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A 1 HIGH VOCATION

N is a calling. And the secret of the Pastor's happiness and fulfillment of one is a minister simply because they wanted to be. The ministry

is the awareness of that divine call the awareness of that divine call. Jesus called Peter, while Judas entered the group of disciples on his own. When God calls you, He takes charge of forming you. He takes from you what is excess and puts in what is lacking. He is the artificer who molds you for His blessed Work.

1. Who called Jeremiah to the ministry? Jeremiah 1:4 y 5

Note: God introduces Himself to Jeremiah and tells him that He has set him apart for the ministry since he was in his mother's womb. The Pastor is not a Pastor because he becomes one, but because God calls him.

2. Who placed Paul in the ministry? Colossians 1:25; Acts 26:15 and 16

Note: Notice the expressions "I was made a minister" and "I made you a minister". Paul at all times was aware that he was a pastor because God had placed him in the ministry. He did not make himself a minister.

3. What does Paul advise God's ministers? 2 Timothy 2:15

Note: Discuss in the group what it means to be an approved worker.

4. What are some characteristics of a Christian minister? Titus 1:7

Note: The Word "blameless" is key. And the church expects no less from a Pastor.

5. What challenge does the Servant of God present to ministers?

Testimonies to Ministers page 142.1 "I cannot express to you my burden and distress of mind as the true condition of the cause has been presented before me. There are men working in the capacity of teachers of the truth who need to learn their first lessons in the school of Christ. The converting power of **God must come upon the hearts of the ministers, or they should seek some other calling.**"

6. What happens to the church if ministers are not converted?

Testimonies to Ministers page 143.1 "**I tell you plainly, brethren, unless the ministers are converted, our churches will be sickly and ready to die.** God's power alone can change the human heart and imbue it with the love of Christ. God's power alone can correct and subdue the passions and sanctify the affections. s."

7. Why are many ministers deficient in their work? Testimonies to

Ministers 159 "**This is why many are not efficient agents for the Master. They are constantly making provision to please and glorify themselves, or they cherish lust in the heart.** True, they assent to the law of Ten Commandments, and many teach the law in theory, but they do not cherish its principles...While constantly living a lie, can such

have strength, can they have confidence, will such become efficient workers for God?"

8. What is the minister's responsibility when issuing any concept? Titus 2:1

Note: The pulpit is not a place to issue personal opinions, by to present "doctrine"

9. Was Paul a perfect minister? Philippians 3:12 y 13

Note: Paul never considered himself perfect, but he never remained in the realm of mediocrity or conformism. He forgot his mistakes and went on. The verb "to continue" in Greek mean never to be satisfied with what has been achieved.

10. What were Paul's last words to Young Pastor Timothy? 2 Timothy 4:7 and 8

Note: Paul's life was a battle (Romans: 7:15-22) but he was ultimately a victor by the grace of Christ. That can be your reality too.

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UNDERSTANDING 2

THE MISSION

Playing soccer is not just kicking the ball. Swimming is not just stroking. Eating is not just moving your mouth. And preaching the gospel is not just baptizing. It is necessary to know the right concept of things. To confuse them can be a tragedy. The chicken is not an eagle, just because it has wings. The hippopotamus is

not a fish, just because it stays under water for a while. The same is true of the mission that Jesus entrusted to us. There is no way to fulfill it successfully if we have not understood what it consists of.

1. What did Jesus have in mind when He entrusted the mission to us?

Mark 13:34

Note: The expression “to each one his work” is key to the fulfillment of the mission. God does not want to see any son or daughter inactive. Jesus wants the gospel to be preached, but with the participation of every church member.

2. What is the Pastor’s job? Gospel Workers 200 “Do not lead the people to depend upon you as ministers; teach them rather that they are to use their talents in giving the truth to those around them. In thus working they will have the co-operation of heavenly angels and will obtain an experience that will increase their faith and give them a strong hold on God.”

Note: The Pastor’s first job is not to go and find people for Christ but to teach each member to do so. It is possible to reach the target of baptisms without having fulfilled the mission from the divine point of view.

