The First 100 Days: A Pastor's Guide
Synopsis

Every time a pastor goes to a new church, they form hopes, dreams, and expectations - without necessarily realizing it - for the progress and growth of their new ministry. Not only do these pastors have to transition into a new congregation and community, but they also have to think about building strong relationships with other influential people in the area. Almost every day, pastors of new churches face unexpected hardships and challenges. Some of the issues are financial mismanagement from their predecessor, moral or ethical misbehavior, or unresolved conflict that has just been suppressed long enough to find a new pastor. The fact is, pastors of new churches need guidance. The First 100 Days is for these pastors who need some guidance and insight to help them lead with godly wisdom and purpose during the first few months.

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Customer Reviews

Helping pastors provide responsible and successful leadership is unquestionably a purpose and passion of Dr. T. Scott Daniels as evinced in his two recent books. Further building upon his 2009 "Seven Deadly Spirits: The Message of Revelation's Letters for Today's Church" in which he sets forth the obstacles facing pastors and church leaders in developing sound churches, here he proffers practical wisdom in addressing those obstacles, borne out of extensive and intensive personal experience. At this time of seriously diminishing attendance, finances and other vital support in many or most churches and denominations, the counsel of mega-church pastor Dr. T. Scott Daniel's "The First 100 Days: A Pastor's Guide" perhaps has never been more timely. The
book has a "conversational counsel of a wise and caring friend" feel to it. I was motivated at each point and page to reflect upon my own lengthy career, including roles of pastor, evangelistic speaker and health care chaplain. Pastors who preceded me and their families were greatly loved, as were we. The churches grew. We were richly blessed. But that was a different time. Society and culture have changed. Churches and denominations have changed. The role of pastor has changed, and become much more challenging than before. The nine chapters of The First 100 Days set forth solid business and personal life management practices in a manner at the same time concise and comprehensive. These are practices that can help a church leader at any point in a ministerial career. I personally found the chapters entitled "Know What You Don't Know" and "Establish Clear Expectations" could have made stewardship of ecclesiastical responsibilities decidedly better for myself, my family and the congregations we served.

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