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THE GOD-PLEASING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER

I. WHY IT SHOULD BE A MOST BLESSED RELATIONSHIP.

"IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE. OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY, BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW. AND ALL THINGS ARE OF GOD, WHO HATH RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF BY JESUS CHRIST, AND HATH GIVEN TO US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION. TO WIT, THAT GOD WAS IN CHRIST, RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF, NOT IMPUTING THEIR TRESPASSES UNTO THEM, AND HATH COMMITTED UNTO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION. NOW THEN WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD DID BESEECH YOU BY US, WE PRAY YOU IN CHRIST'S STEAD, BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD. FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN, THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. WE THEN, AS WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM, BESEECH YOU ALSO THAT YE RECEIVE NOT THE GRACE OF GOD IN VAIN." 1 Cor. 5:17-6:1

GOD HAS CALLED US OUT OF THE UNBELIEVING WORLD BY HIS DIVINE GRACE AND MADE US HEIRS OF ETERNAL SALVATION. WE HAVE BEEN MADE "NEW CREATURES" IN CHRIST. FURTHERMORE, HE HAS SPECIFICALLY CALLED US "FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY, FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST." HE HAS PLACED INTO OUR HANDS A PRICELESS TOOL - "THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION." HE HAS TOLD US TO "TEACH THEM ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU." AND HE HAS PROMISED, "LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD."

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTORS AND TEACHERS SHOULD BE A MOST BLESSED RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE JOINT HEIRS OF ETERNAL SALVATION. CHRIST JESUS HAS PROMISED TO EACH OF THEM AND TO BOTH OF THEM "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS. I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU." WE WHO DAILY WORK WITH THE WORD OF GOD AND GUIDE IMMORTAL SOULS TO ETERNAL HAPPINESS IN HEAVEN ARE ENGAGED IN THE MOST BLESSED WORK GIVEN TO MAN TO DO HERE ON EARTH. WE ARE

