

## BASIC RULES FOR PASTORS

I compiled this list some years ago, to remind myself of what is important. The order is more or less random.

1. Worship until the joy comes
2. Surround yourself with prayer
3. Keep the main thing the main thing
4. Read, believe and do the Bible
5. Love the people
6. Keep a personal Sabbath
7. Put your family first
8. Over-communicate
9. Tithe
10. Read
11. Believe
12. Do more gainers than drainers
13. Never click “send” after midnight
14. Remember who you work for
15. Have fun
16. Don’t get too comfortable
17. Never bind yourself with anything that causes you to sweat (Ezekiel 44:18)
18. Reach out to “the other ones”

19. Remember “faith” is spelled R-I-S-K
20. Keep your objectivity
21. Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative
22. Strengthen yourself in the Lord
23. Stretch yourself
24. Exercise your faith
25. Go on to perfection
26. Pre-pray the day
27. Don’t limit God to your theology
28. Eyes forward
29. Don’t do good programs, do life-transforming encounters
30. Go with the flow of the Spirit