3. According to the divine plan, who is to do the work of seeking people and bringing them to Jesus? The Acts of the Apostles 110.2 “It is fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul-saving depends alone upon the ministry. The humble, consecrated believer upon whom the Master of the vineyard places a burden for souls is to be given encouragement by the men upon whom the Lord has laid larger responsibilities.”

Note: God has entrusted the mission of seeking people and bringing them into the kingdom of God to every believer. The church member needs to do his work in order to grow in the spiritual life. And the Pastor must help the believer to fulfill his mission.

4. What should be done with the believer who does not fulfill his responsibility? Gospel Workers 200.3 “Those who are not fulfilling

their responsibility should be visited, prayed with, labored for. Do not lead the people to depend upon you as ministers.”

Note: This is an individual job. Admonishing the church from the pulpit will never have the effectiveness of the pastor’s personal visit.

5. **Who should be the first to understand that the mission belongs to everyone who believes in the name of Jesus?** The Acts of the Apostles 110.2 “Those who stand as leaders in the church of God are to realize that the Savior’s commission is given to all who believe in His name. God will send forth into His vineyard many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands.”
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Note: Pastors are the first leaders of the church, and if he is not clear that the mission belongs to each believer, it will be very difficult for the church to understand.

6. **What is it that absorb and diminishes the Pastor’s work?** Evangelism 113.3 “Sometimes ministers do too much; they seek to embrace the whole work in their arms. It absorbs and dwarfs them; yet they continue to grasp it all. They seem to think that they alone are to work in the cause of God, while the members of the church stand idle. This is not God’s order at all.”
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7. **What must the Pastor do in order to distribute the load among the members?** Testimony Treasures Vol 2, 68.2 “The idea that the minister must carry all the burdens and do all the work, is a great mistake ... That the burden may be distributed, an education must be given to the church...”
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Note: It is a mistake to assume that the fulfillment of the mission is the Pastor’s job. The minister’s job is to prepare, educate, teach, raise awareness, organize inspire and equip the members of the church to fulfill their duty.

8. **What is a basic ingredient for the success of any Project in the church?**

Evangelism 115.3 “Ministers should love order, and should discipline themselves, and then they can successfully discipline the church of God and teach them to work

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harmoniously, like a well-drilled company of soldiers. If discipline and order are necessary for successful action on the battlefield, the same are as much more needful in the warfare in which we are engaged as the object to be gained is of greater value and more elevated in character than those for which opposing forces contend on the field of battle.”

9. Into which two groups are pastors who do not fulfill the responsibility of teaching each member his individual mission divided? Gospel Workers 198.1 “Many pastors fail in not knowing how, or in not trying, to get the full membership of the church actively engaged in the various departments of church work.”

Note: The first group is that of those who “do not know”, and the second group is that of those who know, but do not do it.

10. What did Paul say to the church before leaving Miletus? Acts 20: 26 and 27

Note: Paul felt clean from their blood because he had taught them all that he should teach them. If anyone is lost on the last day because he has not fulfilled his responsibility, the blood of that believer will be demanded from his pastors.

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THE WORK OF THE PASTOR

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God did not entrust man with the mission of evangelizing the world because he could not fulfill it, but because it is man who needs to preach in order to grow in his Christian experience. human being who needs to preach in order to grow in his Christian experience. There is no life without movement and there is no spiritual life without witnessing. Pastors should understand that the mission belongs to each believer and that the ministerial work consists of teaching the members of the church to fulfill the mission that Jesus entrusted to them.

1. What work did Jesus entrust to His first disciples before He departed?

Acts 1:8

Note: The mission included the evangelization of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. This work was to be done "by witness." Here we find the idea that the mission, in the mind of Christ was not only corporate, but individual. Believers should go out into the world and evangelize it.

2. How was the challenge of evangelizing all cities met in the early days of the Adventist Church? Evangelism 40 “The Lord desires us to proclaim the third angel’s message with power in these cities. **We cannot exercise this power ourselves. All we can do is to choose men of capability and urge** them to go into these avenues of opportunity and there proclaim the message in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Note: At the beginning of our history there were not many members. The Pastor’s job was to go and evangelize the big cities that had not been conquered by the gospel.

