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## **The Pillars of the Earth**

All churches like to think that theirs is the friendliest in town. But do visitors see it

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that way? Church consultant Gary McIntosh invites readers to take a look at their church through the eyes of visitors and potential visitors. His starting point, grounded in an understanding of God as a "welcomer," is that churches should see those who enter their doors as not merely visitors, but as guests, and themselves as gracious hosts. This practical book offers sound advice on assessing and improving the ways in which churches attract people, welcome them, do follow-up, and bring them into the church family. It also offers suggestions for making a welcoming attitude part of the very fabric of the local church.

### **The Buzzards Are Circling, But God's Not Finished with Me Yet**

Ever wonder how a restaurant or hotel earns a five-star rating? Is it the people? The location? The service? In most cases, it is all of this and more. Why should your church be any different? The Five Star Church reveals how you can pursue Christian excellence and uphold the Lord's command to "honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10). It contains tips, tools and the inspiration you need to build a top-quality church that people will flock to and participate in. Now matter how small your ministry or budget, God can use your church effectively to make everyone there feel welcome and cared for - the marks of a five-star church!

### **New Ecclesial Ministry**

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Are you stuck in your comfort zone? Are you searching for something greater? While it is easy to get comfortable with going about your business throughout the week and then showing up at church for an hour on Sunday, you are called to much more. Greatness, growth, and significance in the kingdom of God is found on the path of service. In this practical and inspiring book, Nelson Searcy motivates readers to take the next step on their journey toward maturity in Christ. As Searcy explains, if you're not serving, you're not growing. Whether you're already committed to multiple ministries or have just started attending church, he provides the tools you need to get connected through service. The Greatness Principle, a perfect companion to Connect, is designed specifically with the individual believer in mind. Priced right for small groups and church-wide campaigns, this little book packs a wealth of practical insight and inspired ideas that will energize church members and have them clamoring to volunteer their talents for the sake of the kingdom.

### **Leading the Congregation**

For: •Individual use •Group training Includes self-assessment and do's and don'ts for various special-needs situations. Whether visiting people in their homes, in the hospital, or in a restaurant over a cup of coffee, the simple act of connecting with others is filled with powerful possibilities. The act of friendship is an inroad to hearts and lives that creates trust, value, and incredible potential for ministry.

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Serving in Church Visitation helps you to •Be Motivated: How Does the Bible Model the Importance of Visitation? •Be Prepared: What Kind of Person Makes a Good Visitor? •Be Informed: What Kind of Visits Are Possible? •Be Involved: What Kind of Inreach Visits Can Be Made? •Be Equipped: How Should Scripture and Prayer Be Used? Zondervan Practical Ministry Guides provide you with simple, practical insights for serving in today's churches. Written by experienced pastors and church workers, these easy-to-read, to-the-point booklets address the fundamentals of different ministries as practiced effectively in real life. You'll find biblical insight and wise, field-tested advice you can apply today, as well as discussion questions to help you think through and integrate what you read.

### **Last Stop on Market Street**

How does the church reach an increasingly secular society without compromising biblical truth and priorities? In appreciation for the life, work, and ministry of Don Carson, this collection of essays from contributors like Timothy Keller, Jim Packer, John Piper, and Mike Ovey will inspire church leaders and all Christians to attempt this vital task.

### **The Things They Carried**

## **Becoming a Welcoming Church**

Tony Evans is one of the most influential church leaders of our time and has been studying and preaching the Gospel for over 50 years. He is senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, TX and founder of The Urban Alternative, a ministry which promotes a kingdom agenda philosophy designed to enable people to live all of life underneath the comprehensive rule of God. The Tony Evans Bible Commentary includes an introduction to each Bible book followed by passage-by-passage exposition of the entire Bible by Dr. Tony Evans. In addition, there is a special front matter section with introductory resources. The insights in this commentary will help explain God's Word in a fresh way. Applying these truths will empower readers to have transformed lives that then transfer the values of the kingdom of God to others. The Tony Evans Bible Commentary features the highly readable, highly reliable text of the Christian Standard Bible® (CSB). The CSB stays as literal as possible to the Bible's original meaning without sacrificing clarity, making it easier to engage with Scripture's life-changing message and to share it with others.

