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**Spiritual Leader Facing Messy Stuff in the Church Envisioning the Congregation, Practicing the Gospel A Sabbatical Primer for Pastors *The Pastor and Counseling The Shepherd's Covenant for Pastors* Criswell's Guide Book for Pastors Pause Before the Pulpit Mental Health and the Church Ethics in Christian Ministry Spiritual Mentorship for Pastors and Church Leaders Today Pastors at Greater Risk**

Pastoral failure, volunteer fatigue, exhausted staff members, church wounds, and increasing membership decline have left us wondering, how do we lead from God-with-us rather than the world's hustle culture? *Non-Anxious Churches* examines communities' need for churches that are authentic, real, and non-anxious. Unfortunately, churches are not immune to anxiousness and can even perpetuate it by juggling tasks, getting caught up in activities, and focusing on the wrong goals. Pastor Mark Knight guides church leaders instead to dwell in and lead from the abiding presence of Jesus. Over the years, the social sciences have added a lot to this discussion about churches and anxious systems. *Non-Anxious Churches* seeks to further the conversation using answers

found in Scripture and in the discipline of spiritual formation. Your church workers are your winning team; you win or lose base on how you choose, manage, train or treat them. There is nothing worst in Church work than untrained, poor, ignorant church workers, because they will misrepresent what you stand for. As a pastor your success in ministry depends on your workers. You can't have Church growth or any meaningful progress without the intelligences, faithfulness, dedication, competences and financial contribution of your Church workers. No one succeeds alone; where there are no train workers your vision will perish, show me a church worker and I can tell you who the pastor is! Clergy Killers offers remedial strategies for pastors and congregations who want to protect themselves against the abuse of parishioners with personality disorders, mental illnesses, and mean streaks in situations that go well beyond mere church conflict. This wise and practical guide provides clear insight for both pastors and congregations on how to begin a healthy, productive new pastorate or make a fresh start in an ongoing ministry. Author Kennon L. Callahan, today's most sought-after church consultant, has

conferred with thousands of pastors and congregations, helping them discover their strengths and gifts and showing them how to work together in service to their community and mission. Here he offers fresh suggestions on how pastors and congregations can ensure a solid future together, whether they are newly beginning or beginning again. In this book Dr. Brown explores several reasons why pastors are in the middle. He says it is not by choice but by God's divine plan to bring churches and Pastors closer together and to confront Satan's attacks on churches. He encourages Pastors and the Christian community to know that "God is our present help in times of trouble" and he will protect them by his power, as written in Psalm 46:1. He challenges pastors in the middle to stay strong in the Lord and continue to put their trust in God who is our strength and sustainer and continue to work together to equip our churches and communities to confront Satan's attacks on churches and Pastors around the world. Pastors are in the middle because they are appointed by God to become servants, and servants are always in the middle. Dr. Brown believes that just as sheep need human shepherds to feed and guide them, God's

sheep need spiritual shepherds called pastors to feed and guide them into stronger ministry. In this book Dr. Brown digs deeper into causes why pastors are operating in the middle in their churches and uses scripture to support these premises. Reflecting a wealth of ministerial experience, this accessible and instructive book is designed to equip lay leaders and pastors of Protestant churches to better envision and practice gospel-driven ministry amid the challenges of our twenty-first-century context. Especially addressing Baby Boomer and Gen X leaders, seasoned pastor and practical theologian John Stewart presents and explains five biblically mandated, foundational practices for being and nurturing the church: belonging, discipling, witnessing, serving, and worshiping. Stewart believes that these five practices are "essential markers" for congregations that seek to remain faithful to their risen Lord, and he offers memorable examples of how specific churches are carrying them out well. Church leaders of every generation will find in these pages much practical wisdom on how to enhance their congregational life and mission. For any congregations wanting to remain faithful to