PRIVILEGED NOT ONLY TO BE CERTAIN OF OUR ETERNAL HOME BUT TO LEAD THE SHEEP AND LAMBS OF JESUS ALONG WITH US. WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO WORK SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH OTHER REDEEMED INDIVIDUALS IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD. THIS I HAVE FOUND TO BE A WONDERFUL ASSET TO HAVING A CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL IN ONE'S CONGREGATION. THERE IS ANOTHER BROTHER, ANOTHER SISTER IN CHRIST LABORING WITH THE SAME WORD UNDER THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD SOULS IN THE SAME DIRECTION. WHEN THERE ARE DISAPPOINTMENTS AND THINGS AREN'T GOING AS WELL AS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM GO, THERE IS ALWAYS THE FELLOW WORKER IN THE GOSPEL TO GO AND TALK TO. HE AND SHE UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY. THEY HAVE HAD THE SAME DISAPPOINTMENTS. BUT THEY HAVE OVERCOME THEM WITH THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER AND THE FELLOW WORKER IS ALWAYS ABLE TO GIVE A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTORS AND TEACHERS SHOULD BE A MOST BLESSED RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE BOTH SERVING ONE HEAD, EVEN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. AS MEMBERS OF THE ONE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST PASTOR AND TEACHER WILL MOVE IN HARMONY WITH SCRIPTURE, AS YOKE-FELLOWS AS DIRECTED BY CHRIST THEIR DEAR LORD AND TO THE GLORY OF HIS HOLY NAME. ALL GOSPEL WORKERS ARE WELL AWARE THAT BY IMPROPER PREPARATION, INADEQUATE PRESENTATION THEY MAY WELL HAMPER THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HIS WORKSHOPS, THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. THUS WE <sup>MAY</sup> ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER BY FAITHFUL PREPARATION AND CAREFUL PRESENTATION TO REMEMBER WHOM IT IS WE ARE SERVING. WE ARE NOT JUST TEACHING THE 3 R'S, WE ARE NOT JUST TEACHING PEOPLE TO LEAD MORALLY STRAIGHT LIVES BUT WE ARE EDIFYING THE BODY OF CHRIST. WE ARE ENRICHING SOULS WITH THE GOSPEL AND THUS GLORIFYING THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, JESUS CHRIST. WHATEVER WE SEE ACCOMPLISHED IS NO CREDIT TO US. CHRIST HAS WORKED THROUGH US. HIS NAME MUST BE GLORIFIED. WE LOOK FOR NO GLORY FOR OURSELVES. IF WE DO, WE ARE IN THE WRONG CALLING. WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MOVIE STARS OR ATHLETES. THEY NEVER TIRE OF PATTING EACH OTHER ON THE BACK. WE MUST EVER SAY, FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY, NOT MINE.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTORS AND TEACHERS SHOULD BE A MOST BLESSED RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE BOTH CALLED SERVANTS OF THE WORD.. THEY ARE BOTH "AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST." TO BECOME SERVANTS OF THE WORD AND COWORKERS WITH THE GOSPEL WE HAVE HAD A COMMON THEOLOGICAL TRAINING.. GOD'S WORD HAS BEEN THE ALPHA AND OMEGA OF ALL OUR INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING.. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS PERVADED THE CLASSROOM, LIBRARY AND STUDY AND MADE US STRONG IN THE FAITH. THROUGH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THEN WE WERE CALLED TO OUR RESPECTIVE POSTS. THE LORD OF THE CHURCH HAS SAID THROUGH HIS BELIEVERS, YOU TEACH AT WEST BEND, YOU PREACH AT KEROSKEE. WE DID NOT CHOSE OUR CONGREGATIONS. THE LORD PLACED US THERE. HE PLACED US THERE WITH A DEFINITE PURPOSE IN MIND.. THIS COMBINATION OF PASTOR AND TEACHERS WILL WORK BEST IN THIS CONGREGATION AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME FOR BUILDING MY CHURCH. PERHAPS CONDITIONS CHANGE. THE PASTOR IS CALLED AWAY. THE SCHOOL LOSES ITS PRINCIPAL. A NEW COMBINATION OF WORKERS IS THEN TO CARRY OUT THE WORK OF THE LORD IN THAT CONGREGATION.. WHAT I AM GETTING AT IS THAT THE LORD KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING IN DIRECTING THE CALL. WE SHOULD NOT FEEL THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN "STUCK" WITH A PASTOR WE CAN'T WORK WITH OR WITH A TEACHER WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO USE COMMON SENSE. REMEMBER THAT THE LORD CAN EVEN USE OUR WEAKNESS TO PROMOTE HIS KINGDOM. REMEMBER HOW JOSEPH WAS SENT TO EGYPT THROUGH HIS BROTHER'S JEALOSY AND THROUGH JOSEPH GOD KEPT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ALIVE DURING THE FAMINE. SINCE WE ARE ALL CALLED SERVANTS OF THE WORD WE WILL LEARN TO BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER'S WEAKNESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS, WITH ONE ANOTHER'S HABITS AND PECULIARITIES.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE CONGREGATION THAT WE WHO SERVE TOGETHER PRESENT A UNITED FRONT. PARENTS AND CHILDREN MUST KNOW BY OUR PREACHING, TEACHING, AND LIVING THAT WE ALL HAVE BUT ONE PURPOSE IN MIND, PREPARING SOULS FOR ETERNAL LIFE. IF WE ARE TRULY WORKERS TOGETHER THEN WE SHOULD BE CERTAIN THAT FELLOW WORKERS ARE DAILY SENDING UP THEIR PETITIONS TO THE THRONE OF GRACE ON OUR BEHALF. WHAT A HIGH PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF THIS PRAYING FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST! WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE CHRIST FIRST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR US.

