

## How to Relate to Your Pastor

### 1. You relate to your pastor as your brother in Christ.

Matthew 22:36-40 (NASB)

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets.”

Galatians 6:10 (NASB)

So then, while we have opportunity, let’s do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

### 2. You relate to your pastor according to the position he holds.

1 Timothy 5:17 (NASB)

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

Elder = Senior Leader

1 Timothy 3:1 (NASB)

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

Overseer = Manager

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB)

And He gave some *as* apostles, some *as* prophets, some *as* evangelists, some *as* pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;

Pastor = Shepherd

Elder/Senior Leader

Overseer/Manager

Pastor/Shepherd

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Romans 15:12

And again Isaiah says: "The root of Jesse shall come, raised up to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope."

**1 Timothy 5:17 Rule means** "To preside over, to set over, to superintend, to protect, to care for."

**Romans 15:12 Rule means** "to be chief, to reign over."

### **3. You relate to your pastor by checking out what he says.**

1 Timothy 5:17 (NASB)

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2 Timothy 4:1-2 (NASB)

I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NASB)

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

- Come prepared for God to speak to you
- Actively Listen
- Verify he's teaching the truth

### **4. You relate to your pastor by your response to his teaching the Word of God. Live out what you hear!**