their biblical heritage and mandate, Stewart's *Envisioning the Congregation, Practicing the Gospel* provides an excellent roadmap for doing what God calls the church to do. LEAD WISELY One simple, genuine prayer led me to sit before my computer one afternoon and start writing this book. God has spoken to me so clearly through His leaders so often that I hoped He would offer something worthwhile to you through me. I know that you have more to read than you care to even consider. I know the value of your time. That is why these are brief, weekly devotions that you can quickly read and simply ask God to reveal the principle at work the following week. You will not find deep theology or warm, feel-good expressions within the pages of *Called to Shepherd: 52 Weekly Devotions for Pastors and Ministry Leaders*. Yet, you may realize that God has a simple message here specifically for you that will exponentially enhance your leadership. Endorsements: John Crosby has been blessed with the gift of clarity. These devotions are clear, challenging and helpful to young and old pastors and ministry leaders alike. Every week's devotion speaks to issues that simply must be addressed in the lives of those who

are called to shepherd. Portable, practical and palatable; this helpful resource is a green pasture for both sheep and shepherds. Kenny Grant, Kenny Grant Evangelistic Ministries Any Christian who has ever led in any way-as a pastor, teacher, administrator, ministry team leader-is sensitive to the challenges of leading as Christ would lead. They have dealt with subtle and not-so-subtle temptations to abdicate to a power, do-it-my-way style of leading. John Crosby demonstrates the need, qualities, and attitudes of those who would lead well, for the right reasons, and to the right end. I've found his pithy, penetrating devotions a blessing to my soul. Eleanor A. Daniel, Dorothy Keister Walker Professor of Christian Education Emeritus, Emmanuel School of Religion, Johnson City, TN I have found John's short devotions to be loaded with wisdom. Each weekly writing gives a key thought to remember and take with you throughout the week. A great way for busy ministry leaders to start each week. Dicky Clark, Vice President of Field Ministry, Southeast Coastal Region (GA, FL, SC, NC) for Fellowship of Christian Athletes I have known John Crosby since the day he gave his life to Christ. Since then he has made a

life-changing impact for Christ because of his commitment to ministering to people in the business sector of our community. I'm sure as you read this book his insight will impact you as well. Cam Huxford, Pastor, Savannah Christian Church John Crosby is not only called, he is qualified to lead. Knowing John personally and understanding his life B.C. (before Christ), John brings a wealth of real life experience to the table. Agreeing to help lead a Bible study in a prominent workplace in Savannah, GA gave me a firsthand glimpse of his heart for workplace ministry. His approach and techniques are proven and effective. You will be blessed by this strong tool that you now hold in your hand! Brian Jobe, Senior Pastor, Harvester Christian Church, Saint Charles, MO This handbook makes a great gift for a newly ordained Minister of the Gospel or Seminary Graduate! This handbook has been designed to assist the Pastor or Minister of the Gospel in performing Marriage Ceremonies. The easy "step-by-step" format is simple to follow and has spaces provided to insert the names of the Bride and Groom. The three main ceremonies are included in this handbook: 1. The Traditional Wedding Ceremony which incorporates scripture



reading and charges to the bride, the groom, the witnesses in the wedding party and also the audience. The author has been using this system extensively for over 20 years and has never failed to get several compliments on the ceremony.

2. The Civil Ceremony. This is a short, easy and quick wedding ceremony. It is often performed at City Hall, but be used anywhere. The author has even used in a local jail where an inmate and his fiance were married! It "mentions" God, but not to the extent of the other two types of ceremonies.

3. The "Episcopalian" Ceremony. This is a longer ceremony (very rarely used by the author) and incorporates the taking of communion as well as all the other elements of the Traditional Ceremony.

