

## For The Ministry

### DON'TS FOR PASTORS

(Anonymous)

1. Don't reflect on the work of your predecessor. Compliment him.
2. Don't expect more from your laymen than you would be willing to give or do were your positions reversed.
3. Don't preach storehouse tithing unless you practice it yourself.
4. Don't house an evangelist with economy as the main consideration. Place him in the best hotel and feed him at the best restaurant your church can afford.
5. Don't cancel an engagement with any speaker, including the evangelist, without giving him an opportunity to fill the date vacated.
6. Don't practice favoritism. Treat rich and poor alike.
7. Don't get into a preaching rut. Give variety to your ministry. Remember, you are supposed to feed the flock.
8. Don't sleep late. Your laymen rise early. Do the same for prayer, meditation, reading, and study.
9. Don't forget that your wife's children are yours also. Give them companionship as well as correction.
10. Don't let your wife carry the whole domestic responsibility. Lend a hand.
11. Don't leave any of your personal problems unsolved. Your first counselee might have the same problem disturbing you. The blind cannot lead the blind.
12. Don't leave your pastorate suddenly and accept a new pastorate too quickly. God doesn't lead one in this manner.
13. Don't be self-centered financially. Remember the golden rule when you pay evangelists, missionaries, and all invited public speakers.
14. Don't be easy on yourself and hard on the other fellow. Reverse it.

### BISHOP ASBURY AND PRAYER

Thus he began every day: "Rose this morning with a determination to fight or die and spent an hour in earnest prayer."

Communion with God through prayer was his very life. "Having a day of rest from public exercises, I spent it in meditation, prayer and reading."

He was always planning to secure more time for prayer. "I feel determined to use more private prayer, and may the Lord make me more serious, more watchful and more holy."

Wherever he stopped for the night, he prayed; wherever he ate, he closed the meal with prayer. At the approach of conference he sought opportunities for special prayer for divine guidance.

At one time it was his practice to set apart three hours of every twenty-four for this spiritual exercise; at another period in his life he gave himself to private prayer seven times a day; at another time it was his habit to spend a part of every hour when awake praying; at still another, ten minutes of every hour.

Freeborn Garrettson said of him that he prayed the most and prayed the best of any man he ever knew. When men mocked him, his revenge was a prayer that God would bless them.

The King's Highway

## QUOTATIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

Possessed of everything but God is eternal bankruptcy.—G. A. McLaughlin.

The communist demands his full share of all the wealth in the community. His gospel is one of demand for self. The Christian of Pentecost, on the other hand, contended only for the right to bestow his goods upon others.—Bishop J. M. Thoburn.

From the days of the Apostles until this hour, whenever Pentecostal fire has fallen upon men or churches it has invariably burned the purse strings off and filled the possessor with the spirit of liberalism.—Seth C. Rees.

Rather would I be in the place of the heathen, who know not the gospel, than in the place of those who put so light an estimate upon it as to be unwilling to make sacrifices of money and time for its support.—Phoebe Palmer.

How sad to think that not only worldlings, but vast numbers of professed Christians are using this world in such a way as to lay up no good store for the time to come.—George D. Watson.

He who undertakes to make a consecration of himself to God without including his purse, is like the manager who proposed to bring out the tragedy of Shakespeare and leave out the part of Hamlet.—Thomas Carter.

There is not wealth enough in all worlds, if it was all concentrated; nor is there a throne builded beneath the stars, high enough; nor is there breath enough in the nostrils of men to breathe renown enough; to be the object of the master-passion of a soul endued and winged for immortality.—P. F. Bresee.

It is folly for any man to claim sovereignty over his money, or over his talents, or over his time, or even of himself. We are not our own, for we ourselves with all we have, are under the control of a divine and supreme Sovereign.—R. T. Williams.

A man's real value is in the treasures of his heart and mind—not in the abundance of the outward things which he possesses. And he is to use the things of this world—not to be used of them. Only persons—God and men—are really of first-line value. Therefore the first thing involved in Christian Stewardship is the giving of one's heart and life to God: first in repentance and surrender for forgiveness and regeneration; and, second, in complete consecration and dedication for cleansing and endowment with divine unction and power.—James B. Chapman.

—Herald of Holiness

### BE STILL, MY SOUL

Be thou more calm.  
Know thou thy God;  
Make Him the balm  
To heal the wounds  
This world will give.  
Know thou thy God;  
Be still—and live.

—Audrey Bouser.

"I am much employed in the spirit and duty of prayer," he wrote. "My desire is that prayer should mix with every thought, with every wish, with every word, and with every action; that all might ascend as a holy, acceptable sacrifice to God."—The Prophet of the Long Road.

## For The Laity

### DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

1. That the church college teacher, or average minister does not get a living wage.
  2. His usefulness and that of his family may be curtailed for lack of the necessities of life.
  3. His work often involves every waking hour of the week. His pay rarely equals the factory-hand's wage yet he never stages a sit-down strike.
  4. His supporters expect him to trust God for his needs. A few of them do not trust God and tithe.
  5. The minister (not the teacher) may be given his rent but he often has to be his own builder.
  6. He may be given donations, but his car is the church taxi.
  7. The Christian teacher or preacher may give help beyond that of a psychiatrist or doctor but the salvaged fees rarely see his pockets.
  8. He is expected to dress well, to have respectable furniture and healthy children.
  9. His wage rarely recognizes the costly years of study behind his work.
- Prices have gone up since St. Paul's day. Is the laborer still worthy of his hire?—Arvilla McKenzie, 211 W. State, Wellsville, New York.

### BACK TO THE NARROW WAY

No Christian today has a right to speak lightly of the narrowness of our forefathers. Our boasted breadth has come to us at the expense of depth.

We are broad and shallow. They were narrow and deep.

Where the river flows over a broad, open plain it cannot be harnessed for power. When it flows through a deep, narrow gorge, it becomes a potential source of power. There it turns dynamos and generates blessings for mankind.

Jesus said: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—Matt. 7:13-14.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Prov. 16:25.

God's way is the right way. The way that seemeth right is wrong. Deluded, blinded, crippled humanity is taking the wrong way. Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6.

God keep us narrow as His Word. Then we shall live deep and bless the world of men in the power of the Holy Spirit.—Clipped.

It was once the custom at every household altar to pray, definitely and fervently, for the pastor. Is the custom going out? Do we hear the heart-warm petition offered for the minister, that his work may be blessed, his hands strengthened, his endeavors abundantly prospered? If not, we who love our Church do not love as we ought those who are its ordained priests. In the delicate duties of his office your pastor should be sustained by your prayers.—Dr. Roland.