

Pastor Appreciation

A guide to help you show honor during the month of October.

Please choose one idea from the list and plan to do it sometime in October. This list is not exhaustive.

We hope you will prayerfully consider how you will respond to 1 Timothy 5:17.

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“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.”
1 Tim. 5:17

Send a Thoughtful Card

Use one of these questions to guide your thinking to make it personal and meaningful.

- > What is one truth your pastor taught from the pulpit that really stands out to you? How did hearing that truth bring you closer to Jesus?
- > What is one thing that you see in the life of your pastor that you are grateful for?
- > Describe a time when your pastor encouraged you and thank them for it.
- > Describe a time that your pastor handled a challenging situation with a godly attitude and commend them for it.

Send a Gift that Lightens the Financial Load

- > **Coffee.** Many pastors have on-the-fly counseling when crisis strikes. Often the best place to meet is at a restaurant or coffee house. Gift a gift card to a local diner to help out.
- > **Books.** Gift your pastor an Amazon gift card so that when they see a book that may be beneficial for them or their ministry, they can afford to get it.
- > **Education.** If your pastor is pursuing an advanced degree, make a donation to their cost of classes or books. It will be an investment that pays big dividends for you and your church.
- > **Groceries.** Pastors often use their homes as a base for hospitality. It can be a joy to have a crowd over, but food costs add up. Help your pastor bless others by giving a gift card to the local grocery.
- > **Clothes.** Pastors have to dress up, a lot. Suits, ties, dress shirts and dress shoes are expensive and get worn out often. Send a gift card to a local department store where they can replace some worn out items.

Do an Act of Service that Helps Your Pastor

- > **Use your skills.** Are you an auto mechanic? Landscaper? Nanny? A great cook? Restaurant owner? Handyman? Painter? Prayerfully consider how you could use your skills to bless your pastor and their family. Asking them if you could mend their fence or give their car a tune up could be a tremendous blessing!
- > **Be available.** Arrive at church earlier than usual and ask your pastor if you can do anything to help them prepare for the worship hour. Sometimes making copies or turning on lights can really help during crunch time.
- > **Get involved.** Take your church involvement to the next level. Ask your pastor if there are opportunities within the church to exercise your gifts.
- > **Share your place.** Have a second home or cottage that isn't used all year? Pastors rarely have a vacation budget. Offering a few days at your mountain trailer, lake cottage or beach house could be a tremendous blessing to your pastor.