This handbook is a compilation of many different marriage manuals the author has used for over 20 years of performing marriage ceremonies. Taking "the best" sections from various manuals and combining them into one, "easy to use" handbook and written in a "Step-by-Step" format allows the user to immediately take this Handbook and perform marriage ceremonies like they have been doing it for years! Focusing on pastoral leadership within local churches or groups of churches, Derek Tidball provides a

comprehensive survey of the variety of ministry models and patterns found in the New Testament with applications for today's ministry. Just as a potter uses a "rib" to exert pressure and give shape to clay vessels spinning on a wheel, so God has used the practice of mentoring to shape leaders from the times of ancient Israel to the modern church. This book provides a theological and historical foundation for the practice, inviting the modern supervisor and seminarian to step into the church's rich heritage of mentors and mentees by offering selected vignettes of these relationships in the lives of such influential leaders as Gregory the Great, St. Augustine, John Newton and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. By tracing out the spiritual formation of some of the most influential leaders in church history, Brian Williams shows how certain patterns of mentoring relationships have been pivotal for the people of God in ages past. He then combines the wisdom of the classical discipline of spiritual direction with the tradespractice of apprenticeship to offer us a practical model for mentoring today. The book concludes with a number of tools, forms, and practical suggestions to help shape and

guide this demanding but rewarding practice. The Potter's Rib will challenge experienced pastors and seminary students alike to take seriously the role of mentoring in becoming the pastors they are called to be. Brian A. Williams, a graduate of Regent College, is involved in local ministry in Vancouver, British Columbia. Pastoral transitions can be fraught with pitfalls, yet there is advice that can help ministers and congregations avoid those dangers. Lawrence Farris, a veteran of three departures himself, gives ten wise, thoughtful commandments for shepherds leaving their sheep. Far from outright, heavy-handed dictums, these commandments are more gospel than law, laying out helpful strategies in areas such as recognizing when to depart, patching broken relationships and enabling the next pastor to make a clean start. While many may dream of a comfortable, long-term pastorate, today's transient congregational realities make it clear that this wise book and its message is needed by pastors in churches big and small, liberal, moderate, and conservative. Perfect for pastors soon to depart and for those happy to stay put for now, *Ten Commandments for Pastors Leaving a Congregation* provides guidance for

pastors and parishioners facing this hopeful and challenging transition. Apostle Randy L. Beale Sr. was born and reared in Newsom VA. He is the son of the late Roy J. Beale and Mary J. Beale. He married Barbara J. Smith on October 1, 1984. Through this union God has blessed them with two daughters, Terrica (Abram), and Tamara, one son Randy Jr. (Shannon), four grandchildren: Dazja, KeKe, Lil John and Uniyah, and a host of nephews, nieces and spiritual children. Apostle Beale received his education in Southampton County Public School Systems; Roanoke Chowan Community College majoring in Human Services; also further his education at Norfolk Theological Seminary and College, B.A. in Christian Counseling, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry all with Suma Cum Luade. December 7, 1997, he received Jesus as Lord and Savior under the leadership of the Honorable Overseer Arthur Clark. In June 2001 Apostle birthed New Jerusalem Church of God. Ordained and installed as Pastor in 2001; 2006 consecrated as Bishop; and 2011 consecrated as Apostle. God spoke to Apostle 2009 about birthing a body. It was confirmed by Apostle Beale's spiritual father and Bishop the Late Honorable Bishop Lloyd Claude. Apostle Beale

birthed the body of New Beginning International Fellowship Ministry 2011. Today's busy pastors must cope with a diverse range of physically and emotionally draining tasks. Yet as they balance the many competing demands on their time, the essential element for maintaining a vital and successful ministry is carving out time for their own spiritual regeneration. Before pastors can effectively proclaim the Good News to the people in the pews, they must attend to their ongoing relationship with the God whom they serve. Based on each Sunday's epistle and gospel texts from Cycle B of the Revised Common Lectionary, this collection of prayerful reflections specifically addresses the spiritual needs of the clergy. Rather than a primer on how to preach the text, these devotions explore what the scripture passages have to say about the personal lives of pastors and their public ministry. It's an ideal resource to begin weekly sermon preparation with, as each thoughtful contemplation prepares the heart for faithful preaching of God's Word. The mental health of individuals regardless of denominational association or spiritual belief is essential to overall spiritual, physical, and mental wellness.

