

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH IN PASTORAL MINISTRY

Part 2: Taking Ministry to a Higher Level

CONSIDER...

Charles H. Spurgeon, “A man is not a good man if he does not think he can do things better.”

Chuck Swindoll on the keys for pastoral ministry success:

- **An excellent attitude**
- **Faithfulness and diligence at work**
- **Personal purity of the highest caliber**
- **Consistency in your walk with God**

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1 Corinthians 4:2, “ Moreover, it is required of stewards (pastors), that they be found **faithful.”**

2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that **the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”**

Professional Growth Through...

1. **Mentoring**
2. **External Opportunities**
3. **Formal Education**
4. **Suggested Reading**

MENTORING

1. **Requirements of time, work, commitment and follow-through.**
2. **Selection of a mentor who has the ability and willingness to understand what are your needs and goals. Begins with an assessment of where you are and then determine what you would like to achieve.**
3. **Must be candid, straightforward, honest, and confidential in all issues.**
4. **Establish a framework of time (1-2 years) and frequency of meetings.**
5. **Monitor progress and completion of goals.**

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Local Pastors' gatherings; FOI Shepherds' Gatherings**
2. **Educational seminars through colleges, graduate schools and seminaries**
3. **The Cove (Asheville, NC), Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, Keswick**
4. **Tyndale House (Cambridge Univ.)**
5. **Online resources-Desiring God; Solid Joys; BreakPoint; Oneplace; Alternative View; Running to Win; Insight for Living**

FORMAL EDUCATION

Lancaster Bible College & Capital Seminary

Cairn University

Liberty University

Moody Bible Institute

Clarks Summit University

SUGGESTED READING...

The Power of a Clear Conscience, Erwin Lutzer

The Church in Babylon, Erwin Lutzer

Revival God's Way, Leonard Ravenhill

How Islam Plans to Change the World, William Wagner

Slogging Along in the Paths of Righteousness, Dale Davis

The Other Worldview, Peter Jones

Jesus Among Secular Gods, Ravi Zacharias

Knowing Christ, Mark Jones

The Pleasures of God, John Piper

Astonished by God, John Piper

SUGGESTED READING...

Praying the Bible, Donald Whitney

Can We Still Believe the Rapture? Hindson & Hitchcock

Mission at Nuremberg, Tim Townsend