

- c. Share what you wrote about how you see your children's roles.
 - d. Where do these expectations differ?
 - e. How will you resolve these differences?
6. What intentional steps are you taking to regularly deepen and enrich your relationship with each of your children? Is that working, or is something else needed?
7. When the needs of your church seem to conflict with the needs of your family, what steps do you take to resolve that conflict?
8. How do you make sure your home remains a spiritual sanctuary for you and your family?
9. Think about "A Letter from My Wife" in this chapter.
- a. Did any part especially speak to your spouse?
 - b. Did any part especially speak to you?
 - c. Discuss these responses with each other.

APPLYING CHAPTER 10

1. If you are part of a denomination or association of churches:
 - a. What is the process by which a pastor comes to serve a church?
 - b. What is the process by which a pastor comes to stop serving a church?
 - c. Do you believe that is a Biblical way to do it? Explain.

2. If the time ever comes when you feel that perhaps you should leave your current church for any reason, what will you do to make sure you are correctly hearing from God?
 - a. List the steps you will take to confirm that you are hearing God accurately.
 - b. List the people you will consult.

3. If you were not serving as a pastor, what kind of ministry do you think God might call you into?

4. If you were suddenly taken sick or had to leave the area, what information would a new pastor need in order to step in smoothly?

a. Gather that information in one place and clearly label it, “In Case the Pastor Cannot Serve.”

b. Make sure church leaders know where to find it.

c. Make sure they understand that it’s just in case of emergency. You don’t want them to think you’re secretly planning to leave!

5. If you are part of a denomination or group that has a policy for how to handle accusations of wrongdoing against pastors:

a. Do you know the policy?

b. Do your leaders know it?

c. Are you comfortable with the policy, in case an accusation is brought against you?

6. If your church does not have a policy for handling accusations against pastors:

a. Which churches or groups will you look at as models for a policy your church might adopt?

b. What steps will you take to raise the issue with your leaders and help them see the need for it?

APPLYING CHAPTER 11

1. Which of these rules are your favorites? Why?

2. Think of some times you neglected one of these rules. What happened?