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3. But what should be the Pastor’s job when he arrives at a place where there are already some believers? Gospel Workers 196.2 “In laboring where there are already some in the faith, the minister should at first seek not so much to convert unbelievers, as to train the church-members for acceptable co-operation. Let him labor for them individually, endeavoring to arouse them to seek for a deeper experience themselves, and to work for others.”

Note: The work of the evangelists who remained in one place for long periods of time is still necessary to evangelize the cities where there is no Adventist presence, but in the places where there are already members, the work of evangelization is the duty of each member of the church, inspired by his pastor.

4. Why should the Pastor teach every believer to get involved in mission? Testimony Treasures Vol 3, 68 “Well-organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand how to impart the light to others and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. *As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith.* A working church is a living church.”

Note: This is the secret of the Christian’s spiritual growth.

5. What does God expect from each believer? Christian Service 9.7 “God expects personal service from everyone to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods.”

Note: “Personal Service” means that each person must be involved in the mission.

6. What did Jesus teach his disciples? The Acts of the Apostles 32.1 26 “During His ministry, Jesus had kept constantly before the disciples the fact that they were to be one with Him in His work for the recovery of the world from the slavery of sin.... He was teaching them their duty to impart to others what He had made known to them. *In all His work He was training them for individual labor, to be extended as their numbers increased,* and eventually to reach to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

Note: Jesus taught his disciples that mission was “an individual task” We Pastors need to understand this.

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7. What is the trend in the church today? The Ministry of Healing 147 “Everywhere there is a tendency to substitute the work of organizations for individual effort. *Human wisdom tends to consolidation, to centralization, to the building up of great churches and institutions.* Multitudes leave to institutions and organizations the work of benevolence; they excuse themselves from contact with the world, and their hearts grow cold. Christ commits to His followers an individual work, —a work that cannot be done by proxy. “

Note: The mission that the Savior entrusted to us is not only to reach a certain target of baptisms with the participation of an evangelist and a group of biblical instructors, but to teach each member to seek and bring a person to the feet of Jesus.

- 8. Why shouldn't the Pastor do the work that belong to the church?**
Christian Service 69.2 "Ministers should not do the work *which belongs to the church, thus wearying themselves, and preventing others from performing* their duty. They should teach the members how to labor in the church and in the community."

Note: When the Pastor prevents the members from fulfilling their duty, he contributes to the spiritual weakening of his church.

- 9. What happens when the Pastor does not attend to God's plans?**
Evangelism 117.2 "Men make the work of advancing the truth tenfold harder than it really is, by seeking to take God's work out of His hands into their own finite hands. They think they must be constantly inventing something to make men do things which they suppose these persons ought to do."

Note: The Pastor must never forget that "When the master of the house called his servants, he gave to every man *his* work. The whole family of God are included in the responsibility of using their Lord's goods. Every individual, from the lowest and most obscure to the greatest and most exalted, is a moral agent endowed with abilities for which he is accountable to God." Christian Service 13.2

- 10. For what purpose was the Pastor made a minister?** Colossians 1:24 and
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Note: Paul mentions the suffering related to the fulfillment of his ministry. There is no way to fulfill the ministry fully without arousing opposition and criticism from some members of the church. Nevertheless, the minister must be willing to fulfill his ministry completely.

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Educating is not an event that takes place in a certain period of time. Rather, it is a process that sometimes takes a lifetime. Perhaps this is why education is a job that does not offer short-term rewards, and yet Christ desires His ministers to be the great educators of His church. the great educators of his church.

1. What must the Pastor do to present the members "perfect in Christ Jesus, on the last day? Colossians 1:28

Note: In addition to "announcing" and "admonishing", Paul says that the Pastor must "teach". Teaching is one of the first responsibilities of the minister.

2. What Paul advises Timothy, as part of his ministry? 1 Timothy 4:13

Note: For Paul, teaching is an indispensable part of the pastoral function. The pastor who does not dedicate himself to teaching the flock will have an incomplete ministry.

