

## WHAT A PASTOR MAY EXPECT FROM HIS CHURCH

### 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

**Introduction:** No doubt every church is different and has its own personality, yet Jesus has but one set of guidelines for Church, no matter how many congregations (churches) there may be.

Within every Church family there are talents and gifts needed to fulfill what God wants that Church to do and be. To fulfill what God wants of a particular Church family, every member must do his/her part and every single member is very important to the overall ministry of the Church.

1. **Deacons** are to be "table-servers", to support the Church by their tithes and to participate, even present the programs of the Church.
  - A deacon is to step down from being an active deacon if ever he or his wife becomes disqualified.
  - Deacons are to be the friends of the pastor and his companion in seeking God's will for their Church.
  - Deacons are to be the "right hand" of the pastor.
  
2. **Teachers** are to take their role of being a teacher very seriously.
  - They are to be prepared/ready to teach every Sunday scheduled to teach.
  - They are to be on time, even early, before class members begin to arrive.
  - They are to work their class membership by contacting them regularly, especially those who are absent, also seek to enroll new members.
  - They are to attend scheduled Teachers' Meetings and participate in any and all teachers' training sessions/programs.
  
3. **Committees** are to conduct the matters they have been asked to handle and are to do so with promptness and seriousness.
  
4. **Musicians** are to be faithful to their Director, who is to seek God's will for each service.
  - They are to conduct themselves in worship as would be pleasing to God.
  - Musicians need to be reminded from time to time that it is the music that sets the mood for the worship service. How goes the music, there goes the entire service.
  
5. **Church Members** are to be faithful in attendance to every service.
  - They are to be faithful in their giving.
  - They are to pray for each other.
  - They are to take seriously their "statement of being a Christian" and not "play" at being a Christian.
  - They are to conduct themselves at home, at work, anywhere they are in such a manner that no one would have any reason to criticize their behavior and bring shame to the Lord and their Church.
  - They are to study God's Word and grow in the Lord regularly.
  - They are to be ready to share their knowledge of the Lord Jesus as He gives opportunity.
  - They are to be ready to forgive each other as often as the Lord forgives them for their own mistakes.
  - They are to place the Lord Jesus first in all that they do, making their families second.

### CONCLUSION:

- A Church Family can bring much honor to the Lord if these guidelines are followed.