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any pastor who needs and wants to get back to basics will do well to absorb this book eugene peterson well known as a pastor s pastor here speaks words of wisdom and refreshment for pastors caught in the busyness of preaching teaching and running the church in the contemplative pastor peterson highlights the often overlooked essentials of ministry first by redefining the meaning of pastor through three strengthening adjectives unbusy subversive and apocalyptic the main part of the book focuses on pastoral ministry and spiritual direction between sundays these chapters begin with poetic reflections on the beatitudes and then discuss such themes as curing souls praying with eyes open the language of prayer the ministry of small talk and sabbatical all with engaging illustrative anecdotes from peterson s own experience the book ends with several meaning full poems that pivot on the incarnation the doctrine closest to pastoral work entitled the word made flesh this concluding section is a felicitous finale to peterson s discerning down to earth reflections on the art of pastoring

in this book peterson clarifies the pastoral vocation by turning to the book of jonah in which he finds a captivating subversive story that can help pastors recover their vocational holiness peterson probes the spiritual dimensions of the pastoral calling and seeks to reclaim the ground taken over by those who are trying to enlist pastors in religious careers

help for pastors and elders to bring unity to their churches in divided times and to experience renewal in the trials of ministry leadership is hard pastoring through divisive times is even harder how do we lead well when criticized how do we keep loving the church when hurt by her what does it look like to remain committed to the gospel in cultural division seasoned pastor jonathan dodson comes alongside struggling pastors and ministry leaders to guide them into the comfort of christ but he doesn t stop there full of wisdom drawn from 2 timothy this book will equip you to lead the church with grace charity and spiritual power through divisive times great for pastors and ministry leaders who need encouragement and insight or are wrestling with their calling makes a thoughtful gift

helps pastors adopt an approach to ministry that is effective enjoyable and sustainable being a pastor is not a regular 9 to 5 job there is an unending list of important things to do as you seek to serve others sacrificially the demands of

ministry make it difficult to find a healthy rhythm of life and work and can leave you running on empty how can we develop a sustainable pattern of ministry that both honors the lord and the people we care for and that will also protect us from burnout ronnie martin and brian croft have each spent decades pastoring churches and supporting ministry leaders here they encourage fellow shepherds to embrace a more present focused unhurried approach to ministry they show how this starts with accepting their humanity pursuing humility and remembering the hope they have in christ they also exhort pastors to fuel their ministry with self awareness prayer and contemplation of jesus after giving a framework for this approach to ministry the authors offer lots of practical advice regarding prioritization managing schedules and cultivating supportive friendships read this book to deepen your joy help yourself to serve others more effectively and continue serving god in ministry for many years to come

michael pasquarello has written a must read book articulating a trinitarian vision for preaching his compelling argument is richly informed by traditional biblical hermeneutics creedal history understood as storied attestation of the witness of scripture and liturgical theology and practice considered as embodied performance of the bible s divine narrative here is a clear summons to the church to abandon all lesser homiletic aims and to prayerfully and faithfully proclaim the holy gospel to the glory of god charles l bartow princeton theological seminary like all of michael pasquarello s work his newest book not only upholds the classical christian tradition but also breathes new vitality into it in an era in which preaching is reduced to persuasive communication pasquarello reminds us that the christian message has a content that originates in and gives expression to the father son and holy spirit richard lischer duke divinity school one of the refreshing things about this fine book by michael pasquarello is that when he thinks about the ministry of preaching he is not afraid to measure the breadth historically or plumb the depths theologically pasquarello has written this book like a good sermon faithfully thoughtfully prayerfully and with a profound word to speak we are in his debt thomas g long candler school of theology boldly challenging homiletical accommodation to american culture pasquarello seeks to change the subject of preaching from method and marketing to the triune god who is the source and goal of our speech a welcome theological vision of preaching charles l campbell columbia theological seminary christian preaching brings together two disciplines that have sadly grown apart such that they almost developed irreconcilable differences preaching and theology pasquarello offers a brilliant critique of theology as

