

The Minister a Pastor Can Use:
Practical Applications for Associate Ministers

Associate Minister's Class

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INTRODUCTION: In previous classes, we have spent a good deal of time discussing the high value of an Associate Minister. As well, we have spent time examining the roles, challenges, and pitfalls, unique to the ministry of Associates. Today, we will explore the position of an Associate Minister more closely, and discover ways you can be more effective in your service to God, to your Pastor, and to your church.

Since, it is the Pastor, who typically takes the lead in licensing, ordaining, and appointing Associate Ministers, we will spend our time today, discussing the vital relationship between the Associate and the Pastor; and discover ways, you can be of greater service to your leader.

Although today's class focuses on practical application, the Word of God is our textbook. The Bible is the source, not only for all Christian doctrine, but also for all Christian practice. Much of our time in the Word, will be in reference to the great Old Testament saint, Joshua.

We begin with an introduction to Joshua in Exodus 17:1-10.

I. Leadership *Under* Leadership (Exodus 17:9)

- a. Trustworthiness
- b. Understanding of the mission
- c. Understanding of church organization and structure
- d. Positive connection with the congregation
- e. Availability

II. Fidelity To The Mission/Vision (Exodus 17:10)

- a. Do what is asked of you
- b. Do no more than is asked of you

III. Your Pastor Needs Men/Women of Faith

- a. Ministers of doubt (Numbers 13:27-31)
- b. What's at stake (Numbers 14:1-4)
- c. Ministers of faith (Numbers 14:6-9)
- d. Ministers of courage (Numbers 14:10)

IV. The Teachable Associate Minister (Exodus 32:17-18)

- a. The shepherd's apprentice
- b. A lifelong learner (II Timothy 2:15)