Pastors are challenged to provide answers to difficult questions, offer guidance to manage life challenges, and the various concerns of their congregants. Although pastors give themselves to others to improve their wellness, attention to personal needs is often neglected. Compassion fatigue, depression, anxiety, and burnout are factors decreasing the mental wellness of pastors. Self-awareness, self-care, self-disclosure, and help-seeking behavior of pastors and church leaders are essential to decrease the severity and frequency of mental health episodes. Mental health and the church provide information for clergy and church leaders to improve their mental wellness and those they serve. In five sections and thirty-nine chapters, Sinclair B Ferguson writes on pastor-teachers whose life and work have left an indelible mark on his own life, and then leads us in a series of chapters on the teaching of John Calvin, John Owen and the seventeenth century Puritans. This is followed by studies of Scripture, the ministry of the Spirit, the nature of Biblical Theology, the work of Christ, adoption, the nature of the Christian life and other important doctrines. The final section discusses

various aspects of preaching, including preaching Christ from the Old Testament, the importance of theology, reaching the heart, and concludes with a decalogue for preachers. All this, as the epilogue makes clear, is set within the context and goal of doxology. The Spiritual Leader summarizes a biblical philosophy of spiritual leadership that has been lived out dynamically through the life of the author. Every principle in these chapters flows from the Word of God and from a heart that has effectively served God's people for over two decades. --from publisher description. Have you noticed the toll modern ministry is taking on our pastors? Pastoral fatigue and burnout cost the church more than just money; it costs lives, drying up the pastoral pool. More pastors and church leaders leave ministry today than in the history of the Christian Church. And I almost became a statistic. Pastors are in big trouble but have few resources to help. More and more has been written about sabbaticals, yet few comprehensive, but simple, guidebooks are available to assist a pastor to initiate and maximize the gift of his or her pastoral sabbatical. This primer is designed to take a pastor through the sabbatical from

conception to conclusion. This book contains more than was available to me when I took both my first and second sabbaticals. Though not exhaustive, the contents should accomplish the purpose of a primer on spiritual sabbaticals. WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING: "What a wise and winsome invitation to the spiritual practice of sabbatical! But there's more—once you've said yes to the invitation, you will also find a road map for planning and then taking the journey into this oft-unexplored terrain. This is a most helpful offering!" --Dr. Ruth Haley Barton, Founder, Transforming Center, author of Invitation to Solitude and Silence and Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership "If every beginning minister were given a start-up kit when they began, David Alves' book, would be an essential. It contains the indispensable fundamentals for a long and fruitful ministry. Providing step-by-step guidance, this book could save many from premature erosion that takes place beneath the surface in ministry. I highly recommend this primer for every new and veteran minister who cares about his or her future vitality!" --Dr. Wayne Cordeiro, author of Leading on Empty: Refilling Your Tank and Renewing Your Passion and Senior Pastor of



New Hope, Oahu "You will never know how hard it was to keep you boys busy," my dad acknowledged in a moment of morphine-induced honesty following surgery for colon cancer. "Did it ever occur to you to give us a day off?" my youngest brother asked. Dad hesitated, but only for a moment – "The thought never crossed my mind." "Keep busy" buzzes in my head. My daily "to do" list gives an often distorted shape to my day. In *A Sabbatical Primer for Pastors*, David Alves raises his voice over the buzz. "God is taking you out of the brick making business," he writes. With frequent references to his own story, David argues that Sabbath and Sabbaticals offer a God-designed way for me to be free from the drivenness that has served as a constant companion since my youth. The Primer troubles me with a question that lingers like the scent of a powerful perfume: which father's voice will shape the remaining years of my life? -Clayton Blackstone, author of *Meet Me for Breakfast* and Pastor of the Advent Christian Church in Bangor, Maine The *New Guidebook for Pastors* is written in the tradition of classics like *Criswell's Guidebook for Pastors*. But since most pastoral guidebooks available today

