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.’”

God has called certain people to lead His sheep. There are people graced to pastor and cover the Lord's church. It is so important that we pray for our pastors in this endeavor. It's so easy for us to see pastors and think because of the position they hold, that they do not need prayer. There is a misconception that they know how to do things that the average Christian does not, or that they do not have their own trials and tribulations.

I would encourage you to remember that because of the calling on pastor's lives, they are even more vulnerable and susceptible to tests, temptation, and burn-out. We, as the sheep, should always be interceding on behalf of our leadership and covering them in prayer. We should be watchful for and with them.

In my church, my pastors give so much of themselves to the body. They give up their time outside of church to counsel and mentor people in their walk with God. They give up their personal resources in order to make sure that the church members have their needs met. They also spent time and effort, sacrificially as they pray and fast in order to teach the unadulterated Word of God with power and anointing.

There is a special grace that pastors have been given to care for God's people. It is a heavy burden to carry – one with tremendous benefits, although, one that is very costly.

Our pastors are flesh and blood. They are people, just like you and me. They face many of the same problems and struggles that we face, yet, they are tasked to rise above and to live their lives at a higher standard than the rest of the church. Scripture tells us this about those who teach the Word of God: “My brethern, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.” (James 3:1).

This is an intense amount of pressure! And because of the times we are living in, I believe that the pressure is even more exacerbated for pastors to cast and pursue the vision God has given them for their specific church and community.

Let's pray for our pastors on a consistent basis. Let's cover them fervently. We do not know the battles that they face. Many pastors do not share half the things they go through. Let's give them grace, honor, and support through prayer whenever we can!



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