3. How was Jesus called by his disciples? Mark 4:38

Note: Jesus preached, performed miracles, prophesied, but his disciples called him Master, because what undoubtedly stood out most in his ministry were his teachings. **4. What does Jesus want His ministers to be in the church?** The Desire of Ages 825.3 The Pastor and the Small Groups he
“Christ intends that His ministers shall be educators of the church in gospel work. They are to teach the people how to seek and save the lost.”

Note: Education is not an event that takes place with a seminar, a sermon, or an exhibition. It is a process that demands time, energy and dedication. Sometimes it gives the impression that nothing changes, but the seed of teaching is working under the ground.

5. What should a Pastor teach? Gospel Workers 200.3 “Let ministers teach churchmembers *that in order to grow in spirituality, they must carry the burden that the Lord has laid upon them*, —the burden of leading souls into the truth.

6. What is the best support the Pastor can give to the church? Testimony Treasures, Vol 3, 323.2 “The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches *is not sermonizing but planning work for them*... f set to work, the despondent will soon forget their despondency; the weak will become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all will be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus.”

7. ¿ What should we do with "God's will"? Ephesians 5: 16 and 17

Note: To understand the divine will is to understand that the mission belongs to all believers. This is made clear by the Spirit of Prophecy in the following question.

8. ¿ What is God's will in relation to the mission? Christian Service 10.4 *"To everyone work has been allotted, and no one can be a substitute for another.* Each one has a mission of wonderful importance, which he cannot neglect or ignore, as the fulfilment of it involves the weal of some soul, and the neglect of it the woe of one for whom Christ died."

9. What should the Pastor do if the church is not fulfilling God's will?

Titus 1:5

Note: Correcting means getting back on the right track. This work is not easy. Wrong things come in easily, but getting back on the right path demands persistence.

10. What should the Pastor do in spite of the difficulties he encounters in teaching the church?1 Timothy 4:16

Note: Persistence means not getting discouraged in spite of the difficulties that appear along the way.

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DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE PASTOR

No one can give what he does not have. This is a law of life. If we Pastors are in charge of preparing a people to meet Jesus, we must be the first to seek an experience of daily fellowship with Him. With Jesus, we must be the first to seek an experience of daily fellowship with Him. The result of that experience will be a victorious life and a happy and productive ministry.

1. ¿ What the minister should consider before "shepherding" the Lord's church? Acts 20:28

Note: The Apostle Paul advises that the minister should take care of "himself" and the flock. No Pastor will take his church beyond where he himself goes. This is a Biblical principle. He needs to be an example to the believer. "In word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith and purity." (I Timothy 4:12) Pastor Paul said, "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, this do; and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:9)

2. ¿ What power there is in the ministry of a converted Pastor? Pastoral Ministry 19.1 *"The efficiency and power attending a truly converted minister would make the hypocrites in Zion tremble and sinners afraid.* The standard of truth and holiness is trailing in the dust. If those who sound the solemn notes of warning for this time could realize their accountability to God, they would see the necessity for fervent prayer."

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3. ¿ What did Daniel do in the face of the difficulties that came his way? Daniel 6:10

Note: Prayer is priority in the minister's life, Jesus said "seek first the King of God and his righteousness and the rest will be added." We, however, sometimes spend more time running after the "additions."

4. ¿ What will happen in the life of the minister who prays? Pastoral Ministry 23.1 *"The praying minister, who has living faith, will have corresponding works, and great results will attend his labors, despite the combined obstacles of earth and hell."*

5. ¿ What must the Pastor do to receive God's wisdom and grace? Pastoral Ministry 19.2 "Christ stands ready to impart wisdom and grace; but those in important positions of responsibility cannot guide others in

the right paths unless they are converted daily. If they rely upon their own supposed wisdom, they will mislead others who look to them believing that these ministers understand the sacred work entrusted to them.”

