

# My Self

*Your role as a pastor's wife is to be an awesome wife to your husband.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Spiritual Gifts

**Proclamation** (Prophecy) -- speak God's word with conviction.  
**Servanthood** -- selfless giving with acts of kindness  
**Teaching the Faith** -- Ability to clearly explain the Christian faith and application  
**Encouragement** -- Ability to inspire, comfort, motivate, and affirm  
**Generosity** -- Enabled to share joyfully what they have and who they are  
**Nurturing Leadership** -- Lead by sheltering, guiding and parent-type behavior  
**Mercy** -- Exceptional ability to perform acts of kindness and compassion  
**Wisdom** -- Mature, skillful judgement  
**Knowing** -- Shares heart-knowledge from a deep relationship with Jesus  
**Faith** -- Unshakable trust and deep conviction in God's promises  
**Healings** -- miraculous capacity to bring God's healings to others  
**Miracles** -- mighty deeds that transcend the laws of nature, by God's power  
**Discernment** -- Distinguish true from false teachings, right from wrong  
**Tongues** -- Communicate verbally with God without using intelligible words  
**Interpretation of Tongues** -- Understand and explain speech of those speaking in tongues  
**Apostleship** -- God's ambassadors and organizers to many congregations  
**Helping** -- Assist with practical deeds, especially during critical times  
**Visionary and Managing Leadership** -- Directing, Guiding, and Setting the Course  
**Evangelism** -- Sharing the good news of Jesus in a natural way  
**Shepherding** -- Gather and protect people together, keep them close to Jesus

## Ministry Roles

### Your Roles

### Your Spouse's Roles

**Leadership** -- Help people get it done.  
**Equipping** -- Train and educate  
**Practical Service** -- Hands-on jobs  
**Christian Caregiving** -- Touch with God's love  
**Worship** -- Proclaim God's Word  
**Music** -- Instruments, vocal, and leading  
**Communication** -- Get the word out  
**Group Nurturing** -- Specific care for a set group  
**Hospitality** -- Welcome and host  
**Prayer** -- Talk to God with focus  
**Outreach** -- Meet community needs outside of church  
**Evangelism** -- Share the news about Jesus

**Your Service Discussion**

- Are you serving in areas where you are most gifted?
- Is your spouse?
- Does this create conflict in your relationship?
- Share one way you will use this insights to create more harmony with your spouse going forward.

**Your Self Discussion**

- What are you showing your church about your real self?
- What do you do that has nothing to do with church?

**Your Attitude Meditation**

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# My Marriage

*Your healthy marriage strengthens your church*

**Don'ts:****Do's****My Marriage Discussion**

- What are some ways you see the truth in the statement “healthy marriages strengthen churches”?
- What are some practical steps you plan to take to strengthen your marriage?
- A challenge for church workers is finding the balance between being real and vulnerable, yet not laying out all our flaws and losing the credibility of our message. How do you find this balance?

# My Children

Research shows pastor's kids are \_\_\_\_\_

## Top ways to better parent PKs

- 1.
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PASTORS WITH CHILDREN AGES 15 OR OLDER SAY THE FOLLOWING IS ACCURATE OF THEIR CHILD:

**40%**

went through a period where they significantly doubted their faith

**33%**

are no longer actively involved in church

**7%**

no longer considers him or herself to be a Christian

WHEN ASKED WHY THEY THINK CHILDREN OF PASTORS OFTEN STRUGGLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN FAITH, HERE'S WHAT PASTORS ANSWERED:

- 28%** Unrealistic expectations others place on them
- 18%** Exposure to the negative aspects of the church
- 17%** Pastor is too busy for them
- 14%** Faith is not modeled consistently at home
- 9%** Worldly influencers or peers
- 7%** Self-discovery and free will, resulting in rebellion
- 7%** Failure to make their faith their own

WHAT PASTORS SAY THEY'VE DONE BEST IN RAISING THEIR KIDS

- 37%** Introduced them to Christ and maintained a Bible-focused home
- 21%** Spent time with and supported them
- 12%** Loved them
- 10%** Taught them good values
- 9%** Allowed them to make their own choices and be themselves

WHAT PASTORS WISH THEY'D DONE DIFFERENTLY IN RAISING THEIR KIDS

**42%**

wish they had spent more time with their children

**8%**

wish they had been more understanding

**5%**

wish they had given their children more Bible teaching

**19%**

have no regrets, and wouldn't change anything

[barna.org/barna-update/family-kids/644-prodigal-pastor-kids-fact-or-fiction](http://barna.org/barna-update/family-kids/644-prodigal-pastor-kids-fact-or-fiction)

## My Children Discussion

- Did the Barna research surprise you? In what way?
- Of the pastor's regrets, which ring true for you? What changes would you like to make in light of this information?



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