THE GOD-PLEASING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER

II. WHY IT ISN'T WHAT IT SHOULD BE.

FORWARD

SATAN KNOWS ONLY TOO WELL WHAT GIGANTIC STRIDES/THE LORD CAN MAKE IN HIS CHURCH THROUGH THE FAITHFUL COOPERATION OF HIS UNDERSHEPHERDS. SO SATAN, BENT ON TEARING DOWN THE CHURCH, SOWS SEEDS OF DISCORD AND STRIFE IN THE HEARTS OF PASTORS AND TEACHERS. IF SATAN CAN SUCCEED IN GETTING THE CHURCHES LEADERS TO VIE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER, HE WILL ALSO SUCCEED IN CONVINCING CONGREGATIONS THAT A CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL IS NOT WORTHWHILE. IT JUST CAUSES A LOT OF HEAD-ACHES AND PROBLEMS. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF SATAN. WE ARE NOT DEALING JUST WITH "FLESH AND BLOOD" BUT WE ARE STRIVING AGAINST THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS WHO WAS CAST OUT OF GOD'S KINGDOM. HE IS BITTER OVER HIS DEFEAT. THE ONLY JOY LEFT FOR HIM IS TO DRAG OTHERS DOWN TO HIS HOPELESS REALM OF PAIN AND AGONY.

THESE

OUR OLD ADAM DOES NOT APPROVE OF ~~THOSE~~ 14-HOUR DAYS AND THESE SIX AND SEVEN WORKING-DAY-WEEKS THAT WE OFTEN PUT IN. HE SAYS LOOK WHAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE GETTING FOR SALARY. LOOK WHAT THE DOCTORS AND LAWYERS GET, ~~THEY~~ YOU'VE GONE TO SCHOOL AS LONG AS THEY. YOU'RE A SAP ~~MAN~~ WORKING FOR PEANUTS. YOU COULD REALLY GET AHEAD OUT THERE IN THE WORLD. YOU'VE GOT THE STUFF KID, WHY DON'T YOU RESIGN WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG AND MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF YOURSELF BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

YES, ALL OF THE LORD'S WORKERS ARE OFTEN SORELY TEMPTED TO ABANDON THE SHIP, TO FORFEIT THEIR CALL FOR A "MESS OF POTTAGE." OUR SINFUL NATURE AND THE DAILY TEMPTATIONS OF SATAN CAN AND OFTEN DO MUCH TO DESTROY CORDIAL, GOD-PLEASING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER.

AS JESUS' OWN 12 DISCIPLES WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ISN'T THE PRINCIPAL THE GREATEST? HE HAS A NUMBER OF TEACHERS UNDER HIM. ISN'T THE PASTOR THE GREATEST? HE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WHOLE FLOCK. ISN'T THE LOWER GRADE TEACHER THE GREATEST? AFTER ALL WHO IS IT THAT TAUGHT THE CHILDREN TO READ AND WRITE, TO BUCKLE THEIR BOOTS AND BLOW THEIR NOSES? WHAT DID THE LORD TELL HIS DISCIPLES? THOSE WHO HAVE THE FAITH OF A

LITTLE CHILD; THOSE WHO SERVE THE MOST ARE THE GREATEST.

N SATAN IS NOT CONTENT IN JUST HAVING US WRANGLE OVER RANK. HE PLAYS DIRTY. HE HITS BELOW THE BELT. HE DOES ALL HE CAN TO MAKE CHRIST'S WORKERS JEALOUS OF ONE ANOTHER. THE TEACHER LOOKS AT THE FINE PARSONAGE THE CONGREGATION HAS PROVIDED FOR THE PASTOR AND SAYS, WELL YOU CAN SEE HOW MUCH THE CONGREGATION THINKS OF ME LETTING ME LIVE IN THIS DRAFTY BROKEN DOWN RENTED SHACK. THE PASTOR GLANCES OUT HIS STUDY WINDOW IN THE HEAT OF SUMMER TO SEE HIS TEACHERS GO OFF WITH GOLF CLUBS AND FISHING GEAR AND THINKS TO HIMSELF. BOY THEY REALLY HAVE AN EASY JOB - THREE MONTHS VACATION AND THEY GET ALMOST THE SAME SALARY AS I.