date back to 1980 or earlier, this new resource by Mac Brunson and James W. Bryant will offer fresh experience-based encouragement to all pastors in their pursuit of excellence and development in their God-called profession. Among the twenty chapters are "The Pastor and His Call," "The Pastor and His Family," "The Pastor and His Staff," "The Pastor and Worship," "The Pastor and Finances," "The Pastor, Wedding, and Funerals," "The Pastor, Politics, and Moral Issues," and "The Pastor and His Denomination." Pastors and counselors regularly minister to people whose marriages or families are in crisis. Tempers run high and feelings are brought low when a marriage is hurting or a family is in disarray. Pastors and counselors need practical, biblical help in order to connect their theological training to the reality of modern messy relationships. These how-to training manuals provide relevant, user-friendly equipping for pastors, counselors, lay leaders, educators, and students, enabling them to competently and compassionately relate God's Word to marriage and family life. Revised and updated, this popular book shows pastors and worship leaders the basics of United

Methodist worship. In this straightforward and updated commentary, Hoyt Hickman explains the basic pattern of United Methodist worship within the broader context of Christian worship. Drawing upon five basic principles, the author explains the formative nature of worship and how it can revitalize persons' lives. These principles are: God's Word is primary; active congregational participation is crucial; spontaneity and order are both important; worship should be relevant and inclusive; and worship is communion. This revision will highlight the African-American contribution to UM worship, discuss at greater length what the various worship styles mean for us today, say more about the formative nature of worship, and include updated resources including the Abingdon Worship Annual, the Abingdon Preaching Annual, and WorshipConnection. Explains basic resources for planning and leading worship. Gives the basic pattern of UM worship and its origins. Gives practical suggestions how to renew and revitalize worship. Helps pastors be effective leaders in planning and revitalizing worship. Helps pastors understand and communicate the uniqueness of UM worship. Helps pastors lead their

congregation into a deeper and richer experience of God through worship. No matter what kind of suffering you face, there is life-giving hope that springs forth from our merciful God. In his loyal love and faithfulness God comes alongside us in our suffering in order to strengthen our faith, purify our lives, and heal our hearts by centering us on Christ and the good news of the gospel. In *God's Mercy in Our Suffering*, two pastors and counselors sit down beside you and warmly take you into the book of Lamentations where you will be encouraged to hope in God. Learn how to fasten the rope of your faith to the anchor of God's unfailing love. I heartily recommend this book for those who are in times of deep distress and for the body of Christ that needs to be prepared for every possible form of suffering that may come our way, or that may come in the lives of those we need to reach out to for the glory of God. - Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., President Emeritus, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary This book is a tremendous accomplishment! It is at once a verse-by-verse commentary, rich devotional treasure, and capable guide for biblical counselors. - Lance Quinn, Pastor, Bethany Church on the Hill, Thousand Oaks, CA In

God's Mercy in Our Suffering, the small book of Lamentations is brought to life for us. The authors pull it out of the shadows of neglect and draw us irresistibly to its timeless truths. - Irv Busenitz, VP of Administration and Professor of Bible Exposition and Old Testament, The Master's Seminary

Money is a key issue in today's Christian faith communities but it can be a touchy subject to address. With this book, pastors and clergy finally have a practical resource for managing money in the church. Ministry and Money serves as an excellent primer on accounting practices, church financial reports, and church budgets. Throughout, the authors provide real-life examples to help clarify basic approaches to issues of money. The issue of spiritual care is complicated by the fact that there is no single understanding of what constitutes spirituality. This book lays out the terrain within which the ethics of spiritual care might be developed. The authors begin by reviewing several approaches to spirituality and their implications for ethics. They also explore the changing shape of clergy ethics, and the recent suspicion about applying standards from traditional "professional" ethics. Ethics in Christian Ministry is