## **Volunteering**

A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to

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appreciate the beauty in everyday things. By the author of the celebrated picture book *A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis*.

### **The Five Star Church**

A Practical Guide to Bible-Centered Ministry Among Women The Bible is clear that women as well as men are created in God's image and intended to serve him with their lives. But what does this look like for women in the church? Helping church leaders think through what a Bible-centered women's ministry looks like, this collection of essays by respected Bible teachers and authors such as Gloria Furman, Nancy Guthrie, and Susan Hunt addresses a variety of topics relevant to women. Whether exploring the importance of intergenerational relationships, the Bible's teaching on sexuality, or women's roles in the church and the home, this book of wise teaching and practical instruction will become a must-have resource for anyone interested in bolstering the health and vitality of the local church.

### **Three Times Lucky**

The Apostle Paul declares his own need for ongoing discipline and diligence, lest after preaching to others he would become disqualified (1 Corinthians 9:27). If one can be disqualified from effective ministry, it stands to reason that there is also a

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process of becoming qualified. What is involved in becoming (and staying) a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work (2 Timothy 2:21)? The great challenge of spiritual leadership is not simply in knowing the right words to say or knowing the right things to do; it is in being the right person. When Moses chose those who would assist, there were qualifications. When the early church chose its workers, there were qualifications. When Paul spoke of bishops, elders, and deacons, there were qualifications. In an age of skepticism and mistrust, the world and the church is looking for credible, honest, and godly leaders who are full of integrity and honor.

### **Qualified**

#1 New York Times Bestseller Oprah's Book Club Selection The “extraordinary . . . monumental masterpiece” (Booklist) that changed the course of Ken Follett’s already phenomenal career. Look out for the prequel, *The Evening and the Morning*, coming from Viking in September 2020. “Follett risks all and comes out a clear winner,” extolled Publishers Weekly on the release of *The Pillars of the Earth*. A departure for the bestselling thriller writer, the historical epic stunned readers and critics alike with its ambitious scope and gripping humanity. Today, it stands as a testament to Follett’s unassailable command of the written word and to his universal appeal. *The Pillars of the Earth* tells the story of Philip, prior of Kingsbridge, a devout and resourceful monk driven to build the greatest Gothic

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cathedral the world has known . . . of Tom, the mason who becomes his architect—a man divided in his soul . . . of the beautiful, elusive Lady Aliena, haunted by a secret shame . . . and of a struggle between good and evil that will turn church against state and brother against brother. A spellbinding epic tale of ambition, anarchy, and absolute power set against the sprawling medieval canvas of twelfth-century England, this is Ken Follett's historical masterpiece.

### **The Joy of the Gospel**

Browse a Christian book website or bookstore and notice all there is for leaders and would-be leaders. We are inundated with studies of leaders, keys to leadership, and tips on becoming a leader. But how many books inspire us simply to serve one another? How many books involving servanthood are not tied to leadership and basically about leadership? The appeal of leadership has hijacked the biblical call to servanthood. As a result, we major on a role that will only ever be held by a few, and we largely ignore a role that ought to be held by every Christian. What ever happened to servanthood? Servanthood as Worship offers Christians a biblical understanding of their calling to serve in the local church, motivated by the grace that is ours in the gospel. It has the potential to revitalize service teams in churches across the world, from brand new church plants to long-established congregations.

