

# Headset Microphone

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**Q:** You have been advocating for pastors to use headset microphones. What if your pastor already speaks too loudly? Giving him a headset microphone will cause him to be even louder yet. The sound may blow people out of the church.

**I don't think you should encourage the use of headset microphones by *all* pastors, especially the loud talkers. What benefit would a headset microphone have for a pastor who already talks loudly?**

**A:** Your pastor already speaks loudly which leads me to two assumptions: your pastor may have a hearing loss, and he may have vocal cord damage.

Loud talking is a symptom of a hearing loss. Does your pastor have a hearing loss?

Your pastor is also endangering his voice. Speaking loudly time and again can cause damage to a person's vocal chords. Your pastor can save his voice from vocal damage by using a headset microphone.

Does your pastor know that talking loudly distorts sound? If he talks loudly, the message becomes unclear. He may think that talking loudly helps his message be heard more clearly, but it does the opposite for his listeners with a hearing loss.

Finally, people don't like loud talkers. Some people are very sensitive to sound. They will avoid loud talkers which may cause some people to not come to hear the gospel.

Headset microphones allow your pastor to speak in a normal tone of voice, which is better for himself and his listeners. The headset microphone also allows better positioning of the microphone, so speech is relayed more clearly through the public address system, FM system, and induction loop system.

Encourage your congregation to invest in a headset microphone. It will help you, your pastor, and many others in your congregation.

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