

The Call of God to the Ministry (*The Kingdom Mindset of the Minister*)

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This work (being designed to bless those whom God has called into pastoral ministry) was written in the unshakable conviction that there is not a higher calling in all the world than that of pastor. Those who have been called by God to shepherd the sheep have not entered a career but a holy calling. Concerning pastoral ministry, Dr. Minkler said: *“Anyone who speaks about ‘professionalism’ in pastoral ministry only cheapens the sacred calling. One might as well speak about ‘professionalism’ in motherhood—the very word cheapens what pastoring means. No one rightly enters the ministry unless God calls the person into it. Thus, no seminary, no schooling, no degree program (as helpful as such may be) could ever produce a minister of God. One must be called of God.”*

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