6. ¿ What will the man of God be like, perfect and prepared for every good work, that is, a "converted minister"? 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17

7. ¿ When will the Minister be better prepared to present the truth? Pastoral Ministry 20.3 *“The more that the minister of Christ associates with his Master, through contemplation of His life and character, the more closely will he resemble Him, and the better qualified will he be to teach His truths. Every feature in the life of the great Example should be studied with care, and close converse should be held with Him through the prayer of living faith. Thus, will the defective human character be transformed into the image of His glorious character. Thus, will the teacher of the truth be prepared to lead souls to Christ.”*

8. What was Moses' relationship with God like? Should we, the Moses of today, have the same experience? Exodus 33:7-11

Note: Because of the worship of the golden calf, God told the people that He would not dwell among them. So, Moses set up the tabernacle outside the camp. He knew the importance of maintaining God's presence. He knew that communicating with God was indispensable in his life. He could not lead his people without divine guidance.

9. ¿ What advises the Servant of the Lord to the Pastors? Pastoral Ministry 21.4 “My message to ministers, young and old, is this: Guard jealously your hours for prayer, Bible study, and self-examination. Set

aside a portion of each day for a study of the Scriptures and communion with God...Draw near to Him in earnest prayer, and He will fill your hearts with high and holy purposes, and with deep, earnest longings for

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purity and clearness of thought.”

10. ¿ What was one of the last pieces of advice Jesus gave to his disciples?
John 15:5

Note: Abiding is not something theoretical. It is a real experience of communion with Christ through daily Bible study, constant prayer and witnessing. Although the pastor should teach each member to assume his missionary responsibility, he himself, as a believer, also needs to seek out a person and bring him to Jesus.

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Every minister desire to see the results of his work. However, one of the complaints that many pastors have is the difficulty that church members have in understanding God's plans. Experience has shown that churches where Small Groups have been organized have grown spiritually and evangelistically. We should therefore pay attention to this work.

1. What kind of pastors does God promise his people? Jeremiah 3:15

Note: In order to shepherd with knowledge and intelligence, the minister needs, in the first place, to know what his work is and how to carry it out. Moses knew the nature of his mission, but he did not know the correct way to fulfill it. So, God used his father-in-law Jethro to guide him.

2. ¿ What Jethro said to Moses? Exodus 18:17-22

Note: Jethro advised Moses to organize the people into groups, for two reasons. First, the leader should dedicate himself to what is a priority. And second, he should not exhaust himself with details that other leaders could solve.

3. What was Moses' attitude towards his father-in-law's advice? Exodus 18:24-26

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Note: Wise ministers who minister with knowledge and intelligence are always ready to obey the voice of God.

4. ¿ What should the pastor do to lighten his load and make his ministry more efficient? “The idea that the minister must carry all the burdens and do all the work, is a great mistake... That the burden may be distributed, an education *must be given to the church.*”

Note: Notice the insistence of the Servant of the Lord on the expression "educate", or "teach". She repeats it again and again throughout her writings, when referring to the work of the Pastor. Education is a work that demands time and insistence. Do not expect to see the results in one year.

5. What is the best support the Pastor can give to the church? Testimony Treasures Vol3, 323.2 “The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing but planning work for them. *Give each one something to do for others.*”

Note: The challenge that every pastor has is to make each believer do his or her work. The plans that the minister establishes to lead the church to a missionary experience will fail if each one of the members is not willing to assume his or her responsibility.

6. How to reach the ideal of seeing every believer participating in the mission? Testimony Treasures Vol 3, 84.2 “*The formation of small*

groups as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err."

Note: If the person who presented the idea of working in small groups is "someone who cannot err", then we must take this issue much more seriously.

7. ¿ What is the secret of security and success in church life? 2 Chronicles 20:20

Note: God desires to guide his church through his Word, and we do well if we obey.

But both in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy we find the idea that Job affirms: "He is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who, if he would resist him, could it be well with him?" Job 9:4.

8. What two types of meetings did the early church have? Acts 2:46

Note The Christian church was born with 120 people praying in the upper room. On the day of Pentecost 3,000 people were converted to the gospel. In a single day the church multiplied the number of believers 25 times. How did the apostles care for and disciple each one of those people? The only alternative the Apostles had was to distribute the new converts among the one hundred and twenty who prayed in the upper room. They became the first "leaders" of small groups.

