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FIVE WAYS TO HONOUR OUR PASTOR

Scripture is clear about the importance of showing honour to our pastors. Here are five ways to honour our pastor.

1. WE HONOUR OUR PASTOR BY SUPPORTING HIM

The elders who are good leaders should be considered worthy of an ample honorarium, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says: Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain, and the worker is worthy of his wages (1 Timothy 5:17-18). "Ample honorarium" (aka: double honour) is a term that Paul only used here, and reserved it for those who served the church as pastors/elders/ overseers.

God's people should pay their pastors generously, although no specific amount is given. Of course it is not God's plan for pastors to fleece their sheep or for churches to neglect their pastors. All pastors are to be honoured, but two kinds of pastors are worthy of "double honour" (v.17):

- *The elders who are good leaders.*
- *Those who work hard at preaching and teaching.*

Pastors are not more important than the other members of God's household; however, they are the human leaders of it. The pastor's job is to take care of his church, and it is the church's job to take care of their pastors.

Those who proclaim the gospel should make their living by the gospel (1 Cor. 9:14). The one who is taught the message must share all his good things with the teacher (Galatians 6:6).

2. WE HONOUR OUR PASTOR BY DEFENDING HIM

A non-negotiable qualification for an elder is that he must have a good reputation with outsiders (1 Timothy 3:7). Apparently, several church leaders attacked the Apostle Paul's reputation, and my stomach turns when I read his final written words:

Alexander the coppersmith did great harm to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works. Watch out for him yourself because he strongly opposed our words. At my first defense, no one stood by me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be

From The Pulpit...



- 📖 Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic "**Christianity vs Morality**" based on Luke 5:27-32.
- 📖 Pastor Roger Skepple will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "**Growing Up Christian In Antigua**" based on Luke 3:7-9.
- 📖 Pastor Roger Skepple will also preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic "**God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?**" based on 2 Timothy 2:11-13.
- 📖 Pastor Roger Skepple returns to preach at the 6:00 p.m. joint service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic "**The Biblical Portrait Of An Exemplary Pastor**" based on Hebrews 13:7-9.

counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the proclamation might be fully made through me and all the Gentiles might hear (2 Timothy 4:14-17).

It is the church member's job to not only provide for their pastors, but to also protect them from the Alexanders in your church and community. Joseph, Moses, David, Jeremiah, and Nehemiah were also criticized publically. It is not enough to defend our pastors privately. It is each of our job to make sure that our pastors are not treated like a floor-mat or punching bag.

3. WE HONOUR OUR PASTOR BY RECOGNIZING HIM

Now we ask you, brothers, to give recognition to those who labour among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you (1 Thessalonians 5:12). I have told pastors for years that if you

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do the best you can, the church will do the best that they can to take care of you. Honestly, that has been the case most, but not all of the time. Sometimes the pastors did not do the best they could, while the church did. Other times, the pastors did the best they could and the church did not step up. Why is that? Because we are a family – and families make mistakes. It **seems to take less effort to point out someone's weaknesses** than their strengths.

4. WE HONOUR OUR PASTOR BY LOVING HIM

His job is to **"keep watch over you"** (Heb 13:17), but sometimes he needs you to watch over him as well. Whether they are leading successfully or failing miserably, in season and out of season, they all need the respect and love of their church families.

Regard them very highly in love because of their work (1 Thessalonians 5:13).

Make sure your pastor knows that he is a beloved member of your church family, and not just an employee who will eventually go somewhere else. Join me in pouring into our pastors who have so generously poured into us.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and establishment of the gospel. For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:7-8).

5. WE HONOUR OUR PASTOR BY PRAYING FOR HIM

You know how much opposition that you receive yourself from the world, the flesh, and the devil, and be assured, your pastor receives much more than you. Pray for him every day, and ask God to shower your pastor with an abundance of love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, and courage. Pray for your **spiritual leader's maturity and growth in the faith.**

As Paul wrote, **"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith."** (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

[Edited]

<http://www.lifeway.com/pastors/2014/10/06/4-ways-to-honour-pastors/>

<http://www.victorious.org/pub/pastor-encourage-175>



Congratulations



Congratulations, Dr. Jonas, on completing 30 years of full-time pastoral ministry. Your dedication to the Word of God and the people of God is worthy of emulation. We give God thanks for you.



