

THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY II
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Reading:

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Thompson, James W. *Pastoral Ministry According to Paul: A Biblical Vision.* Baker Academic, 2006, pp 176. ISBN-10: 0801031095; ISBN-13: 978-0801031090

Outline:

I. "GETTING DOWN"... THE REAL WORK OF THE PASTOR

II. SURVIVING THE "WORSHIP WARS."

1. The Worship Service
2. Special Worship Services

III. SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

1. The Baptism (Prepare a detailed Baptismal Service and explanation)
2. The Communion (Prepare a detailed Communion Service)
3. The Wedding (Prepare a detailed Wedding Service)
4. The Funeral (Prepare a detailed Funeral and Grave Side Service)
5. The Dedication/Ordination/Installation

IV. VISITATION

A. Home Visitation

1. Visitors
2. Members
3. Inactive Members

B. Places of Need

1. Hospital
2. Nursing Home
3. Prison

V. MEETINGS

1. Session
2. Deacon
3. Congregational meetings
4. Presbytery Meetings

VI. RELATIONSHIPS

1. Within the Congregation
 - a. Friendships
 - b. Colleagues (Staff Relationships)
 - c. Leaders
 - d. Parishioners
2. Outside the Congregation
 - a. Denominational
 - b. Other Pastors
 - c. Other Christians
 - d. Service Professionals

VII. Counseling

1. Competent to Counsel
 - a. The Demeanor of the Counselor
 - b. The Methodology of the Counselor
 - c. The Dangers of Counseling
 - d. The Limits of Counseling
2. Crisis Situations
 - a. Suicide
 - b. Abuse
 - c. Addictions (Drugs, Alcoholism)
 - d. Divorce
 - e. Terminal Illness
 - f. Death
 - g. Death of a Child
 - h. Personal Crisis
 - i. Criminal Acts
 - j. Pastoral Burnout
3. Dealing the Elderly

VIII. PROMOTING THE PROGRAMS

1. Developing Programs
2. Money, Money, Money
3. Public Relations

IX. VOLUNTEERS

1. Owning the Vision
2. Recruiting Volunteers
3. Encouraging Volunteers
4. Professionals (Blessing or Curse?)

X. WHEN YOU NEED TO BUILD

1. Importance of Leadership
2. Dangers
3. Funds
4. Criticism

XI. WHEN IT'S TIME TO LEAVE

1. The Evaluation
2. The Announcement
3. Grief Work
4. "After Burn"

XII. LOOKING FOR A CALL

1. Networking
2. Dealing With Pulpit Committees
3. Negotiating
4. "Mine Fields"