**THE FRIENDLESS PASTOR**

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1. Mark Brouwer points out in his article “The Friendless Pastor” that “many pastors don’t recognize their isolation.”
   1. Do you agree or disagree with his assessment?
   2. Do you ever feel isolated?
2. Brouwer identifies five dangers that pastors face in ministry.
   1. How many of these dangers have you personally experienced?
   2. Would anyone like to share their encounter with one of these dangers and the outcome from that experience?
3. Brouwer gives us three reasons why church leaders do not have meaningful community.
   1. A pastor may mistakenly believe they can find it from within their church.
      1. Anyone here disagree with Bouwer’s assessment?
      2. Why is this a mistake?
   2. Some pastors lack friends because they may not really want community.
      1. Anyone here care to admit they feel that way?
      2. Why do those who don’t want community feel that way?
   3. Some pastors associate renewal with solitude
      1. Does the idea that pastors are more likely to be introverted surprise/shock you? Why/Why not?
      2. Are you like that?
4. Brouwer cites four places pastor can find “real” friends.
   1. What are those places?
   2. Which, if any, have you tried?
   3. Which, in your opinion, is the best place to find “real” friends?
5. In this article Brouwer tells us why many of us lack friends and where we can find some true friends.
   1. What role do these PaLM meetings help you to find a “real” friend?
   2. If you lack “real” friends, let us seize the opportunity and not squander it away.