## **The Book of Mormon**

The perfect gift! A specially priced, beautifully designed hardcover edition of The Joy of the Gospel with a foreword by Robert Barron and an afterword by James Martin, SJ. “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.” – Pope Francis This special edition of Pope Francis's popular message of hope explores themes that are important for believers in the 21st century. Examining the many obstacles to faith and what can be done to overcome those hurdles, he emphasizes the importance of service to God and all his creation. Advocating for “the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned,” the Holy Father shows us how to respond to poverty and current economic challenges that affect us locally and globally. Ultimately, Pope Francis demonstrates how to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ, “to recognize the traces of God’s Spirit in events great and small.” Profound in its insight, yet warm and accessible in its tone, The Joy of the Gospel is a call to action to live a life motivated by divine love and, in turn, to experience heaven on earth. Includes a foreword by Robert Barron, author of Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith and James Martin, SJ, author of Jesus: A Pilgrimage From the Hardcover edition.

## **Beyond the First Visit**

In *Serving a Movement*, best-selling author and pastor Timothy Keller looks at the nature of the church's mission and its relationship to the work of individual Christians in the world. He examines what it means to be a "missional" church today and how churches can practically equip people for missional living. Churches need to intentionally cultivate an integrative ministry that connects people to God, to one another, to the needs of the city, and to the culture around us. Finally, he highlights the need for intentional movements of churches planting new churches that faithfully proclaim God's truth and serve their communities. This new edition contains the third section of *Center Church* in an easy-to-read format with new reflections and additional essays from Timothy Keller and several other contributors.

## **The Admirals**

You were born to lead. Now it's time to become a leader. Leaders may be found in boardrooms, but they may also be found in families, schools, and organizations of all kinds—anywhere people interact, nurture, create, or build. Contrary to popular opinion, leadership is not meant for an elite group of people who, by fate or accident, become leaders while everyone else is consigned to being a lifelong

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follower. After personally training thousands of leaders from around the world, best-selling author Dr. Myles Munroe reports that while every person possesses the potential of leadership, many do not understand how to cultivate the leadership nature and how to apply it to their lives. In *The Spirit of Leadership*, Dr. Munroe defines the unique attitudes that all effective leaders exhibit, explains how to eliminate hindrances to your leadership abilities, and helps you to fulfill your particular calling in life. "a defining portrait of true and effective leadership. On these pages you will discover your purpose, your passion, and your potential to become the leader God has destined you to be." —Pastor John Hagee, Cornerstone Church "[Dr Myles Munroe's] wisdom is to the believer what a phone booth was to Superman! Step into every page and be charged!" —Bishop T. D. Jakes, The Potter's House of Dallas "The world is groaning in travail, waiting for the manifestation of those who will rise up as followers of God and leaders of men. Dr. Myles Munroe will give you invaluable insight in your quest to discover and develop the spirit of a leader." —Pastor Rod Parsley, World Harvest Church "Are you aware that God has ordained you to be a leader? In *The Spirit of Leadership*, Dr. Myles Munroe gives us the key to find the hidden leader within ourselves. I highly recommend this inspired book to all." —Paul F. Crouch, Trinity Broadcasting Network "In *The Spirit of Leadership*, Dr. Myles Munroe taps into the core truths of authentic, successful leadership. Through decades of study and careful observation, Dr. Munroe has identified the key—the missing ingredient that activates the potential to lead found within every human being." —Marilyn Hickey,

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Marilyn Hickey Ministries

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- Over 11 million copies sold - #1 New York Times Bestseller for 8 years running - Now celebrating its 25th anniversary Simple ideas, lasting love Falling in love is easy. Staying in love—that's the challenge. How can you keep your relationship fresh and growing amid the demands, conflicts, and just plain boredom of everyday life? In the #1 New York Times bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, you'll discover the secret that has transformed millions of relationships worldwide. Whether your relationship is flourishing or failing, Dr. Gary Chapman's proven approach to showing and receiving love will help you experience deeper and richer levels of intimacy with your partner—starting today. *The 5 Love Languages* is as practical as it is insightful. Updated to reflect the complexities of relationships today, this new edition reveals intrinsic truths and applies relevant, actionable wisdom in ways that work. Includes the Couple's Personal Profile assessment so you can discover your love language and that of your loved one.

