

The Communion of Evangelical Christian Ministers and Churches

Bishop's Counsel Series

Pastoral Advice to Young Ministers and Pastors

- 1. Stay put**
- 2. Be an encourager**
- 3. Be optimistic**
- 4. See the best there is in people**
- 5. Read good books**
- 6. Be studious**
- 7. Take time in preparation of sermons, remembering that sermons grow**
- 8. Read with a sermonic mind**
- 9. Hear good preaching as much as possible**
- 10. Lead, do not drive the flock**
- 11. Silence is sometimes golden**
- 12. Be careful of what you hear and more careful as to what you say**
- 13. Be careful of your dress. Wear clean clothes. Shave daily. Keep your shoes shined and your clothes pressed. Remember you represent a sacerdotal office**
- 14. Live within your income. Stay out of debt**
- 15. Be prompt. It shows respect and courtesy**

Let your “success” be defined by God's Word and Holy Spirit, not the culture