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## Empowering The

# Pastor's Wife

The previous article on Values sets the stage for this article, so you might want to read it first.

Just to give you a bit of personal background, my name is Veronica Reece, and my husband and I pastor Living Way Church in Georgia. We have four children and I am currently homeschooling my three oldest children. We are adopting our youngest child from Guatemala and he should be able to come home at the end of this month.

I would like to respond to a few of the issues that were stirred in the hearts of many pastors' wives as they read Kym Wright's inspiring and insightful article on "Values."

What a wonderful position the Lord has placed you in to make a difference and an impact in the life of your church family. What an honor it is to be a Pastor's Wife! I do not take this role lightly. I know that I have the opportunity to influence not only women, but families in the position the Lord has called me to.

My husband and I have strong

family values that the Lord has deposited into our hearts. We are able to impart these values with those He has called us to shepherd, and you too have a marvelous opportunity to impact your church family because of the position the Lord has called you to.

I hear your heart's cry to be a part of "Church B," as Kym put it. To be in a place where you feel supported and encouraged in the season of life the Lord has you in at this time, and His desire is to use *you* as an instrument to help this church become that Church! God has called your husband and yourself to impart these truths into the life of the body of believers He has entrusted you with.

How does this occur? Does it happen by insistently harping on our "values"? Does it take place by constantly preaching on this? No, it is an overflow of our lives. I live my values before the people. I speak of my values in conversation. When it is a pas-

sion of your heart, it is a natural overflow of your life.

Proverbs 1:8-9 says "My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother, for they will be a graceful ornament on your head and chains about your neck."

Some of you mentioned that your family values seem to be "out there" in comparison to what your church family is like, but as you live your life before others, your values become a graceful ornament on your head. They become a beautiful chain around your neck that shines forth with beauty for all to see. Remember, you are called for such a time as this, to be an influencer in the life of your congregation. As you pastor this precious church the Lord has entrusted you with, they will begin to reflect who you are. Even as our natural children look like us and act like us, so it is with our church family; they begin to reflect who we are.

May the Lord bless you and give you wisdom to make a difference in the lives around you.

Blessings,  
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LET YOUR SPEECH ALWAYS BE WITH GRACE  
SEASONED WITH SALT THAT YOU MAY KNOW  
HOW YOU OUGHT TO ANSWER EACH ONE.

Colossians 3:6