technique and draws on the theology and sermons of irenaeus augustine luther wesley and others convincingly demonstrating that effective pragmatic preaching requires substantive theological engagement and vice versa this book accomplishes its purpose so well that it should be used not only in preaching courses but also in basic theology courses no preacher should be let loose on a congregation without passing through pasquarello s christian preaching d stephen long marquette university

congregations want to support their pastors but don t know how pastors love their congregations but they don t know what to ask of their congregations to garner needed support everyone wants to thrive together but so often we get stuck this clear and engaging guide helps pastors and congregations bridge communication gaps and set mutual goals and expectations reverend keck grounds his framework of expectations on both scholarly research and on interviews he s conducted with pastors and lay people he finds many common difficulties in churches arise from failing to discuss priorities and expectations and from not effectively working through the problems that arise when expectations aren t met for pastors and congregants to arrive at common expectations they need to understand each other their respective needs hopes and distinctive callings this book provides concrete steps to aid congregants and pastors communicate their mutual expectations keck presents fifty expectation statements examples of what pastors and congregations can expect of one another a vital resource to anyone who seeks to initiate a discussion of expectations in their own church elucidating goals and expectations allows congregations and pastors to support one another and flourish and fosters church health and harmony

the contents of this book are an expression in word form of my experience and those things i have witnessed this document on pastoral care was originally written for bible students preparing for pastoral leadership and compiled over a period of time with careful consideration given to each chapter

since it first appeared in print in 1959 john doberstein s minister s prayer book has been a devotional classic among lutheran pastors written by a pastor for other pastors doberstein s work recognizes the need for the pastor to drink from a well of rich resources to sustain the spiritual vitality needed to serve faithfully in parish ministry the fact that this

manual of devotion is still available more than fifty years later is a testament to the timelessness of the collection doberstein gathered as well as to his own pastoral acumen other than a minor revision made in 1986 by philip pfatteicher to update the propers there has been no attempt to bring fresh material to doberstein s work no attempt to update it for a new generation until now this revised edition recognizes the increasingly diverse face of clergy new resources prayers and readings written by women people of color and christians from around the world give the collection a broader appeal the beauty of the minister s prayer book is its intentional re centering of the pastor s calling on word and sacrament on pastoral care and on being fully present and engaged in the lives of god s people

church leaders young and old will find professional advice and inspirations worth revisiting time and again throughout their ministry career in the new guidebook for pastors

the gospel is nothing without relationship and no one gets it like the google generation god came to earth to invite us personally into a relationship and while christians at times downplay relationships the social media generation is completely sold on the idea in viral leonard sweet says christians need to learn about connecting with others from the experts those who can t seem to stop texting im ing tweeting and updating their facebook statuses what would happen he asks if christians devoted less attention to strategies and statistics and paid more attention to pursuing relationships the current generation is driven by a god given desire to know others and to be known by others most of them in seeking to connect in meaningful ways have found a place of belonging that is outside the organized church why not bring the two together those who are sold out to relationships can teach christians how to be better friends to people who need god at the same time members of the social media generation can learn how to follow their desire for belonging straight into the arms of god it s time for relationship to be restored to the heart of the gospel and when that happens can revival be far behind end of chapter interactives included

eugene peterson may be the most influential theological writer in the church today yet because most of his career has not been in academia there is not much critical engagement with his work here some of the finest scholar pastors we have describe the way peterson has inspired and infuriated on the way to hopefully more faithful pastorates

transforming pastors presents fifty two bible immersed field tested discussion welcoming one page handouts that offer spiritual guidance through the labyrinth of leadership this manual draws attention to abiding and weighty themes for both emerging and seasoned leaders transforming pastors escorts you through the twists and turns of leadership to the center of ministry and returns you to a world that god so loves there are no shortcuts stay on the ordained path with discipline and patience and you will experience amazing grace every step of the way each topic in this leadership manual can be considered individually or better yet discussed in a small group setting e g with a clergy small group church staff elder board missions team etc either way be prepared to reflect upon and respond to the path of transforming pastors

