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Hebrews 13:15-18

If you attend church, then God has given you a pastor to care for your soul by modeling godliness, preaching the Word, and training and exhorting you in righteousness—even when you might not feel like listening. He cares about your spiritual well-being and needs to know you care for him too.

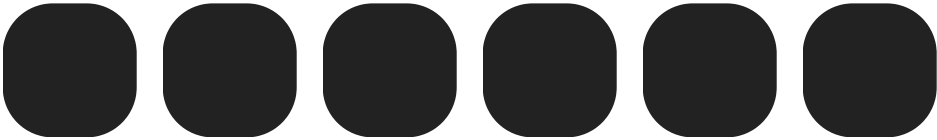
Many believers neglect giving encouragement to the pastor because they forget that he too is a member of the body of Christ. It can be lonely and discouraging to selflessly sacrifice for the congregation without ever receiving honor and appreciation from them.

Today's passage says that we should obey and submit to our leaders so they can faithfully do their job as shepherds with joy instead of groaning. Paul said elders who rule well and work hard at preaching and teaching should be given double honor ([1 Timothy 5:17](#)).

When was the last time you expressed appreciation to your pastor? This week, look for ways to demonstrate your love to him. And above all, pray for him. Don't assume that he needs no intercession; the opposite is true. Every pastor needs to know that his congregation values him.

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