

The Pastor God Can Use A Pastor's Expectations

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Clarifying expectations is what this week is all about. What kind of expectations can our new pastor have of us as a church? Anticipation fills our hearts as we look forward, to the next chapter in our church's history. Every pastor wants a church that....

- I. _____ the vision that God has laid on his heart!
 - A. Follow him as he follows Jesus Christ (I Cor. 11:1)
 - B. Change is inevitable
- II. _____ the best, not assumes the worst when we disagree!
 - A. here will be conflict!
 - B. When you disagree...
 - C. He needs our...
- III. _____ to the teaching and preaching of God's Word without it becoming the sole litmus test for his success!
 - A. Bibliolatry
 - B. Biblical authority
 - C. The feed me syndrome

- IV. _____ itself to loving Jesus fully (Mt. 22:37-39)
- V. _____ each other in a way that the world notices!
 - A. It is Compelling (John 13:34-35)
 - B. It is a Command: (Rom. 13:8; I John 4:7,11)
 - C. It is our Character: (Gal. 5 and I Cor. 13)
 - D. It is our Commitment (One another's)
 1. Accept one another (Rom. 15:7)
 2. Bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2)
 3. Bear with one another (Eph. 4:2)
 4. Build up one another (Rom. 14:19; I Thes. 5:11)
 5. Care for one another (1 Cor. 12:25)
 6. Comfort one another (1Thess. 4:18)
 7. Devoted to one another (Rom. 12:10a)
 8. Encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:25)
 9. Forgive one another (Eph. 4:32; Rom. 12:10)
 10. Honor one another (Rom. 12:10b)
 11. Serve one another (Gal. 5:13)
 12. Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21)
 13. Be of the Same Mind with one another (Rom. 15:5)
- VI. _____ on reaching lost people as a way of life!
 - A. Jesus came to do 2 things
 - B. The balance of teaching and reaching