

Being a pastor is thrilling and fulfilling—but also demanding and difficult. Here's why: an effective pastor focuses on three primary responsibilities, each of which seems to require a full-time commitment of its own.

– **Pastors Lead Churches**

It's God's design that pastors give overall leadership to local congregations. To do their job well, pastors need to become humble, godly, courageous, and visionary leaders.

– **Pastors Communicate Truth**

Every pastor should preach and teach the Word of God effectively. This is the only way to change lives, fuel spiritual growth, and equip for ministry. The Word of God is the foundation for all that the church is and does.

– **Pastors Care for People**

Pastors are called shepherds because their roles are more than feeding and leading. Pastors must have compassionate concern for the sick, the homebound, the grieving, and those who need Biblical counseling.

Written by more than 30 experienced pastors and ministry leaders, *The Pastor: A Guide for God's Faithful Servant* addresses a broad spectrum of subjects related to a pastor's life and work. Each chapter is short, practical, and designed to introduce other helpful resources. This guide will be valued by students preparing for ministry and appreciated by seasoned pastors who seek wise solutions.



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