

A CRITICAL EVALUATION ON

**THE ROLE OF A PASTOR
IN A PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

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ABSTRACT

In this essay, the writer tried to consider the personality and the role of a pastor in a Pentecostal church. This is done with the intend of finding solutions to the age long conflicts of what the role of the pastor should be in a local church, his wife and the congregation. In order to bring about peace and harmony among people as they work together in God's vineyard.

The first chapter contains the introduction, rationale for the essay, methodology, scope and definition of terms.

The second chapter looks at the pastor's personhood, his call and his theological training in relationship to his roles.

In the third chapter, the essential qualities for the pastor are considered in relation to their relevance to the work of the Lord.

The fourth chapter focuses on the role of the pastor's from the three perspectives: laity's, pastor and pastor's wife.

The conclusion is embodied in the fifth chapter. Here the summary, implications and recommendations to the laity, the pastor's wife and the pastor are given with the hope that if those recommendations are taken into consideration, the congregation, the pastor and his wife will be able to work unanimously and effectively in Lord's vineyard.

B RECOMMENDATIONS ¹

1 THE LAITY

- a) Accept the Pastor as a human being who has his own limitations.
- b) Set no goal for your Pastor. Allow him to be what God wants him to be.
- c) Always pray for your Pastor.
- d) Appreciate his contributions towards the progress of the church.
- e) Help your pastor to help you.
- f) Give him the opportunity to decide on what God intends him to do in your midst.
- g) Visit the Pastor.
- h) Endeavour to meet his needs, both spiritually, physically and materially.

2 TO THE PASTOR'S WIFE

- a) Be a Christian first and then Pastor's wife.
- b) Be yourself. Avoid being a man pleaser instead of a God pleaser.
- c) Be involved in the ministry of reconciliation.
- d) Help your husband in the work of the ministry.

¹ All recommendations in this section and summary of the writer's suggestions based on experience, research finding and observation.

- e Encourage your husband always.
- f Pray for your husband.
- g Develop yourself in the gospel ministry by attending Pastors' wives' meetings or any educative conference that will enhance your knowledge.
- h Accept your husband's ministry as your own.
- i. Be kind to people around you.
- j. Do not feel inadequate or inferior in the gospel ministry.
- k. Use your gift! Being a Pastor's wife does not mean that you should wrap up your gifts and personality.
- l. Humble yourself before your husband

3 TO THE PASTOR

- a Experience new birth and then Pastor.
- b. Develop a true partnership with your wife.
- c. Do not pretend to be what you are not
- d. Learn to develop leaders because you alone cannot finish the work of the ministry
- e. Allow God to promote you in the midst of your colleagues; Don't struggle for post in any association.
- f. Look unto the Lord for strength and provision. The Lord is your strength. He will enable you and provide for your needs.
- g. Be free from any blackmailing and scandals.
- h. Avoid sins. Sin destroys ministry.

- i. Be honest and kind to the people your minister to.
- j. Help your wife to discover God's purpose for her life.
- k. Orientate your wife unto the gospel Ministry if you are already in the ministry.
- l. Marry whoever God wants for you.
- m. Allow your wife to attend conferences, seminars and workshops.
- n. Give your wife the opportunity of theological training especially if she senses God's call.
- o. Recognise and accept your wife as a person not as your shadow.
- p. Buy your wife good educative books that will enhance her knowledge in the gospel ministry.
- q. Avoid dictating to her what you want her to be or do. Allow her to be what God intended her to be and do.
- r. Help your wife to help you. Remember that you are the only husband she has.
- s. Always pray for your wife.
- t. Allow the Holy Spirit to direct you in the work of the Lord.