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**SERMON OUTLINE 4**

***I Will Pray for My Church Leaders***

Text: 1 Tim. 3:2-5

1. **Introduction: The Busy Pastor**
   1. A word picture of a busy pastor's life
   2. Do you pray for your pastor?
2. **Sermon text: 1 Tim. 3:2·5**

2 An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, se/f­ controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher, 3 not addicted to wine, not a bully but gentle, not quarrelsome, not greedy- 4 one who manages his own household competently, having his children under control with all dignity.

5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of God's church?)

Ill. **Point 1 - Pray for the pastor and other church leaders**

* 1. All church leaders need prayer
  2. How can a pastor be qualified for ministry without prayer - 1 Tim. 3:2-4

1. **Point 2 - Pray for him and his famlly**
   1. The family is the frontline of your pastor's ministry.
   2. How can he manage his household without prayer - 1 Tim. 3:5
2. **Point 3 - Pray for his protection**
   1. Above reproach: reproach means "to find fault."
   2. An impossible expectation for any man
   3. Made possible through the power of prayer - 1 Tim. 3:7
3. **Point 4 - Pray for his physical and mental health**
   1. The first thing every pastor will neglect
      1. Physical health - why is this important?
      2. Mental health - why is this important?
   2. God loves both the mind and the body
4. **Conclusion:Take the fourth pledge**

"/ am a church member. I will pray for my pastor every day. I understand that the pastor's work is never ending. His days are filled with numerous demands that bring emotional highs and lows. He must deal with critics. He must be a good husband and father. Because my pastor cannot do all all things in his own power, I will pray for his strength and wisdom daily."

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