
Good
Morning

OCCUPY CHURCHES COUNTRYWIDE!!

DATE: SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

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Courtesy of His High Places Ministries

PASTOR STATISTICS

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1,500 pastors leave their ministries each month due to burnout, conflict, or moral failure.

*<http://www.pastorburnout.com/pastor-burnout-statistics.html>

80%

of pastors say they have insufficient time with their spouse

80%

believe that pastoral ministry affects their families negatively.

75%

report severe stress causing anguish, worry, bewilderment, anger, depression, fear, and alienation.

70%

don't have any close friends

57%

would leave the pastorate if they had somewhere else to go or some other vocation they could do

45%

of pastors say that they've experienced depression or burnout to the extent that they needed to take a leave of absence from ministry.

Some good News

The State of Pastors, Volume 2 Report by Barna (2024):

- **59%** of pastors are "very satisfied" with their vocation, up from 52%
- **47%** of pastors report being "very satisfied" with their ministry at their current church, up from 38%

Pillars of Pastoral Ministry and Congregational Partnership

1. *Preaching with Purpose*
2. *Practicing Integrity*
3. *Promoting Growth*
4. *Power and effect of Gospel*

1. Preaching with Purpose

(The Labour and Toil)

- **1 Thess 2:9** For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
- Motive reflecting the *heart of the shepherd*

2. Practicing integrity

(The Witness of Conduct Verse 10)

- **1 Thess 2:10** You are witnesses, and God also, how **holy** and **righteous** and **blameless** was our conduct toward you believers."
- *The Gospel's **credibility** shines through the righteous lives of its messengers and the hearers.*

Integrity

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

3. Promoting Growth

(The Fatherly exhortation vs 11-12)

- **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** For you know how, like a father with his children, we **exhorted** each one of you and **encouraged** you and **charged** you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
- *The purpose of preaching : to exhort, encourage and charge us to walk in a manner worthy of God*

Paul elaborates in Chapter 4 & 5:

- *Sexual Purity and Holiness*
- *Love for One Another*
- *Work Ethic and Self-Sufficiency*
- *Respect for Church Leaders*
- *Faithfulness in Spiritual Practice:*
- *Discernment and Spiritual Growth*

4. Power and effect of the Gospel

(The reception and effect of the Gospel vs 13)

- **1 Thess 2:10** And we also thank God constantly[a] for this, that when **you received** the word of God, which you heard from us, **you accepted it** not as the word of men[b] but as what it really is, the word of God, which **is at work in you** believers.
- *Receive God's Word as divine truth that actively transforms*

"How to Love Your Pastor"

by Greg Morse
a staff writer for desiringGod.org

- *Esteem Them*
- *Imitate Them*
- *Pray for Them*
- *Stand by Them*
- *Help Them Love You*

The Shared Journey
of Preaching &
Hearing the Gospel

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13