

"Brethren, Pray For Us." 1 Thessalonians  
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Who is your Spiritual leader? Satan is not AS interested in destroying the "Brethren" as he is their leaders. If He can destroy just one pastor, he can effect a whole congregation. We need to pray for one another, faithfully and earnestly, but more than that we need to hold our leaders up before the Throne of Grace throughout each day, every day. They experience and endure the same human heartaches and disappointments with which we all must deal, but they must do so while ministering to others. Ministry requires a 24/7 commitment. Willingness is one thing, but stamina and ability



rely on human frailty that only God can sustain. Many a ministry has ended, because of the inability of human frame to keep up with the urgency of mission. Many a pastor has succumbed to the ailments of humanity. It is not a coincidence when we think of our pastor, because the omniscient God brings them before our consciousness to impress us to pray for them in a moment of human need that they may continue unhindered by Satan in the ministry. It is also important that we pray for their wives and children. "Pray for US." Satan often uses family to destroy God's man. Pray God's hedge of protection around them so Satan's schemes and ploys are thwarted before they begin. The Church requires the coordinated harmony of all its members responding to Christ, like a body automatically responding to the soul and spirit of a man. If a ministry fails, nine out of ten times, it's because its members stagnated in the pews and neglected their intercessory duty on behalf of leaders. The Church is an organism, not an organization. If there is no harmony of Spirit among its members, it will die. Satan knows discord will kill a Church. "He that soweth discord among Brethren" is on God's seven most hated list. Even if true, don't allow evil whisperings to destroy God's Church. It was the evil "Hisser" in the Garden that brought the human race down. No one is perfect and we all sin. The earmark of "the brethren" is forgiveness and love. Let me caution here, however: if a pastor commits a gross sin like theft or adultery, if they repent, we should forgive them, yes, but their qualification for ministry is tainted and they should be removed to another area of service. A pastor must be blameless. It is our duty to hold them up daily and hourly before God lest Satan use them to defile a congregation. The same applies to deacons, teachers, and other brethren.

Your pastor needs your constant prayer,  
Lest they falter and start to err,  
The carnal flesh doth plague us all,  
Without vigilance we will fall. –CGP

Don't let evil sour you towards another saint, even if they deserve it. It only hurts you. "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." My wise mother often said, "If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all." Pray for them remembering you are just as weak. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Pride damned Lucifer and it will damn you as well! The Church is like a hospital: you don't go there to find healthy people. Church is where you find sinners of all kinds seeking the healing touch of God. Don't go there expecting not to find hypocrisy or other sin. Just mind your own self and trust God to deal with your disobedient siblings.

*"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:31-32 KJV*