paperback revised version this humble book is fr seamus learning journey as a seminarian when he received god s call to serve where he related his humble views on denominations contemplation early christian thought systematic theology charismas sacraments discipleship syncretism and how to minister in the east drawing inspiration from jesuit priest matteo ricci and trappist monk thomas merton as well as the early church fathers

zack eswine starts this unique pastoral resource with a captivating question could i now reach who i once was challenging the idea that today s preachers must do away with biblical or expository preaching if they are to reach non christian people eswine offers a way of preaching that embraces biblical exposition in missional terms recognizing all of the different cultural situations in which the gospel must be preached he gives preachers practical advice on preaching in a global context while remaining faithful to the bible pastors seminarians and church and ministry leaders who speak in various contexts will welcome this fresh thoughtful examination of bringing the word to today s multi everything post everything world

experience the richer spiritual life you long for in this world of frantic activity and constant entertainment it can be hard to identify and embrace the rhythms that lead to true flourishing your spirit longs for a stronger connection to the divine a clearer sense of personal spiritual growth a closer relationship with your creator and redeemer but how do you integrate this kind of inner growth into the realities of your outer life if you long for a deeper experience of god as

you journey through this life spiritual practices for soul care offers 40 ways to help you put the spiritual disciplines into action each day from prayer and meditation to serving and socializing to resting and healing these simple restorative practices will help you develop the kind of christian walk you desire if you have been frustrated by slow or stalled progress or if you simply yearn to go deeper now is the time to pause take a breath and awaken to your transformative soul care journey starting today

sabbath for pastors has much to say about our maddening busy lifestyle that we may truly understand what life and pastoral ministry is all about sabbath is a gift of life given to us so that we may find our rest and renewal in god let sabbath for pastors show you how to discover in him a wellspring of joy and delight

compiled by dr dan crawford this is an 80 chapter 592 page textbook written by 80 different professors and national prayer leaders it is a complete textbook on prayer designed for pastors and seminary students and christian college students who are training for the ministry the content covers both personal prayer issues and concepts and how to grow prayer in a church here are the 4 sections of the book and a listing of some of the chapter topics section one the theological foundation of prayer chapter 1 the bible and prayer gary t meadors chapter 2 jewish traditions of prayer jan verbrugge chapter 3 prayer and the kingdom of god ron walborn chapter 4 god the father and prayer patricia a outlaw chapter 5 god the son and prayer james r wicker chapter 6 praying in the name of jesus randal roberts chapter 7 the gospel of prayer john w taylor chapter 8 god the spirit and prayer james l wakefield chapter 12 the aspects varieties and kinds of prayer alice smith chapter 13 prayer and the sovereignty of god leith anderson chapter 15 problems of seemingly unanswered prayer elmer l towns chapter 19 responding in prayer to god s character aida besancon spencer section two the personal passion for prayer chapter 23 jesus as a role model of personal passion in prayer howard baker chapter 25 disciplines of personal prayer dan r crawford chapter 30 how to address god in prayer william david spencer chapter 31 to whom does god listen w bingham hunter chapter 32 how to hear from god in prayer calvin a blom section three the corporate expression of prayer chapter 41 the bible and church prayer j chris schofield chapter 42 the place of prayer in the early church steve booth chapter 43 the meaning of a house of prayer dennis fuqua chapter 44 how to build a house of prayer dave butts chapter 47 leading facilitating corporate prayer phil

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pastoral ministry is a holy calling brimming with joy and fulfillment yet it can also bring a heavy weight of discouragement and frustration in a liturgy for wholeness author pastor mike bellanti offers a one year pilgrimage into the heart of flourishing within the complex context of church service by exploring four key arenas of flourishing calling daily well being formational relationships and resilience pastors can find wholeness and reimagine their path to thriving in ministry this fifty two week series of practices invites pastors to pause weekly to reflect on their interior life and the state of their soul filled with reflective exercises and practical applications a liturgy for wholeness provides an accessible guide for busy pastors seeking to flourish in their ministry

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