

THE PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY

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The Pastor needs to have a strong family because Satan's greatest target is the Pastor's family; failure at home can lead to failure in Ministry.

The devil keeps the Pastor busy so he has no time for his family. God will not forgive a Pastor if he neglects his family for the church and society. The spiritual welfare of his family should be his first priority. God will ask him what he did to win to Christ those whom he took responsibility to bring into the world. It is easy for a Pastor to neglect himself, his family, and his God, and allow his ministry to take over his time. This leads to a broken relationship with God, his wife and children, burnout and a failed ministry. Even divorce is on the rise among Pastors, and many Pastors' children are leaving the church.

TRAITS OF A HAPPY HEALTHY STRONG FAMILY

- They are committed to each other.
- They place family needs above personal needs and desires.
- They express appreciation for big and little things.
- They have good communication skills and spend quality time talking with each other.
- They help each other in difficult times.
- They are loving, kind, thoughtful, forgiving and considerate.
- They do things together – worship, play, eat, work and travel.
- They admit their faults and make the necessary changes when their weaknesses are pointed out.
- They see themselves as part of a team and work as a team.
- They help each other to succeed.
- They have a good relationship with God.