

Keep the Pastor Healthy

Why keep the _____ Healthy?

a) Because of how _____ he is.

II Samuel 18:1 *And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds over them.2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city.*

II Samuel 18:4 *And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.*

a) Because the _____ is after him.

I Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

b) Because we need a _____ preacher.

How do you _____ the _____ healthy?

a) By showing him _____.

I Thessalonians 5:12-13 *12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13: And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.*

- Beseech – “Ask with _____”
- Esteem very highly – give great _____

b) By taking care of his _____.

I Timothy 5:17-18 *Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18: For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.*

c) Take care of his _____ needs.

II Corinthians 11:28 *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

- i. Take care of the _____ needs of the pastor.
- ii. Take care of his _____ needs.

STATISTICS (Barna Research Inst., Focus on the Family, and Fuller Seminary)

- Average Pastor last about _____ years
- _____ pastors leave the ministry every month, due to spiritual burnout or contention in the church.
- America is experiencing a net loss of _____ churches each year.
- _____ of pastors constantly fight depression
- _____ of pastors and 84% of pastor's wives are discouraged with the ministry.
- _____ are so discouraged they would leave the ministry if they could, but have no other means of making a living.
- _____ said their greatest problem is they are sick and tired of dealing with problem people such as deacons and associate pastors.
- _____ of pastor's wives with their husband had chosen another profession.

