

Why pastors leave the ministry
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- 90% of the pastors report working between 55 to 75 hours per week.
- 80% believe pastoral ministry has negatively affected their families. Many pastor's children do not attend church now because of what the church has done to their parents.
- 33% state that being in the ministry is an outright hazard to their family.
- 90% feel they are inadequately trained to cope with the ministry demands.
- 50% feel unable to meet the demands of the job.
- 94% of clergy families feel the pressures of the pastor's ministry.
- 70% say they have a lower self-image now than when they first started.
- 70% do not have someone they consider a close friend.
- 33% confess having involved in inappropriate sexual behavior with someone in the church .
- 50% have considered leaving the ministry in the last months.
- 50% of the ministers starting out will not last 5 years.

We can all use some help from time to time!