9. Where did believers meet in the first century? Acts 12:12; Romans 16:3-5; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 2

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Note: One of the factors of growth in the early Church is that it fulfilled the mission of preaching the gospel in small groups that met in homes. In 312, when Christianity became the official state religion, the church stopped meeting in houses and built Christian worship facilities. These premises later became the great cathedrals. The Church lost its emphasis on the work of all believers and left it to the "priests" alone".

10. What was the reason why the people were destroyed in Hosea's day?

Hosea 4:6

Note: The responsibility of the minister is great "Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will cast thee out of the priesthood." He said in those days to the spiritual leaders of the people.

MY DECISION

THE PASTOR'S FAMILY



Before being pastor of a church, the minister is pastor of his own family. The care of the family cannot be accidental, or if he has enough time. It is vital, primordial, and indispensable. The minister's agenda must have underlined in red letters, the time dedicated to the family.

- 1. What is one of the characteristics of the spiritual leader of the church?**
1 Timothy 3:4

Note. The pastor is the focus of the church's attention. He is not a perfect man, but he and his family are expected to be a living example to the church.

2. What impresses hearts more than any sermon? The Adventist Home 353.1“God designs that in his home life the teacher of the Bible shall be an exemplification of the truths that he teaches. What a man is has greater influence than what he says. Piety in the daily life will give power to the public testimony. Patience, consistency, and love will make an impression on hearts that sermons fail to reach.”

3. How does the wise Pastor manage his time? Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

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Note: when the children are studying and the spouse, in addition to working at home, also has a job outside the home, it is not easy for the Pastor to set aside specific time for the family, but it is necessary to note this time in the agenda and if other demands arise, to say that this time is already committed. We all have time for what we consider important.

4. What advice does God give regarding two people living together?
Amos 3:3

Note: The pastor may become so busy fulfilling his ordination vows that he runs the risk of not fulfilling his marriage vows. Family and ministry are not at odds. It is possible to be a good husband, father, and pastor. But it is necessary to be aware that family is important. Ministry is a team effort. Not only of appearance, but of experience.

5. What are the children, in the psalmist's opinion? Psalms 127:3

Note: Spend time with your children. Don't fall into the trap of saying that "quality" time is important. Children need "quantity" time, too. Let mealtimes be focused on family time, without interruptions from phone calls. Time flies and by the time you realize your children will be grown and you won't be able to go back. Don't let church work enslave you in such a way that you don't enjoy your children's childhood.

6. What is the first duty of the minister? "The minister's duties lie around him, nigh and afar off; but his first duty is to his children. *He should not become so engrossed with his outside duties as to neglect the instruction which his children need.* He may look upon his home duties as of lesser importance, but in reality, they lie at the very foundation of the well-being of individuals and of society."

7. What excuse can a minister have for neglecting his family? The Adventist Homes 353.4 "*Nothing can excuse the minister for neglecting the inner circle for the larger circle outside. The spiritual welfare of his family comes first. In the day of final reckoning God will inquire what he did to win to Christ those whom he took the responsibility of bringing into the world. Great good done for others cannot cancel the debt that he owes to God to care for his own children.*"

8. Who are at risk of being the most neglected children by their parents? The Adventist Home 354 "*Ministers' children are in some cases the most neglected children in the world, for the reason that the father is with them but little, and they are left to choose their own employment and amusement. Great as are the evils of parental unfaithfulness under any circumstances, they are tenfold greater when they exist in the families of those appointed as teachers of the people.*"

9. Why words are so important in the family? Proverbs 18:21

Note: Don't criticize the church or your peers in front of your children. They tend to listen to what is said and repeat it on inappropriate occasions. But the

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worst of all and what really matters is that they forget nothing and that later determines their relationship with God, with the ministry and with the church.

10. ¿ What would happen if the minister were to teach believers to assume their responsibility? La Voz, su Educación y su Uso Correcto. Pág. 272 “If our ministers would preach short discourses, right to the point, *and then educate the brethren and sisters to work, and lay the burden upon them, the ministers themselves* would be saved from exhaustion, the people would gain spiritual strength by the effort put forth, and the result would be tenfold greater than now is seen.”