## **Word-Filled Women's Ministry**

This book is written to be helpful to ministers who are serving as a bivocational

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pastor or are considering that ministry role. This is not an exhausting study of the role, but a conversation with you about the key functions and challenges of the bivocational pastor. In my experiences of being a pastor, consultant, personal counselor and friend of pastors, I understand the delights and difficulties of ministry. In my current roles of bivocational pastor and fundraising among churches for a statewide ministry, I understand the challenges that bivocational pastors face and want to share with you a down to earth conversation from my experience and perspective.

### **Gifts**

Volunteering can be a rewarding and exciting experience—but to effectively serve you need to understand the why, how, and what of serving others. Based on the principles and training they have utilized at Wooddale Church, pastor Leith Anderson and Jill Fox will help you better understand: The importance of prayer in ministry Avoiding burnout and serving for the long-term Recruiting others to serve in ways that are natural and easy Enjoying the ‘pay’ that is more valuable than money Finding your fit and serving out of your strengths This short and accessible book will help you to find the resources you need to be inspired and trained to serve in the most vital workforce in the world today—the church of Jesus Christ.

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### **Servanthood as Worship**

On the landscape of life, buzzards are inevitable; those events and situations that circle us, eyeing us as prey. No matter what form these buzzards take, the pain is universal. Here Toler takes a lighthearted look at some of life's more serious subjects. Drawing from his own personal struggles, Toler shares encouragement for tough times. This delightful collection of stories and life lessons will help readers find hope, joy, and peace, even in life's difficult moments.

### **The Usher's Manual**

Ever wonder how a restaurant or hotel earns a five-star rating? Is it the people? The location? The service? In most cases, it is all of this and more. Why should your church be any different? The Five Star Church reveals how you can pursue Christian excellence and uphold the Lord's command to "honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10). It contains tips, tools and the inspiration you need to build a top-quality church that people will flock to and participate in. Now matter how small your ministry or budget, God can use your church effectively to make everyone there feel welcome and cared for - the marks of a five-star church!

### **Leading from the Second Chair**

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In this revised edition of her groundbreaking original volume, Zeni Fox emphasizes the crucial relationship between lay ecclesial ministers and the Church's response to them in light of the many developments in recent years. Written in a clear, crisp style, the book is divided into three parts: Part one describes the present reality, both sociological research about who these new lay professionals are and a review of the ways in which theologians are reflecting upon this new phenomenon. The second part explores the new reality from the standpoint of tradition, including Scripture, the documents of Vatican II and the work of U.S. bishops. The final part assesses this reality in light of the tradition, and outlines steps needed to more fully integrate lay leaders into the fabric of the Church.

### **The 5 Love Languages**

· For Individual use· Group training  
Photocopyable resources include: job descriptions, caregiver interview form, staff evaluation survey, guidelines for nursery use, information card, and incident report form  
A well-run nursery is a tremendous asset to a church. The responsibilities are demanding, but with prayer, patience, and commitment, you can minimize the frustrations and maximize the difference you make in the lives of children ages three and under and their parents. Whether you're leading your church's nursery ministry, serving in it, or just thinking of getting involved, you will welcome the expert insights, encouragement, and resources this book offers.  
Serving in Your Church Nursery

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sheds light on·Developing a vision ·Gathering a team·Evaluating and setting goals·Setting up the nursery environment·Policies, procedures, and job descriptions·Recruiting, screening, training, and safety issues·Age groups, insights on learning, separation anxiety, and moreZondervan Practical Ministry Guides provide you with simple, practical insights for serving in today's churches. Written by experienced pastors and church workers, these easy-to-read, to-the-point booklets address the fundamentals of different ministries as practiced effectively in real life. You'll find biblical insight and wise, field-tested advice you can apply today, as well as discussion questions to help you think through and integrate what you read.

