

The Master's Minister



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Foreword: Dr. William Hill

At a time when there is so much confusion, compromise, cowardice and capitulation in the religious world, *The Master's Minister* is a breath of fresh air.

It is so refreshing to be acquainted with men of God who not only have a burden for the work of God, they also have a plan and vision to bring it to pass.

Dr. Charles S. Pahlman's training course, *The Master's Minister* is not an attack on any person or religion, but rather offers a wealth of positive instruction for everyone wanting their life to be successful. Although I have pastored the church where I now labor for over 41 years, I was blessed, encouraged and helped as I served as a proofreader for this material.

The examples and illustrations alone will make this course profitable for each enrollee. And then, when you get into the 'meat' of this course, you will be doubly blessed.

Charles Pahlman has created here a masterpiece that will be in demand around the world. But do not take my word for it, enroll in it yourself.

No doubt many Bible Colleges, Churches and Institutions will want to add *The Master's Minister* to their training program.

Sincerely, In Him,



William F. Hill Th.D.

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COURSE THREE

The Function (Duties) of the Master's Minister

Introduction:

In the Bible, the distinction is made between a shepherd and a hired hand 'hireling' (John 10:11-15). A shepherd (elder, bishop, or minister) has in his heart a God-given love for the sheep and a desire to care for those entrusted to him. The hired hand is unwilling to become as spiritually or emotionally involved-unwilling to confront the dangers that threaten the sheep-unwilling to truly love the people under his care.

A. *The role of Elder/Pastor* - it is important to realize that the concept of pastoring did not originate in the New Testament church. We see it also in the Old Testament church of God. God had high expectations of His pastors and He upbraided them when they did not fulfill those expectations.

As the mouth piece of God Jeremiah declares, *"For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered."* **Jeremiah 10:21**

From this we see God expects His pastors to -

1. seek Him (Ezra 7:10)
2. inquire of Him (for wisdom and guidance)
3. require of Him (ask of Him)- which is to petition Him in prayer.

Also we see that God expects, as a consequence of doing this, that they will -

1. conduct themselves wisely, not be foolish.
2. ensure that the flock stays together in unity- not be scattered!

B. "The Word 'Minister' comes from the Greek word- *Diakonos*, meaning one who serves, a servant. A preacher is a minister or servant of Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 4:6). His work is to serve the Lord's Word, the Gospel to all men (Acts 6:4; Rom. 15:16). A 'good Minister of Jesus Christ' must also 'put the brethren in remembrance of these things...' (1 Tim. 4:6). A preacher is to 'take heed to the ministry which (he) has received in the Lord, that (he) fulfills it' (Col. 4:17).

Much of the error concerning preachers and their work comes from a wrong view of the relationship of the preacher and the local church. Many consider the preacher as an employee or servant of the church. As such the church is an employer that determines the scope and duties of the work of their employee. This view is expressed in the statement: 'We pay the preacher and we tell him what to do.'