***Surviving and Thriving as a Ministry Wife***

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1. First and most important commitment is to my husband.
2. I’m not obligated to be like the former pastor’s wife or to fulfill the expectations of others.
3. Discovering and using my gifts and talents.
4. Base my involvement on these strengths, prayer, and discussion.
5. Like it or not, you’re the object of much attention.
6. Consistently coordinate my calendar with my husband’s.
7. Is my husband really my pastor?
8. Who is this man I married?
9. A pastor belongs to everyone, even though he exclusively belongs to you.
10. Having friends within the congregation.
11. Working or having a career outside the home.
12. Becoming lost in my husband’s identity.
13. Being careful of what I say to others.
14. The best advice and the best promise I’ve ever received!