

Doctrine of Pastor

The Pastor's Time

1. The pastor's time is precious. There are many places the pastor cannot be due to time. Scheduling must have priorities in order to give proper attention to his family, and to the church.
2. The apostles established what the priorities of the pastor are to be within the church. The pastor is to give himself to prayer and study in order to effectively feed the flock of God.
 - *Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*
3. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to say, "Duties never conflict." Duties might be challenging, but they do mesh together.
4. Work at lining up help so that the pastor does not have to do everything. If necessary, mop the floor, paint, or do whatever is needed. However, most of the time, let others help. The pastor may do chores, but he needs to give himself to his work, which is the ministry of the Word.
5. Do things on a schedule, and start what is scheduled on time. If the service is to start at a certain hour, be punctual. If an event is scheduled, make sure it begins on time. Do not make people wait.
6. Protect your time on Sunday. Make sure you get a nap in order to be prepared for Sunday night. Even if you have to eat, and run with a family, be refreshed. D. L. Moody said that a ten minute nap will make a man a lion in the pulpit. Image what a thirty minute nap will do.
7. Pay attention to your body signals. Get the rest you need, and the health checkup needed. Be careful about attending too many places of fellowship.
8. Be careful about taking too much time off. Monday is not the ideal day. Friday may be a much better day. Go to bed early on Saturday night.
9. Make sure you are attentive to those in the hospital.
10. Do not let committees take hold in your church. There should be no standing committees.
11. Establish soul winning time. Structure time to train others in soul winning, and winning people to Christ.
12. Work on sermons all the time. Incorporate life into the sermons.
13. Give your family your life every day.

14. Make a list in the morning what you need to do, and what you want to accomplish.
15. Tell your people what your schedule is. Let them know what is going on.
16. Do not waste time.
17. Limit preaching away. Agree with the church the number of times to be away in other pulpits.
18. Have a program for the church. Do not let the squeaky wheel dictate time, and attention, and set your schedule. First to priorities, then to squeaky wheels.
19. Do not think you have to handle every situation.
20. If someone leaves the church, let them. Trying to reconcile with people whose mind is made up is impossible. Do not chase after people. Listen to them. Tell them you love them, the church is open. Have a buffer between the pastor and the disgruntle.
21. To build the church, go soul winning. Demonstrate it. Preach it. Teach it. Make that a priority.
 - *Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*
22. Teach people to approach and kneel at the altar. Teach people to pray for the unsaved. Do not print the names of the unsaved to pray for. What if they showed up? Pray for the lost, to be sure, but be discreet.
23. Above all, redeem the time.
 - *Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*