

Today, I hope that what I have for you is an encouragement and a challenge that helps you see how you can **Step Up** as a man of your church. How you can best take care of and work alongside of your pastor to serve the Lord.

1. **Step Up and Be loyal to your Pastor** – Show God's man that you are behind him - however he leads. Show God's man that you will follow his wishes, as he is responsible for you. **Prov. 24:21-22**
2. **Step Up and Love your Pastor** – We need to love him with a love that only God can give you....and love his family also. **1 Thess. 5:12-13**
3. **Step Up and Respect your Pastor's calling** – And teach your children to respect him. **Jer. 3:15**. Don't speak negatively of your Pastor...ever.
4. **Step Up and Pray for your Pastor** – Mount an arsenal of prayer before every service so that Satan cannot hinder the work of God.
5. **Step Up and Obey your Pastor** – God has given him authority over you. Obey that authority. **Heb. 13:7, 17**
6. **Step Up in Humility and Don't try to tell your Pastor what to preach** - He needs to preach what God lays on his heart. If you don't like it, too bad. God needs to speak to those that will listen.
7. **Step Up and Pay your Pastor a living wage** – **1 Tim. 5:17-18**. As your church is able, pay him enough that he is not lacking....and also give to him personally...make sure his needs are met, and that his family's needs are met. Make that a priority.
8. **Step Up and Build up your Pastor's reputation** – Do not tear him down...and do not allow others to tear him down in front of you.
9. **Step Up and Build up your Pastor's morale** – Encourage him.
10. **Step Up and Build up your Pastor's wisdom** - Give him good counsel. He'll be the first to admit that he doesn't have all the answers. **Jethro in Exodus 18:14-26**
11. **Step Up and Build up your Pastor's leadership** – by cooperating with him. If you want him to be a great leader, then be a great follower.
12. **Step Up and Come to church and listen** – Let your Pastor see you in Sunday School and Church services all the time, listening intently to the messages God gives him, praying at the altar, ministering to others, letting God change your life.
13. **Step Up and Follow the Christ that your Pastor preaches** – This is more important than all the rest. But doing this encompasses all the rest.

We build together, as individual churches, as God uses us, to build the church. Your job is to find out all that entails and **Step Up** to do your part. Start with these 13 things. **Step Up** – As a Man of Your Church.