THE PEW REVIEW
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October is Pastor's Appreciation Month. So I thought this short story would give "food for thought" regarding the young man that fills our pulpit.

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TOO CRICITAL

Ever have the feeling that no matter what you do, you get criticized for it? I am sure that no matter what happens, you will get blamed for something.

You are not the only one to feel this way at times. Even pastors do. I ran across this little item called "The Preacher's Lament." I thought you might enjoy it.

THE PREACHER'S LAMENT

If I express myself on a subject, I's trying to run things.

If I'm silent, I'm dumb or have lost interest.

If I'm often at the office (preparing messages), why don't I get out and learn what's going on?

If I'm out when they call, why am I not tending to business, or studying for a message.

If I'm not at home at night, I am out having a good time.

If I'm home, I'm neglecting important outside contacts and activities.

If I don't agree with people, I'm bullheaded.

If I do agree, I don't have any ideas of my own.

If I don't di what I'm requested, I'm a very poor pastor or minister.

If I do what I'm asked to do, well, that's what I'm paid for.

If I give someone a short answer, I'm "too big for my britches."

If I attempt to explain the pros and cons of an issues, I'm a know-it-all.

If I'm well dressed, I think I'm a big shot.

If I'm not, I'm a poor representative of my office.

If I'm in the job short time, I'm inexperienced.

If I've been there a long time, it's time for a change.

Sometimes, you can't win for losing! All you can do in such times is commit your way unto the Lord, and "he will direct your path."

Life is like a ten-speed bicycle.
Most of us have gears we never use,