

# MELVIN JOURNAL

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## THE PAY-OFF

*God never intended that we have all the gifts.*

I am finding the benefits of this journey to be many:

1. An exhilarating sense of doing things God's way
2. An increasing impact of my ministry - touching more people more deeply by multiplication rather than by addition.
3. A lessening of the weight of the ministry - it now rests on many shoulders rather than on mine alone. God never intended that I have all the gifts needed by His people. Scripture clearly teaches that every Christian is gifted. Releasing those gifts spreads the caring responsibility across the congregation and reduces my load.
4. A continuing spiritual growth. Since we equip more by what we are than by what we teach, the process of equipping others impacts me, calling me to greater accountability and dependence upon God.
5. A reduced danger of burn-out and family alienation. Sharing the pastoring provides more time to be with my family without neglecting people, more time to be human and to lead a more balanced life.

My personal journey from where I was to where I felt I should be has been possible, first, because God has gifted many lay people for pastoring and, second, because lay people seek fulfillment in their lives through actively caring for other people.

*from the book, **Can the Pastor do It Alone?***



**There are many** lay people those who found these in their PACE ministry: how about you? What is your plan to develop yourself in your gifts, interesting areas especially in the lay pastoral care ministry? Develop such a plan today.  
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