SATAN KNOWS THE BIBLE TOO. HE IS ABLE TO QUOTE IT FOR HIS PURPOSE. HE KNOWS THAT "THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL." HOW MUCH OF THE DISCORD AND LACK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER COULD BE TRACED BACK TO THIS, HE'S GETTING PAID FOR IT, LET HIM DO IT HIMSELF, OR I'M NOT GETTING MUCH MONEY, WHY SHOULD I RUN MY FOOL HEAD OFF FOR THE CHURCH. SATAN MAKES THE PASTOR SWELL WITH PRIDE WHEN HE SEES ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET THAT THE CONGREGATION WILL PAY HIM MORE SALARY THAN THE TEACHER. SATAN MAKES THE TEACHER BOIL INSIDE THAT HE AND SHE ARE NOT GETTING AN EQUAL SHARE.

PASTORS AND TEACHERS ARE NOT WITHOUT SINFUL, SEXUAL LUSTS AND DESIRES. PITY THE CONGREGATION WHERE SATAN HAS SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING SHAME UPON THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL BECAUSE PASTOR OR TEACHER OR TEACHER AND TEACHER HAVE NOT BEEN SOBER AND VIGILANT AND PRUDENT IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX.

THE GOD-PLEASING REALTIONSHIP THAT SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN CO-WORKERS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS OFTEN MARRED NOT BY THE WORKERS THEMSELVES BUT BY THEIR SPOUSES WHO ALSO HAVE THE OLD ADAM AND THE DAILY TEMPTATION OF SATAN. THE PASTOR'S AND TEACHER'S WIVES ARE NOT THE CALLED SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION. THEY ARE THERE TO HELP THEIR SPOUSES BUT HOW OFTEN SATAN USES THEM AS TEMPTORS TO SPREAD GREED

PRIDE, ENVY AND DISCONTENT.

I AM SURE EACH OF YOU COULD ADD TO MY INCOMPLETE LIST OF THINGS THAT TEND TO DESTROY THE LOVING, DEDICATED UNITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD" IN THE CONGREGATION. SATAN AND OUR FLESH WILL NOT ALWAYS USE THE SAME MODE OF ATTACK ON THE CHURCH. THEY WILL CHANGE THEIR STRATEGY FROM TIME TO TIME TO FIT THE EXISTING CONDITIONS.

THE PURPOSE OF MENTIONING THESE THINGS THAT TEND TO DESTROY THE GOD-PLEASING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER IS SO THAT WE MIGHT BE ACUTELY AWARE THAT THERE ARE A MULTITUDE OF THINGS THAT ARE WORKING TOWARD THE DESTRUCTION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHILE GOD WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT WORKING THROUGHT ~~ON~~ THE MEANS OF GRACE IS STRIVING TO BUILD UP HIS KINGDOM AND PREPARE IT FOR THE DAY OF ETERNITY.

WE MUST NOT TRY TO IGNORE THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE TO TEAR US APART. WE MUST NOT TRY TO COVER UP OUR WEAKNESSES WITH A SHOW OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. WE ARE SINFUL MORTALS JUST LIKE THE CHILDREN WE TEACH AND THE PEOPLE WE MINISTER TO. WE TOO ARE PRONE TO COMMIT ALL THE SINS OF THE FLESH IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED. WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT WE DO NOT TAKE "PROFESSIONAL" LIBERTIES WITH THE PRECIOUS WORD THAT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO US OR FLIRT WITH SIN THAT MIGHT DESTROY FIRST THE UNITY AND FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN THE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST AND THEN STRENGTH OF THE CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION WE SERVE.

!!!. WAYS TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE BOND OF FELLOWSHIP.

THE PERSONAL, PRAYERFUL, DAILY USE OF THE WORD OF GOD IS THE BEST DETERENT AND SAFEGARD AGAINST ALL SIN AND TEMPTATION. WE SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK ITS EFFECT IN STRENGTHENING THE BOND OF FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER. EACH OF US IS IN PART RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE LACK IN UNITY. EACH OF US MUST BE PENITENT AND BEG THE LORD JESUS TO ~~BE~~ FORGIVE US. SIN IS NEVER A DEAD ISSUE. WE MUST DAILY REPENT. WE MUST DAILY SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FOR STRENGTH AND RENEWED ZEAL FOR THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO US BY THE LORD OF THE CHURCH.





