

MIN 381 Pastoral Ministry

- 1- The call of God is like a minister's anchor in that it helps the minister stand firm during hard times.
- 2- According to our study, a ministerial call is tested by time and open doors.
- 3- If a person is called into the ministry, he or she should start serving in small ways.
- 4- Character is the most important element of being a minister.
- 5- Good character is built by thinking and acting right.
- 6- Pastors best make up for personal weaknesses by building strong teams.
- 7- Pastors should primarily focus on developing their strengths.
- 8- The Bible is still relevant because it is a living message.
- 9- A common benefit of fasting is wisdom to lead.
- 10- During times of devotional prayer, Christians fellowship with God.
- 11- A "Daniel Fast" is another name for a partial fast.
- 12- Our study shows that churches generally need to put more emphasis on teenagers.
- 13- While studying, a preacher should always ask what the text says about God.
- 14- Christians should fast regularly.
- 15- If pastors put ministry above their families, their marriage will be weak.
- 16- Evangelical churches' perspective on singleness in ministry in the U.S. is mainly marriage-and-family focused.
- 17- The Bible teaches Christians to slowly build friendships.
- 18- Samuel's parenting struggles resulted from the greater attention to ministry than to his family.
- 19- In regard to singleness in ministry, both Paul and Jesus taught that some ministers should remain single.
- 20- A serious problem that unmarried ministers face today is they are socially ostracized by believers because they are not married.
- 21- The minor story in the Bible passage is always about people.
- 22- To help listeners connect to their stories, ministers should share about common struggles.
- 23- Preachers are more effective when they are passionate, confident, and relaxed.
- 24- The early church's remarkable use of women in leadership is attributed to the teaching and example of Jesus.
- 25- The passages written by Paul that appear to limit women's ministry should be interpreted as addressing specific local problems that needed correction.
- 26- Eli failed to discipline his sons.
- 27- After showing people how to use spiritual gifts, pastors should allow them to use their gift.
- 28- A successful altar service requires the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- 29- Pastors should seek change as the result of their preaching.
- 30- Pastor should limit friendships with parishioners because they are pastors first and friends second.
- 31- When setting priorities, the pastor should first ask: What has God called me to do?
- 32- The first step in preparing a message is preparing one's heart.
- 33- Preachers should practice sermons because their message will improve.
- 34- As a worship leader, the pastor is responsible for guiding the service.
- 35- A pastor can make room for spiritual gifts by teaching people about spiritual gifts.
- 36- Pastors should give invitations at the close of each sermon.
- 37- The presence of the Lord is a special gift a pastor can give those in crisis.
- 38- Sharing another's feelings is called empathy.
- 39- When ministering to people in crisis, many pastors err by making them feel useless.

- 40- Sick people often struggle with a fear of the unknown, a loss of control, and feelings of loneliness.
- 41- If grieving people express anger, we should absorb it.
- 42- Listening shows people in crisis you really care.
- 43- A pastor should go first to scripture for guidance.
- 44- The first task for a pastor to know God's vision for the congregation is to surrender his or her own dreams and desires to God.
- 45- God speaks to believers through circumstances, wise people, and the Spirit's inner witness.
- 46- Pastors should share their vision early with key leaders.
- 47- For a vision to become a reality, pastors must set the example.
- 48- Pastors can reinforce their vision by writing it on banners, talking about it often, and teaching it to new members.
- 49- Like King David, pastors must lead by example.
- 50- Ephesians 4 instructs pastors to train people for ministry.
- 51- In Lay Ministry 1, students learned the basics of pastoral care.
- 52- Moses gave us an example of how a pastor should select leaders for shared ministry.
- 53- In the first phase of a training program, a disciple should learn about doctrines of the Bible, the leaders of the Bible, and how to study the Bible.
- 54- Disciples should learn how to study the Bible first.
- 55- "How do you eat an elephant" is a way to explain how to start a church training ministry.
- 56- Small groups meet the needs of fellowship and personal ministry.
- 57- Worship and fellowship are different in purpose, but equal in value.
- 58- A natural result of close relationships is commitment.
- 59- Small group leaders must encourage an atmosphere of faith and ministry.
- 60- Before planning for small groups, set goals and guidelines.
- 61- Maturity is the most important quality to look for in a small group leader.
- 62- A church's guidelines for weddings do NOT need to cover dress code.
- 63- At a wedding, communion reminds the couple of forgiveness.
- 64- Details of the wedding ceremony should be listed in the order of service.
- 65- A pastor should baptize a convert in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 66- Often, the most helpful thing a pastor can do for the grieving is to be with them.
- 67- The ordinances of the church are water baptism and communion.
- 68- The deacons of Jerusalem church (Acts 6) were chosen by members of the church.
- 69- Elders/deacons are best seen as partners in ministry.
- 70- The New Testament teaches that the process for choosing a leader may vary.
- 71- A pastor can build relationships with board members at board meetings.
- 72- In contrast to forms, biblical principles are true to every culture.
- 73- The relationship between pastors and board members should be based on reasonable expectations.
- 74- Team ministry provides encouragement, spiritual strength, and effectiveness.
- 75- Friends should not be hired as church team members.
- 76- A pastor should build a staff on vision.
- 77- Pastors should first try to hire staff from their own churches.
- 78- Pastor-staff relations will fail without trust.
- 79- The Communication Principle involves sharing vision.
- 80- Most pastors "burn out" because they do not take care of themselves.
- 81- Often pastors burn out because they are need centered.
- 82- In preparing to worship, pastors should still their thoughts.

- 83- The key to a healthy ministry is balance.
- 84- We can honor the Sabbath Principle by spending time with family, resting from work, and caring for people.
- 85- A pastor should have one day off each week.
- 86- A person must learn the rhythm of work, rest, and worship.
- 87- To balance time in the "kitchen" a pastor must spend time in silence.
- 88- Hard times test perseverance, but success tests character.
- 89- If pastors do not guard their hearts, disappointment may lead to bitterness.
- 90- The key to handling complaints is listening to people.
- 91- Keeping a journal can help a pastor reflect on daily events, work through problems, and respond to God's voice.
- 92- If pastors do not guard their hearts, disappointments may lead to bitterness.
- 93- Pastors must guard their hearts against success, comparison, and greed.
- 94- We should respond to criticism by humbly responding to what is true.
- 95- When pastors make mistakes, they should first admit that they are at fault.
- 96- Pastors can best be compared to servants.
- 97- James tells us to ask God for wisdom.
- 98- Pastors can best prepare people for business meetings by leading them into God's presence.
- 99- Jesus taught us how to serve with humility.
- 100- Failure is a harsh but excellent teacher.