### **Didn't See It Coming**

Every church is driven by something. Tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even buildings can each be the controlling force in a church. But Rick Warren believes that in order for a church to be healthy it must become a purpose driven church by Jesus. Now the founding pastor of Saddleback Church shares a proven five-part strategy that will enable your church to grow. . . - Warmer through fellowship - Deeper through discipleship - Stronger through worship - Broader through ministry - Larger through evangelism. Discover the same practical insights and principles for growing a healthy church that Rick has taught in seminars to over 22,000 pastors and church leaders from sixty denominations and

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forty-two countries. The Purpose Driven Church® shifts the focus away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process. Warren says, "If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church."

### **I Am a Church Member**

How history's only five-star admirals triumphed in World War II and made the United States the world's dominant sea power. Only four men in American history have been promoted to the five-star rank of Admiral of the Fleet: William Leahy, Ernest King, Chester Nimitz, and William Halsey. These four men were the best and the brightest the navy produced, and together they led the U.S. navy to victory in World War II, establishing the United States as the world's greatest fleet. In *THE ADMIRALS*, award-winning historian Walter R. Borneman tells their story in full detail for the first time. Drawing upon journals, ship logs, and other primary sources, he brings an incredible historical moment to life, showing us how the four admirals revolutionized naval warfare forever with submarines and aircraft carriers, and how these men—who were both friends and rivals—worked together to ensure that the Axis fleets lay destroyed on the ocean floor at the end of World War II.

### **The Spirit of Leadership**

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Picture your church as a place where the priesthood of believers finds its expression in creative and powerful ways. Picture leaders and staff equipping and unleashing people to minister in ways consistent with how God designed them. Think of the effectiveness, vitality, and contentment that come when the body of Christ nurtures itself through the healthy give-and-take of each member. In *The Equipping Church*, Sue Mallory describes the benefits, the structure, and the culture of an equipping church and shows how your congregation can become one. This book is about limitless possibilities. Think "vision." What might your church look like if its members became vital, fully empowered partners in ministry? How can you help them discover and release their full potential? How would their roles change--and yours? AN EQUIPPING CHURCH IS A CHURCH WHERE: \* pastors and leaders enable church members to share in ministry \* people's gifts, talents, and life callings are matched with areas of service \* ministry opportunities are recognized and developed \* the culture encourages the growth of a broad array of ministries \* a well-designed system addresses needs of every kind, both individual and corporate \* the pastor doesn't have to be all things to all people

Unpacking insights and principles uncovered by Leadership Training Network over the last several years, Mallory helps you customize an equipping system and culture in your church. You'll proceed from preparation (what you need to know), to foundations (what you need to change), to construction (what you need to do). In the process, Mallory takes you inside the story of her own church, Brentwood Presbyterian, to observe the different stages of their trial-and-error journey and

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how it has transformed their approach to "doing church." See how they dealt with various concerns that arose along the way, and meet men and women whose lives have been changed because Brentwood took the ministry road less traveled. Each chapter includes a section of "Equipping Principles," questions for discussion and reflection, and a summary of different equipping churches from around the country. With the accompanying Equipping Church Guidebook, this book will be a mile marker in your church--and the gateway to a more effective and biblical approach to ministry.

### **Servolution**

Best-selling author Thom S. Rainer (Simple Church) shows how being an effective church member has more to do with maintaining a healthy biblical attitude than it does worrying over functional issues.

### **The Purpose Driven Church**

No Matter What Happens, Attitude Is a Choice As much as you try, sometimes you just can't change your circumstances—and never the actions of others. But you do have the power to choose how your attitude affects your outlook on your day and those you influence in your life. Join bestselling author Stan Toler as he shares the

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what, why, and how behind the transformation you desire. With this book, you'll release the thoughts and habits that keep you from experiencing joy on a daily basis learn the seven choices you can make to get out of a rut and into greater success implement a plan to improve your outlook in three vital areas and conquer negativity After having lost his father in an industrial accident as a boy, Toler knows about coping with unexpected tragedies and harsh realities. He will gently guide you through the internal processes that can positively change any life—including yours.