OUR FELLOW WORKERS IN THE DODGE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

THE MATTER OF COMMUNICATION IS DOUBLY IMPORTANT ON THE HOME FRONT. WE DARE NOT BE SO BUSY ABOUT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S BUSINESS THAT WE DO NOT FREQUENTLY TALK TO OUR FELLOW WORKERS. CHURCH AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OFTEN OVERLAP ONE ANOTHER. THE TEACHER MUST OFTEN DECIDE THAT HER RESPONSIBILITIES TO HER PUPILS MUST SUPERCEDE HER RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CONGREGATION AS A WHOLE. SHE MAY HAVE TO MISS CHOIR OR BIBLE CLASS BECAUSE HER DAILY PREPARATIONS JUST TAKE THAT MUCH TIME. LET THE TEACHER EXPLAIN TO THE PRINCIPAL WHY SHE COULDN'T BE TO CHOIR OR THE FACULTY MEETING. IT WASN'T A LACK OF CONCERN. IT WAS JUST A LACK OF TIME. HOW MANY TENSIONS AND SUSPICIONS CAN BE RELIEVED AND AVOIDED IF PASTOR AND TEACHER WILL JUST COMMUNICATE. SILENCE BUILDS WALLS OF SEPARATION THAT DO NOT AID THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. I HAVE FELT THAT COMMUNICATION IS SO IMPORTANT THAT AT MY OWN EXPENSE I HAVE INSTALLED AN INTERCOM SYSTEM BETWEEN THE TEACHERAGE, THE SCHOOL AND THE PARSONAGE. THE PASTOR AND TEACHER CAN COMMUNICATE CONFIDENTIALLY AND BE CONVENIENTLY AT ANY HOUR OF THE DAY WITHOUT INTERRUPTING THE BUSY SCHEDULE OF THE OTHER BY MUCH.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER CAN BE IMPROVED IF WE CONSTANTLY REMEMBER OUR HIGH CALLING. WE ARE "NEW CREATURES." WE ARE "AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST." WE ARE "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM." GOD HAS "COMMITTED UNTO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION." THE LORD HAS CALLED US INTO VERY RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS. WE ARE TO BE THE LEADERS AND EXAMPLES TO OTHERS. IF THERE IS STRIFE BETWEEN GOD'S WORKERS, WHAT WILL WE EXPECT TO FIND IN THE VISIBLE CHURCH? SATAN HAS MADE US HIS CHOICE TARGETS. IF HE SUCCEEDS IN TRIPPING US UP, WHAT A VICTORY HE HAS WON! BUT IF WE AS "WORKERS TOGETHER" BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRESENT A UNITED FRONT BEFORE GOD, THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD, WE WILL NOT GIVE THE ENEMIES OF THE GOSPEL CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT AND WE WILL NOT OFFEND THE WEAK WITHIN THE CHURCH.



EACH OF US MUST RESPECT THE OTHER'S GOD-GIVEN POSITION. IN THE EYES OF THE LORD HE WILL BE GREATEST WHO HAS SERVED THE MOST FAITHFULLY. WE SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE WORLD THINKS OF OUR POSITION. AS TO THE MATTER OF RANK, BOOKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ON THE SUBJECT, WHETHER THE PRINCIPAL IS AN EQUAL OF THE PASTOR'S OR NOT, I DON'T THINK WE NEED ENTER INTO ANY LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS. IN THE STANDARD CALL USED IN OUR CIRCLES IT IS STATED: "IN EXTENDING THIS CALL TO YOU WE SOLEMNLY OBLIGATE YOU . . . TO MAINTAIN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINE IN THE SCHOOL, SERVE THE CONGREGATION AS AN EXAMPLE BY YOUR CHRISTIAN CONDUCT, EARNESTLY ENDEAVOR TO LIVE IN CHRISTIAN UNITY WITH THE PASTOR, SUBMIT TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE PASTOR AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SCHOOL, AND WITH THE HELP OF GOD DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF YOUR CALL FOR THE GENERAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST."