about preparing for the highs and lows of ministry by internalizing and rehearsing the ethical essentials of Christ-centered pastoring. Dr. Floyd helps readers understand the nature of crises events, how individuals are impacted, and how to best provide help during and following times of trauma, loss, and grief. Pastors are tasked with the incredibly demanding job of caring for the spiritual, emotional, and, at times, physical needs of their people. While seminary is helpful preparation for many of the challenges pastors face, there's far more to pastoral ministry than what can be covered in the classroom. Designed as a reference guide for nearly every situation a pastor will face, this comprehensive book by seasoned pastors Kent Hughes and Doug O'Donnell is packed full of biblical wisdom and practical guidance related to the reality of pastoral ministry in the trenches. From officiating weddings to conducting funerals to visiting the sick, this book will equip pastors and church leaders with the knowledge they need to effectively minister to their flocks, both within the walls of the church and beyond. Pastors and ministers have one of the most challenging jobs on Earth. Of all their

tasks, one responsibility they cannot neglect is teaching the word of God. Unfortunately, church leaders seldom have enough time to prepare Bible studies for their congregation. This book is a quick resource to help fill that gap. These thematically arranged Bible studies each contain an introduction to a topic and a list of relevant Scripture readings for that topic. Pastors can use the introduction to spark discussion within small groups or to focus on the specific themes during sermon writing. This book will prove to be an invaluable resource for years to come. A collection of fifteen case studies that give church leaders practical and realistic preparation to handle tough issues like sexual harassment, pornography, divorce, and the effects of abortion. The book includes discussion questions, an appendix for facilitating discussions, and a bibliography of additional resources. A practical manual that covers the bases of pastoral life for clergy in churches of all sizes and locations. Some of today's pastors are relatively untroubled but need help in releasing the pressure inherent in ministry to others. Others are close to running on empty, both spiritually and emotionally. All

of them would like someone to confide in who can provide realistic help based on firsthand experience. This is precisely what "Pastors at Greater Risk" is all about! First published in 1993, this edition is completely rewritten, with updated stats, interviews with contemporary pastoral leaders and a special emphasis on today's hot-button issues- job turnover, pornography, spiritual burnout, congregational turnover and more! Result: A book that is rich in wisdom and understanding and one that provides pastor-to-pastor help at a time when it is needed more than ever! Pastors spend much of their time counseling people in crisis—a delicate task that requires one to carefully evaluate each situation, share relevant principles from God's Word, and offer practical suggestions for moving forward. Too often, however, pastors feel unprepared to effectively shepherd their people through difficult circumstances such as depression, adultery, eating disorders, and suicidal thinking. Written to help pastors and church leaders understand the basics of biblical counseling, this book provides an overview of the counseling process from the initial meeting to the final session. It also



includes suggestions for cultivating a culture of discipleship within a church and four appendixes featuring a quick checklist, tips for taking notes, and more. My timely book seeks to, among others, to appreciate and congratulate all men and women of God in ministry; and also encourage them for their continued dedication in leading the flock under their pastoral care as "Chief Shepherds." Bravo! On a more concerned and passionate note, the book seeks to equip the pastor/leader with some basic ministerial skills for sound, fruitful, untiring and ever-lasting soul-impacting ministry, devoid of any abuses either covertly or overtly. My final aim is to challenge the pastor/leader to be professional and current for contemporary ministry because society is becoming more scientific, technological, academic, intellectual, argumentative, and above all, critical, and skeptical. Our local communities are increasingly becoming more violent, confused, frustrated, socially darker and gloomy, stressful, and uncontrollable. The pastoral services of the pastor/leaders thus become inevitable, crucial, and critical because communities look up to the spiritual leader. Indeed, the pastor/leader is the radiant light of hope,

