

Pay your pastor because...

He was sent by God to you to help you grow in Christ. (1-2)

He has the same rights and liberties you have as a believer in Christ. (3-6)

He needs to stay focused and grow in his calling. (7)

He knows that Scripture teaches this practice and Jesus Christ himself commanded it. (8-14)

Questions for Discussion:

What are some reasons why Christians might not pay their pastor his due?

What does that say about those Christians who think and act in such a way?

Are you guilty of any of these reasons?

What might be some unrealistic expectations Christians could have of their pastor?

How could that hurt the pastor and his marriage and family?

How could that hurt the church?

Are you guilty of any of these unrealistic expectations?

How do the metaphors of 9:7 speak to the need for focused attention on the work of the Lord?

What can be the impact of a pastor who is not able to remain focused on his work:

On the pastor?

On the church?

What can you envision our church do for Christ in 2018 through our generous giving?

Are you a generous giver? What would it look like for you to earn that description?