### **Serving a Movement**

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### **The Tony Evans Bible Commentary**

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Classic guidance and advice on how to lead God's people, revised and updated for a new generation of leaders. "Heuser and Shawchuck have done an outstanding revision of their classic volume. *Leading the Congregation*. The pursuits of excellence and spirituality are woven into a beautiful and practical guide for faithful ministry. This volume belongs on the desk of every pastor and in the curriculum of every school of theology. The authors are as courageous in naming the cost, demands, and dangers of ministry as they are faithful in making plain the abundant resources available to enable and enhance effective ministry in our time. *Leading the Congregation* is a book for everyone seeking a practical guide to excellence and faithfulness in ministry."--- Bishop Rueben P. Job, author of *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living* "Leading the Congregation is an excellent resource for those looking for authenticity and wholeness in leadership.

Congregations desperately need the type of leader this book defines, that is, a Christ-centered leader whose sacrificial service provides the welcoming of the soul and the weaving of community in a wounded world."--- Dr. Jesse Miranda, President of the Miranda Center and CEO of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) "Leading the Congregation is a captivating analysis of the life issues of a spiritual Christian leader and the congregation she or he serves. I relish the insights of the authors from spiritual formation, psychology, organization, and leadership analysis. It is a real help to the busily involved Christian leader so that one can understand the reality one is immersed in. It is an extremely welcome book."---Elder Oscar Owens Jr., Christian Education Director of West Angeles

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Church of God in Christ "Young leaders, you will not just love this book; you will get it! Heuser and Shawchuck thoughtfully address perhaps the most challenging aspect of leading in the church today: the 'with others' part."---Chip Espinoza, coauthor of *Managing the Millennials*

### **The Five Star Church**

A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a groundbreaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. *The Things They Carried* depicts the men of Alpha Company: Jimmy Cross, Henry Dobbins, Rat Kiley, Mitchell Sanders, Norman Bowker, Kiowa, and the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three. Taught everywhere—from high school classrooms to graduate seminars in creative writing—it has become required reading for any American and continues to challenge readers in their perceptions of fact and fiction, war and peace, courage and fear and longing. *The Things They Carried* won France's prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize; it was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

## **The Equipping Church**

An influential pastor, podcaster, and thought leader believes it's not only possible to predict life's hardest moments, but also to alter outcomes, overcome challenges, and defeat your fiercest adversaries. Founding Pastor of one of North America's most influential churches, Carey Nieuwhof wants to help you avoid and overcome life's seven hardest and most crippling challenges: cynicism, compromise, disconnectedness, irrelevance, pride, burnout, and emptiness. These are challenges that few of us expect but that we all experience at some point. If you have yet to confront these obstacles, Carey provides clear tools and guidelines for anticipation and avoidance. On the other hand, if you already feel stuck in a painful experience or are wrestling with one of these challenges, he provides the steps you need to find a way out and a way forward into a more powerful and vibrant future.

## **Serving in Church Visitation**

From the perspective of a veteran pastor and communicator, Dr. Leslie Parrott describes the function of the usher and provides practical guidelines on how this vital role in the church may be carried out with grace and efficiency. Not only does he apply scriptural principles, but he relies completely upon Scripture in his

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development of the various qualifications and duties of the usher. In this practical, how-to-do-it book, Dr. Parrott explains: - The Ministry of Ushering: what makes a good usher; why ushers are important - The Function of an Usher - The Authority and Responsibility of an Usher - The Usher as a Greeter -- Every church can have an effective usher corps -- and this group will be even more effective if based on The Usher's Manual.

### **The Four Loves**

Examines human love, including affection, friendship, erotic love, and the love of God, and uses sources ranging from Jane Austen to St. Augustine to argue that none of the types of love can prosper without the love of God.