BEFORE THERE CAN BE SUCH A THING AS A CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL THE MEANS OF GRACE MUST BE ADMINISTERED TO THE CHURCH. ONLY THE PASTOR IS CALLED TO DO THIS WORK FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION. BY VIRTUE OF HIS CALL THE CHILDREN OF THE CONGREGATION ARE ALSO UNDER THE PASTOR'S CARE. AS IS ALSO THE SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF ALL THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE CONGREGATION.

EACH PASTOR MUST BE ON GUARD LEST HE ABUSE HIS POSITION JUST AS THE CHRISTIAN HUSBAND MUST NOT ABUSE HIS POSITION. AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, THE HUSBAND THE HEAD OF THE WIFE, LET THE PASTOR BE THE HEAD OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION. BUT THIS LEADING SHOULD NOT BE DONE OUT OF THE LOVE FOR POWER AND AUTHORITY. REMEMBER THAT CHRIST GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THE CHURCH. THE HUSBAND MUST BE WILLING TO SPEND HIS LIFE FOR HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. LIKEWISE LET THE PASTOR BE BOTH THE HEAD AND THE SERVANT OF THE SCHOOL. HE MIGHT EVEN TAKE OUT THE TRASH AND CLEAN A TOILET WHEN THE GOOD OF THE SCHOOL MIGHT BE SERVED.

I BELIEVE THAT CORDIAL RELATIONSHIPS CAN BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY AN OCCASIONAL FAMILY GET-TOGETHER. PLAY A GAME OF SHEEP'S HEAD OR SCRABBLE TOGETHER. DRINK A BEER OR A HIGH BALL TOGETHER. ROAST A FEW WEENIES ON THE

GRILL. GO ON A PICNIC. PLAY A GAME OF BALL OR BATMITTON. THESE THINGS CAN SURELY BE ABUSED. THEY CAN BECOME TOO FREQUENT AND BRING A FAMILIARITY THAT BREEDS CONTEMPT. THEY CAN TURN INTO DRINKING PARTIES INSTEAD OF SOCIAL EVENING. THEY CAN BECOME COOKING AND HOUSEKEEPING CONTESTS RATHER THAN CONGENIAL GET-TOGETHERS. BUT THE ABUSE DOES NOT DO AWAY WITH THE GOOD USE OF THESE THINGS.

I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN OUR CONFERENCE IF WHEN A NEW PASTOR OR TEACHER JOINS US OR LEAVES US WE HAVE A GET-TOGETHER OF BOTH PASTOR'S AND TEACHERS - NOT JUST THE PASTORS OR JUST THE TEACHERS. IT WOULD DO A LOT TO MAKE THE NEW COMER FEEL WELCOME AND AT THE SAME TIME SHOW HIM THAT WE FOSTER CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL OF THE LORD'S WORKERS IN OUR CONFERENCE. THIS WOULD GIVE US ALL A CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AND DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS IN A VERY INFORMAL WAY. IT WOULD TAKE AWAY MUCH OF THE FEELING OF COMPETITION AND SEPARATION THAT SO EASILY CREEPS INTO THE PASTOR-TEACHER RELATIONSHIP.

SALARY IS A VERY TOUCHY AREA IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF PASTOR AND TEACHER. BUT TEACHERS, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT NO PASTOR IS SATISFIED WITH THE SALARY THAT IS BEING PAID TO THE TEACHER, IF THAT SALARY IS ONE THAT CAUSES HARDSHIP OR IS NOT COMMESURATE WITH THE HIGH CALLING OF THE TEACHING MINISTRY. THE PASTOR MIGHT PERHAPS SHOW HIS CONCERN FOR THE TEACHERS' WELFARE BY SPEAKING OUT LOUD AND CLEARLY AT EVERY ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE THE NEEDS OF THE TEACHERS. THE PASTOR MIGHT CHECK WITH THE TEACHER ORGANIST AFTER A WEDDING OR A FUNERAL TO SEE IF THEY RECEIVED THE WHITE ENVELOPE. IF THE PEOPLE REMEMBERED THE PASTOR AND NOT THE TEACHER. WHY NOT SPLIT THE TAKE? WOULDN'T THIS GO MILES IN PRESERVING A SPIRIT OF LOVE BETWEEN THE TWO. LIKEWISE WHEN THE MEMBERS BRING THE MEAT AND PRODUCE TO THE PARSONAGE DOOR, WOULDN'T IT BE CHARITABLE TO SEE IF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WERE SIMILARLY REMEMBERED, AND IF THEY WEREN'T TO SHARE WITH THEM.