a beacon of light of inspiration, and encouragement to many. The challenge is for all pastors/leaders to lead their respective local communities to greater heights as God's ambassadors and the Called/Chosen for our present generation, and further work harder to hand over a better holistic legacy to the next generation. The Gospel must be preached in its fullest entirety uncompromisingly in season and out of season, devoid of any excuses. Let the Body of Christ be more united than ever to build a "New Church" that is modeled after the life of Christ. The Church that is anointed and empowered with answers to address the multiple-problems and the myriad of challenges facing the 21st century and beyond. In November 2013, Pastor Teddy Parker was found dead by his wife, Larrinecia Parker, in the driveway of their home with a "self-inflicted gunshot wound" hours after he had sent her and his two daughters ahead of him to church, then failed to show up. It was later revealed that he had been battling manic depression until his death. Since that time, over 30 more pastors have committed suicide. These men and women of God face many challenges that could potentially affect every aspect

of their lives. As the Body of Christ, most of us have not been cultured to automatically pray for our pastors. Pastors don't always ask for prayers and many members may not feel comfortable praying for them. We need a renewed culture where prayer for the pastor is encouraged and taught. Pastors need to have specific, anointed, and focused prayer going on for them regularly. *Prayer Points for Pastors: A Tool for Pastors and Their Intercessors* will help both pastors and their intercessors alike by offering prayer points that may be important to pray for or about for pastors. Passionately and directly the author addresses pastors, asking them in language that is personal and accessible -- yet supported by theory -- to take seriously the importance of social ministry. Though too often carelessly neglected by pastors, social action is an integral and vital part of pastoral responsibility. In twelve chapters Miller offers a step-by-step guide to understanding issues of justice; the pastor's social responsibility; social action types, theology, and challenges. Undergirding it all is the "urgent imperative" for pastors to act. *Social Ministry* will be useful as a supplemental text in seminary courses,

pastors at every stage of experience should find it stimulating, and lay persons in local groups will find it a useful study book. Like having a serious conversation with a mentor or coach in the ministry, "The Shepherd's Covenant for Pastors" offers the equipping that pastors need to maintain their commitment to live their lives and ministries with authenticity and integrity. Readers will covenant with God and with one another to maintain a life of holiness and righteousness by committing to five basic principles built on an acrostic of G.R.A.C.E. This inspiring book includes input on the importance of maintaining and developing each principle, stories of pastors who have experienced positive and growing ministries by applying the principles and a series of exercises for keeping in spiritual shape. Here pastors and church leaders will find ideal devotions for use as personal meditations or throughout one's ministry, especially in preaching and teaching. 100 Devotions for Pastors and Church Leaders, Vol. 2 covers events, teachings, and characters from both the Old and New Testaments. Pastors and counselors regularly minister to people whose marriages or families are in crisis. Tempers run high

and feelings are brought low when a marriage is hurting or a family is in disarray. Pastors and counselors need practical, biblical help in order to connect their theological training to the reality of modern messy relationships. These how-to training manuals provide relevant, user-friendly equipping for pastors, counselors, lay leaders, educators, and students, enabling them to competently and compassionately relate God's Word to marriage and family life. For most pastors and church staff members, gone are the days of serving at the same church for twenty or thirty years. What's more, the landscape of pastoral hiring has changed, with the advent of more sophisticated search committees, the Internet, and professional search firms. But the fine art of changing churches or moving to a new career isn't something most of us learned in seminary. Whether you are searching for your first position or are a seasoned veteran wrestling with if, when, and how to move on, *Moving On, Moving Forward* will help you navigate the ins and outs of the ministry employment maze. Based on research with nearly 200 pastors who themselves have gone through transitions in ministry, this book uniquely addresses the

needs of people in ministry. It deals with the crucial and sometimes painful emotional and familial issues involved in ministry transition. And it is immensely practical and informed by many real-life examples. Topics covered include dealing with search committees, writing a letter of resignation, preparing a resume, negotiating compensation, and more. Includes charts and worksheets.

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