**Welcome
Our Guest Pastor**

Pastor Roger Skepple of the Berean Bible Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, USA, is the **guest preacher for our Presiding Elder's Anniversary Service.** We are pleased to welcome him and his wife, Teresa, to our churches and nation, "where land and sea make beauty."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~17th January - 23rd January~

~18th~

Daniel Jonas — Central

~19th~

Bro. Carl Andrew — Central

~23rd~

Carlton Jarvis — Central

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PRESIDING ELDER'S ANNIVERSARY

This Sunday, we will take the time to honour the Presiding Elder in all three churches of the Circuit. The special appreciation service will be this evening's Joint Service at the Central Baptist Church. Our special guest preacher will be Pastor Roger Skepple of the Berean Bible Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

2. READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

All church members of the Circuit are advised that the Elders have determined that each and every member should join them in reading through the entire Bible on a strict daily schedule for 2016. Each week in the Family News, we will print the passages that will be read for 7 days at a time. Some of us have read through the entire Bible before. We will do it again to the edification of our souls. Some have never done so. If you are a true Christian, this should be a priority, for how can you credibly claim that the Bible is the most important book in your lives and you have never read it in its entirety. We strongly recommend that this project be completed using the technology that is available to us. Open your Bibles as a family (or individually) to the prescribed passages each day, whether you plan to read it all at once or morning and evening, and play an audio of the passage while you follow along in your Bibles. Recommended versions of the Bible are KJV, NKJV, HCSB, and NASB. You may find audio at the following website: [BibleGateway.com- Audio Bibles](http://BibleGateway.com-Audio Bibles)

3. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

4. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Singers are advised of a choir rehearsal on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Please be punctual.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~21st January~

Bro. Daniel & Sis. Sarah Maina

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, January 22nd – Ex.2-4; Matt.13:24-58
Saturday, January 23rd – Ex.5-7; Matt.14:1-13
Sunday, January 24th – Ex.8-10; Matt. 14:14-21
Monday, January 25th – Ex.11-13; Matt. 14:22-36
Tuesday, January 26th – Ex.14-16; Matt. 15:1-28
Wednesday, January 27th – Ex.17-19; Matt. 15:29-16:4
Thursday, January 28th – Ex.20-22; Matt. 16:5-28



Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading
Prepare for next week...

SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS"

Study # 4 Stick With Service — Part 1 of 2
(Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5, 10)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

—II Timothy 2:15

NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** from **Monday to Saturday.** All are welcomed to join us.

❖ Your prayer requests will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.

❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

This Week

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
 8:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
 6:00 p.m. **Presiding Elder's Anniversary Service: Central**
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 6:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. BLAST Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

BE EARNEST IN PRAYER

GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families
 Baptist Academy of Antigua
 E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff
 Evangelistic Ministries
"Sovereign Grace Hour" (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts,
 Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Sharon Carty,
 Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim,
 Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind
 Ferris, Sis. Paula Skeritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams,
 Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette
 Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nadine Smith

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Dianne Joseph, Sis. Magella
 Selwood, Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Ernest
 Davis

THANKSGIVING: Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair, Bro. Ivan
 & Sis. Maria Hurst, Bro. Xavier Joseph

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera,
 Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver
 Baptiste, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund Haynes,
 Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier
 Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro.
 Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph,
 Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards,
 Sis. Enid Matthew

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Thea-Lee Hurst, Julietta George,
 Clement Henry, Moses Walton, David Toussaint, Ken
 Hurst, Sophia Steele, George Steele, Charlesworth
 Bryan, Charles Bryan, Cecil Henry, Tanisha Henry,
 NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells),
Celinne Bolivard (Tyrells), La'Rica Locker (Covenant),
 Telesha Choy (Central), Charissa Watkins (Central),
 Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika
 Davis (Covenant), Latisha Thomas (Covenant), Alesha
 Joseph (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — John 14:6
 Elementary — Psalm 46:1
 Secondary & Adults — 2 Chronicles 7:14

ECBM DIRECTORY

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| Central Baptist Church | 462-2894 |
| Tyrells Baptist Church | 460-3557 |
| Covenant Baptist Church | 561-4022 |
| Baptist Academy | 462-2894 |
| Baptist Retreat Centre | 463-8801 |

Eldership

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| Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding) | 771-4888 |
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Diaconate

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