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THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



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21 % say their church has unrealistic expectations of them.



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significant personal attacks	(34%)
conflict over changes they proposed	(38%)
conflict over their leadership style	(27%)
conflict over expectations about the pastor's role	(25%)
conflict over doctrinal differences	(13%)

“This is a brutal job...”

“pastors have a challenging work environment.”

**“Churches ought to be concerned,
and they ought to be doing what they can.”**

**Scott, McConnell
LifeWay Vice President**



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Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock...
I know that after my departure **fierce wolves** will come in
among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own
selves will arise men speaking **twisted things**,
to draw away the disciples after them...
Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years
I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

(Acts 20:28-31 ESV)

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But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,
but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

(Hebrews 10:39 ESV)

But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

(Mark 13:13 ESV)

Spiritual Leaders minister in such a way that God's people will persevere in faith for the salvation of the soul.

Remember your leaders,
those who **spoke to you the word of God**. Consider the
outcome of their way of life, and **imitate their faith**.

(Hebrews 13:7 ESV)

shepherd the flock of God that is among you,
exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly,
as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;
not domineering over those in your charge,
but **being examples to the flock.**

(1 Peter 5:2-3 ESV)

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→ **willingness to follow your leaders (attitude & action)**

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Where am I to get meat to give to all this people?
For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat,
that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone;
the burden is too heavy for me.

(Numbers 11:13-14 ESV)

“... it would be unprofitable to the people to cause sorrow and mourning to their pastors by their ingratitude... we cannot be troublesome or disobedient to our pastors without hazarding our own salvation.”

John Calvin

The faithful pastor leads with love
He serves the church for God above;
So may our criticism die,
And then his joy will multiply.

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Not only does the church need spiritual leaders,
but also spiritual leaders need the church and her prayers.

A caring pastor will build up his church,
and a caring church will build up her pastor.