Note Logically, he would have more time to devote to his family.

11. ¿ What should the minister do if the children, once they grow up, make wrong decisions? Proverbs 22:6; Ecclesiastes 11:1

Note: God's promise is that his word will not return empty. If you invested time in the formation of your children and they, in the use of their freedom, make wrong decisions, God's promise will be fulfilled. The word of life is not dead in the hearts of the children who strayed from the path.

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FULFILLING THE 8 MISSION

No job is easy, much less the ministry. The Pastor deals with human beings and each person is a universe of feelings, complexes and emotional traumas. How to make everyone happy? How to lead them to fulfill their mission? That is the challenge that ministers face, and yet God has promised to be with His servants until the end.

1. What does God promise to minister who fulfill their duty in spite of difficulties? Psalms 126:6

Note: The life of a minister is not a sea of roses. Leading human beings is a difficult task. In spite of moments of difficulty and apparent discouragement, if the minister insists on fulfilling his duty, God has promised great results in his ministry.

2. How Paul fulfilled his ministry? 1 Corinthians 9:26

Note: In chapter 9 of 1 Corinthians Paul defends his ministry from the attack of some difficult brethren in the church, and he affirms that he fulfills his ministry with intelligence and wisdom. He did not strike out right and left. He knew what he was doing because he always based his ministry on the Word of God.

3. What is the divine plan for the fulfillment of the mission Testimony Treasures Vol 3, 84.2 *“The formation of small groups as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err.”*

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4. What are the Pastor's responsibilities in addition to preaching? Pastoral Ministry 40.2 *“The work of the minister represented by the seven stars is a high and sacred work. When he entertains the idea that his work is comprehended in sermonizing, he overlooks, and is sure to neglect, the work devolving upon a shepherd of the flock. It is his work to have care, to oversee the flock, to so arrange the elements of the church that each may have something to do.”*

5. What should be the attitude of Pastors with more years of ministry? Pastoral Ministry 47.4 *“The true minister of Christ should make continual improvement. The afternoon sun of his life may be more mellow and productive of fruit than the morning sun. It may continue to increase in size and brightness until it drops behind the western hills. My brethren in the ministry, it is better, far better, to die of hard work in some home or foreign mission field, than to rust out with inaction. Be not dismayed at difficulties; be not content to settle down without studying and without making improvement.”*

6. What should we do if things don't work the way they always have?

Pastoral Ministry 137.3 *"There is need of a different kind of labor in our churches from what they have had.* Those ministers who are inclined merely to preach, and not to visit and put forth personal effort, need to break up this habit by working earnestly in families. Let families invite in their neighbors, and then let the minister hold Bible readings with them and become acquainted with them. There needs to be less preaching and more pastoral work done in our churches."

7. ¿ Is preaching the only way to reach people? What about Small

Groups? Welfare Ministry 94.1 "My ministering brethren, do not think that the only work you can do, the only way you can labor for souls, is to give discourses. The best work you can do is to teach, to educate. Whenever you can find an opportunity to do so, sit down with some family, and let them ask questions. Then answer them patiently, humbly. Continue this work in connection with your more public efforts. *Preach less, and educate more, by holding Bible readings and by praying with families and small groups.*"

8. What the minister should do in spite of the difficulties that may arise?

2 Timothy 4:5

Note: "Fulfilling the ministry." Every minister dreams of coming to the end of his life and saying, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the run." That is fulfilling the ministry. But there are ministers who work and work endlessly, but nothing seems to happen in their ministry. What is the reason?

9. What is the reason for the frustration of many ministers? Exodus 8:13
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Note: Many ministers are like Moses. They want to do everything by themselves, and in trying to perform this heavy task, they exhaust themselves and the brethren, and do not obtain positive results.

10. ¿ What does God promise you so that you will open the eyes of those who do not wish to see? Isaiah 42:6 and 7

Note: No divine plan is implemented in the church without arousing the opposition of some brethren, but the divine promise is encouraging.

MY DECISION
