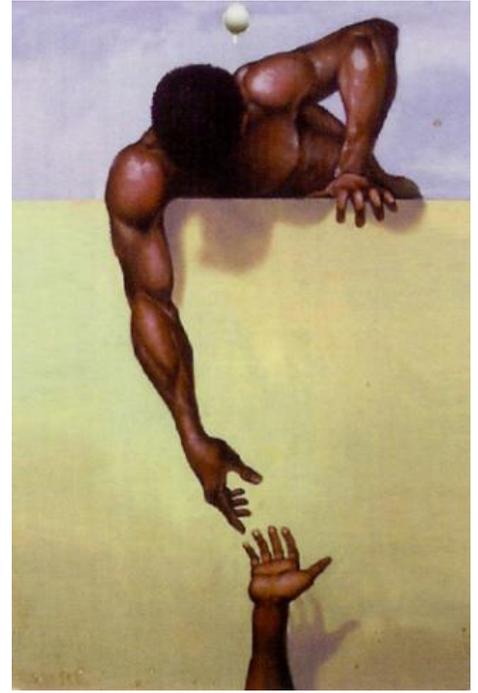


*“Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our **Dearly Beloved, And Fellowlabourer.**” Philemon 1:1 KJV*

All believers are “fellowlabourers” with Christ! We often think of pastors as being more capable believers, but truthfully, all believers are sinners saved by Grace. None should “*think of himself more highly than he ought to think,*” and vice versa: That is, not to think of ourselves less than we ought. When Christ said, “*Without Me, Ye can do nothing,*” it included every one of us! “*It is God that worketh in [all of us], both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure.*” Pastors require ministering to as well, but they have learned, as we all should, that the best food is at the KING’S table, and it is available to anyone who will come! “*And the Spirit and the Bride (the CHURCH) say, ‘Come.’ Whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely.*” The word minister means “to serve” and we all serve Christ by serving the Body of Christ, believers! “*Ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*” Pastors are as much the Body of Christ as any believer and,



not to put too fine a point on it, probably need more prayer and fellowship than anyone! They carry great responsibility before God! The Apostle Paul wrote, “*Brethren, Pray for us! Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel.*” He was thankful for the encouragement! It’s not a compliment the Pastor needs so much as fellowship in the Word of God. Pray for AND give towards your Pastor’s needs every day and stay in tune with God’s Word so you always have Truth to share when you talk. They have financial, family, AND spiritual difficulties, and are no less susceptible to depression, perhaps even more so. Satan attacks Pastors with more ferocity and venom than others, because he knows that, if he can destroy a man of God, he can effectively destroy an Assembly and it’s testimony! If you don’t pray for AND fellowship with your Pastor, you provide help to Satan. He and his angels go to church faithfully! It’s where they work best: Sidetracking believers with petty jealousy, pride, bitterness, and whispers of doubt, planting tares, and dividing the Assembly to weaken them! Satan doesn’t need to be in the bar, brothel, or sports arena, he already controls that crowd! The Church of the Jesus Christ is his greatest enemy and especially its Pastor! Pastors struggle to walk close with God to minister to you, but who ministers to them? Are pettiness and pride keeping you from your responsibility to pray for your Pastor? I learned more from my Junior Church kids than anyone, because they don’t hide behind pretense and are brutally honest, but my greatest reward was seeing a little one come to know God! The Apostle John wrote, “*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth.*” For any true man of God, your joy in the Lord is their greatest reward and encouragement!

You may not hear a single fret,  
Of all the burdens on them set,  
But Pastor’s burden, hid from sight,  
Needs daily prayer to make it light! ~CGP

Most consider pastor’s work is reach down and pull up, but it’s more like, they kneel down and push up! When their advice seems harsh, remember, they didn’t want it either when God told them! Pray for them daily!

*“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation (their actions).” Hebrews 13:7 KJV*