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Text--Acts 20 When Paul addresses the Ephesian Elders. As you read the verses he becomes very clear, that these people really

loved Paul. There was a bond between them. He had a great place of endearment in their hearts. Every Pastor needs a group of

people whose hearts are for him and toward him. Through the years of ministry there have been some things that congregations have

done, that have meant the world to me. Let me share with you what I believe to be the 5 greatest things a church can do for their

pastor.

### **1. Pray for Him**

The greatest thing you can do for him spiritually.

- A. It will create a bond with his heart in the spirit.
- B. It will be used of God to bless him.
- C. It will keep your own heart pure of judgment toward him.

### **2. Provide for Him**

The greatest thing you can do for him materially.

The Scripture is clear:

- You are not to muzzle the ox that treads the corn.
- You are to share financially with those who feed you spiritually.

Each church will be one of two kinds of churches.

1. They look at the "books" and say, We can't afford to..."
2. They look at the "book" and say, We can't afford not to..."

### **3. Protect Him**

The greatest thing you can do for him socially.

"Some people feel called to protect the church from their pastor."

Don't make him pay for what some other pastor did to you or didn't for you.

Strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter.

Here are 2 simple steps to help protect your pastor socially:

1. Refuse to start gossip
2. REfuse to spread gossip that someone else has started.

### **4. Persevere With Him**

The greatest thing you can do for him emotionally.

- Through thick and thin, covenant
- Through good and bad.

There will be times when your pastor is battling discouragement--encourage him. Times when he has to fight feeling

overwhelmed--help take some of the burden. Times when he needs rest--send him on a paid vacation.

A preacher can struggle with feeling alone and a failure. When someone comes along side him and says, "I believe in you and I'm

with you, it is very life giving."

### **5. Persistently Love Him**

The greatest thing you can do for him personally.

-These are the through the years kinds of friends.

-Definition of a friend--Someone who walks in when the whole world walks out.

The Bible says, "Love Never Fails" If you want your pastor to be a success, because love never fails. It has a 100% success rate.

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