### **Serving as a Bivocational Pastor**

Gifted--that's you! Uniquely equipped to help build up the body of Christ. As a follower of Jesus, serving others is an integral part of your identity and an important key to your personal growth. But how do you cultivate a servant's heart and your spiritual gifts in ways that build up your church, your family, your friends, and your world--without wiping you out in the process? Gifts guides you to the answers. Through personal study and small group interaction, this study will help

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you develop a passion to be used by God. You'll find out about your unique place in the body of Christ and how to surmount the obstacles that keep you from thriving. You'll discover the joy of serving with others--doing together what you cannot do alone. And you'll learn how to abide in Christ, experiencing a freshness and vitality that grow as you give!Leader's guide included!Gifts group sessions are:Use Me!Use My Gifts!Walking into WeaknessComparison: The Killjoy of ServanthoodThe Ministry of the MundaneServanthood's Bell-Shaped CurveAbide in Him

### **The Power of Your Attitude**

You are a leader—people look to you to be an example, offer direction, and provide inspiration. But with so much to do, how can you keep fresh, focused, and excited about your opportunity to make a difference in people's lives? Bestselling author Stan Toler provides inspirational quotes, one-page gems of wisdom, and memorable taglines to fuel your passion and clarify your vision. You'll find plenty of helpful reminders that Leaders are in the people business. As a leader, your primary function is not to buy, sell, or ply a trade. It is to understand and work with people. Bureaucrats run institutions. Leaders lead people. You can make the difference. Leadership is a team sport. Do more than direct individuals—build a team. This treasure of tried-and-true principles will be your on-the-go source for the motivation and encouragement you need be the effective leader you were created to be.

## **God Has Never Failed Me, But He's Sure Scared Me to Death a Few Times**

The idea of servolution is a revolution of serving others, and this resource provides practical ideas and strategies to get started.

### **The Greatness Principle**

Celebrated author Stan Toler has a gift for finding the humor in life's most challenging situations. Now two of Toler's most beloved books are available with an updated look. These freshly designed books will introduce Toler's heartwarming insights to a new audience and generation, while delivering his trademark tales filled with hope and laughter. In *God Has Never Failed Me*, Toler offers a collection of stories that will encourage us in the waiting room between "Help!" and Rescue. Combining a rich blend of spiritual truths with humorous insights, these engaging stories and anecdotes will remind readers of God's unfailing love for His children.

### **Serving the Church, Reaching the World**

Newbery honor winner, New York Times bestseller, Edgar Award Finalist, and E.B. White Read-Aloud Honor book. A hilarious Southern debut with the kind of

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characters you meet once in a lifetime Rising sixth grader Miss Moses LoBeau lives in the small town of Tupelo Landing, NC, where everyone's business is fair game and no secret is sacred. She washed ashore in a hurricane eleven years ago, and she's been making waves ever since. Although Mo hopes someday to find her "upstream mother," she's found a home with the Colonel--a café owner with a forgotten past of his own--and Miss Lana, the fabulous café hostess. She will protect those she loves with every bit of her strong will and tough attitude. So when a lawman comes to town asking about a murder, Mo and her best friend, Dale Earnhardt Johnson III, set out to uncover the truth in hopes of saving the only family Mo has ever known. Full of wisdom, humor, and grit, this timeless yarn will melt the heart of even the sternest Yankee.

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Most church members don't see their churches clearly. In almost all of Thom S. Rainer's consultations, church members perceive their church to be friendly. But as he surveyed guests, he found that the guests typically saw church members as unfriendly. The perception chasm existed because the members were indeed friendly . . . to one another. The guests felt like they crashed a private party. Bestselling author Thom Rainer (*I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church*) has a game plan for churches to become more hospitable. In a format that is suitable for church members to read individually or study together, Rainer

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guides readers toward a practical framework for making a difference for those who visit their church. Churches may use *Becoming a Welcoming Church* to assess and audit where they are on a spectrum between welcoming and wanting. Additionally, churches can use the companion book *We Want You Here* to send guests home with a compelling vision for what pastors want every guest to know when they visit.

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chair leaders can serve well and improve the overall performance of their church or organization. Leading from the Second Chair equips readers with the positive attitudes, skills, and strategies needed to become powerful leaders who will survive and thrive in God's service.

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