

CHAPTER EIGHT The Reliever: Be Your Pastor's Friend

RECAP

- “The pastor is certainly a ‘key player’ in the church, but in church many followers of Christ tend to forget the critical roles they are to play in helping their pastor win spiritual victories within their community or city or nation. They might admire their pastor, but they treat him like the sole competitor in the game of eternal life. They fail to see that anything their pastor accomplishes is directly tied to their willingness to step forward and offer essential support and participation.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- The pastor is more than a preacher. In what way? Perhaps this would be a good time to invite the pastor to share with the group what a pastor's week involves.
- The layman is more than a pew occupant and financial donor. In what way?
- Do you really need to pray about getting involved? Or where should you get involved?
- Review the examples of service opportunities in the local church on pages 59 – 61. What opportunities did the author not mention? Where could your gifts/talents be offered?