

They check to see that the Truth is preached, counsel with those having spiritual problems, encourage new converts, decide on the policy the church will follow, propose a financial budget, listen to the complaints of the members, teach Bible classes, and praise those who do good works.

They spend time with children, pray, worry when someone quits attending worship, visit the sick, try to help people investigate sticky problems, cry with the brokenhearted, manage (difficult to handle) people, sit through long meetings, model Christianity, greet visitors, and conduct home Bible studies.

They catch a lot a flack, hear the appeals of missionaries, look for new areas of service, wonder why they feel lonely, go and see the elderly, don't sleep well at night, are involved in the community activities, work for a living, try to restore the unfaithful, counsel young couples, and they read and study their Bibles.

They face special temptations, know they will be judged severely, smile when their efforts pay off and go to the next problem, train others to take their places, and 1001 other daily tasks.

Love them. Pray for them. Back them in their work. Defend them when you hear them criticized, and be thankful that God gave them to us.

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See you Sunday!

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