

# PASTOR APPRECIATION

## 70 Ways to Honor and Bless Your Pastor

1. Affirm your pastor's commitment for change to increase worship involvement and outreach intensity.
2. Aggressively form a personal relationship with your pastor.
3. Agree with your pastor for developing quality and excellence in ministry.
4. Ask friends to attend church with you.
5. Ask the mayor to proclaim a Pastor Appreciation Day in the city.
6. Ask your pastor, "How can I help you?"
7. Attend church regularly.
8. Back your pastor in challenging the status quo.
9. Be available to listen to your pastor's plans for effectiveness and growth.
10. Be a cheerleader for your pastor.
11. Be a good follower.
12. Be a good listener; let your pastor's sermons sink deep.
13. Be available to listen to your pastor's plans for effectiveness and growth.
14. Be aware of the demands on your pastor's time.
15. Be consistent in your witness and work in the church.
16. Believe with your pastor that God wants to do "new things" in the church.
17. Buy into the pastor's vision; accept ownership.
18. Call your pastor and convey love and respect for his/her ministry.
19. Compliment your pastor for timely and compassion-driven sermons.
20. Display a teachable spirit; let your pastor disciple you.

21. Don't ever say, "We've never done it that way before."
22. Embrace your pastor's focus on discipleship training.
23. Encourage your pastor with words and works.
24. Encourage the pastor's spouse to be their own person.
25. Feature a write-up in the local newspaper about the ministry of your pastor.
26. Furnish your pastor with fishing equipment and encourage him/her to get away from strain and stress.
27. Give your pastor frequent flyer tickets for a special trip.
28. Give your pastor Scriptural submission according to Hebrews 13:17.
29. Give your pastor a cost-of-living increase in salary each year.
30. Have confidence in your pastor's motives and abilities.
31. Help form a Pastoral Concerns Team to provide for the needs of your pastor and his/her family.
32. Help create and champion visionary plans for church growth.
33. Help the congregation establish privacy boundaries. Provide your pastor with time to be alone with God and with his/her family.
34. Hold up your pastor as he/she leads the flock.
35. Jump in and assist your pastor on behind-the-scene projects.
36. Let your pastor make mistakes.
37. Let your pastor dream and be creative.
38. Listen to your pastor; let your pastor share his/her story.
39. Listen to your pastor's long-range goals and plans.
40. Look for ways to make your pastor look and feel good.
41. Make it known you are a "pastor person."
42. Make sure your pastor has a day off each week.
43. Make sure your pastor has adequate health care coverage.
44. Organize a Pastor's Prayer Partner Ministry.
45. Participate in Pastor Appreciation activities.
46. Pay your tithes consistently.
47. Plan a church appreciation banquet for your pastor.

48. Pray for your pastor and his/her family by name every day.
49. Provide your pastor with retirement benefits.
50. Refrain from saying, "That will cost too much!"
51. Relay to your pastor how a sermon blessed your life.
52. Say to your pastor often, "Pastor, I'm praying for you!"
53. Say to your pastor, "I'm with you. You can count on me."
54. Send your pastor a humorous card—brighten his/her day.
55. Share good news with your pastor.
56. Show the community love in action by supporting your pastor.
57. Sing, "Bind Us Together in Love" with your pastor.
58. Stand by your pastor when he/she is in the line of fire.
59. Stand up for your pastor's programs.
60. Stick with your pastor when you don't understand his/her reasoning and approach.
61. Support your pastor with action, affirmation, and accountability.
62. Support your pastor with your time, talents, tithes, and treasures.
63. Take notes while your pastor preaches.
64. Talk to your pastor; build a relationship of teamwork.
65. Teach your children to respect their pastor.
66. Tell your pastor you willingly submit to his/her leadership and teaching.
67. Trust the decisions of your pastor.
68. Understand the "glass house" syndrome; encourage your pastor's children.
69. Volunteer to assist in special projects and activities.
70. Write your pastor a letter and express love and appreciation for his/her integrity and leadership.

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