KNOWING THAT EACH OF US IS DAILY ASSAULTED BY OUR OLD ADAM AND THE DEVIL WE SHOULD HELP EACH OTHER CONQUER OUR FAULTS AND CURB THOSE THINGS THAT DO NOT EDIFY. BROTHERLY ADVICE GIVEN PRIVATELY AND EVANGELICALLY IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MADE "NEW CREATURES" IN CHRIST. IF THE PASTOR IS DOING THINGS THAT ARE DESTROYING THE UNITY THEN HE MUST BE TOLD BY THOSE WHO WORK WITH HIM DAILY. DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT. IF YOU SEE THE PROBLEM, YOU TACKLE IT. THE PASTOR WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE ADMONITION BY THE LADY TEACHER AS WELL AS BY THE PRINCIPAL. ON THE OTHER HAND LET US NOT BE "PICKY." EVERYONE IS GOING TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTY IN A LITTLE DIFFERENT WAY. THE TEACHER MAY NOT DO THINGS THE WAY WE WOULD. THE PASTOR MAY NOT BE THE KIND OF LEADER WE WOULD BE IF WE WERE IN HIS POSITION. THERE ARE DIFFERENT GIFTS. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF DOING THINGS. THERE IS NOT ONE RIGHT WAY, AND ALL OTHER WAYS WRONG.

IF THE PRINCIPAL AND ALL WIFE TEACHERS ARE PRESENT AT THE CHURCH BOARD MEETINGS THERE IS A GREATER FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TEAMWORK. THE TEACHERS NEED NOT BE VOTING MEMBERS OF THAT ASSEMBLY BUT THEIR PRESENCE WILL HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH AND ALSO HELP THEM TO TRAIN THE CHILDREN TO BE A PART OF THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE. OFTEN TIMES THINGS ARE DISCUSSED AT CHURCH BOARD MEETINGS THAT THE TEACHERS SHOULD KNOW, THE PASTOR INTENDS TO TELL THEM BUT BEFORE HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO HE HAS FORGOTTEN. THE TEACHER CAN ALSO BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THE PASTOR IN THE BOARD MEETING BY BACKING UP THE PASTOR ON BIBLICAL TEACHINGS AND CHURCH POLICIES THAT WOULD TRULY BE IN ACCORD WITH GOD'S WORD. THE VOTERS MEETING OR THE CHURCH BOARD MEETING SHOULD NOT BE THE PLACE WHERE PASTOR AND TEACHER ARGUE IT OUT. BUT HERE A GOD-PLEASING RELATIONSHIP IS SO IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE HARMONY IN THE WHOLE CONGREGATION. NEEDLESS TO SAY THE PASTOR AND TEACHER SHOULD NEVER CRITICIZE ONE ANOTHER OUTSIDE EACH OTHER'S PRESENCE. THEY

SHOULD NEVER BE PARTIES TO ANY CLIQUES THAT ARE FORMED TO OUST THE PASTOR OR THE TEACHER.

WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PASTOR AND TEACHER SHOULD BE A MOST BLESSED RELATIONSHIP. IT OFTEN WEAKENS AND BREAKS DOWN BECAUSE OF SIN - THE OLD ADAM WITHIN AND THE DEVIL FROM WITHOUT. BUT IT CAN BE IMPROVED AND RESTORED IF THE SPIRIT OF THE GOSPEL PERVADES ALL OUR DEALINGS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR. PRAY FOR YOUR TEACHERS.

PASTOR  
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