



**ALIVE**  
**IN CHRIST**  
 SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**Title:** Supporting Your Pastor’s Wife

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**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**QUOTE:** “At some point most people will learn that great leaders achieve greatness because they intentionally surround themselves with people who support, advise, and successfully execute plans.”—**Michael Cooley**

**DEFINITION:** Support—“bear all or part of the weight to hold up. A thing that bears the weight of something or keeps it upright”

**1. Manage your own personal**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ her
  - B. Look for her good \_\_\_\_\_ and vocalize your \_\_\_\_\_ for her
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ others to appreciate her
  - D. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ with her

## 2. Recognize her \_\_\_\_\_ roles and assist her with those responsibilities

### A. Her \_\_\_\_\_ walk

1. Help \_\_\_\_\_ her spirit
2. Never tell her \_\_\_\_\_ comments you hear
3. \_\_\_\_\_ each other

### B. Her \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for them
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your love for them
  - give them your time
  - speak affirming words to them
  - serve them in humility
  - give generous & thoughtful gifts

Deliver dinner and a game

Text a Starbucks gift

Put flowers on her desk

Deliver homemade rolls or muffins when she is about to have company

Stock her up on note cards

Slip her cash before she travels

Gift card to her favorite store or restaurant

Offer to run errands for her

Keep her kids so she can run errands

Collect money to fly her mom in for a visit

Hire a trusted house cleaner during a busy season

Subscribe to a meal kit delivery service like plated or blue apron

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ of their marriage—look for opportunities to provide dates and getaways for them

- never, ever come between them

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to her children

- be their biggest fans!! (Remember that their family has to be a success for the church to be a success—so build them up.)
- give grace
- give love—love covers a multitude of sins

### C. Her use of her unique God given spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ her accomplish what God has equipped her to do

2. Be the \_\_\_\_\_ God gifted you to be together, and accomplish what God lays on HER heart to do

- Offer to help with events every time that you are able, but don't be hurt if she doesn't use your help each time.
- Most pastor's wives hate asking for help—so be specific about what you are offering to help with.
- When she does use your help, make sure you understand how she prefers things are done and do it her way with a supportive and positive spirit.
- Do an AMAZING job with whatever she gives you and be drama free.
- If you take on a job from her, never give it back unfinished. Find approved volunteers to cover for you if necessary—but do not flake!

**QUOTE:** “If you want to change the world, find someone to help you paddle”—Admiral William McRaven

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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