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# MIN100 Becoming a Spirit-Led Pastor

## *2 credits*

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### **Description:**

This course will take you on a journey whether you are a brand new pastor coming into your first season of ministry, or an experienced pastor of many years transitioning into a new flock. Even if you're not in transition, it's just time for some revitalization, this course will set you up to dive into The Spirit and seek His perfect wisdom as you lead by following Him and set an example before His people.

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### **Course Objectives**

#### **Academic:**

When you complete this course, you will be able to:

- Understand the weight of the pastor's role.
- Seek to understand how The Holy Spirit will guide you as a pastor.
- See God's Word as the pastor's handbook.
- Develop a new understanding of being led by the Spirit in your daily office hours.
- Understand and express your place in the flock as an undershepherd, submitted to the Holy Spirit and His guidance.

#### **Attitudinal:**

- You will become convinced that God has called you to this role for a purpose, which is to follow Him.

- You will learn that people have high expectations for you, but that God's leading is always supreme.
- You will become convinced that following the lead of The Holy Spirit is the best ministry strategy.
- You will become convinced that God's Word can change your life to conform to Jesus' life.

### **Behavioral:**

If you allow the Holy Spirit to apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- You will journal several times each week, sometimes multiple times in a day to understand where The Lord is taking you.
- You will express excitement to those under your care about where The Lord is leading, and how you've arrived at this conclusion.
- You will lead by example and teach others who long to be intimate with the Spirit how to journal and hear the voice of God in their daily lives.

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### **Course Texts:**

*Every Pastor's First 180 Days* by Charles Stone.

Personal Journal – Brand New

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### **Course Requirements:**

1. Classroom students must faithfully attend classes. Distance students must meet all other requirements.
2. Thoroughly study the texts and all Scriptures mentioned in the student notebook.
3. Satisfactorily complete any accompanying assignments.
4. Meditate on the assigned Scripture passages, journaling each and seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance to apply the verse to your

pastoral ministry.

5. Write a report on the scriptures given as described in lesson 8.
6. Earn a passing grade on the final exam: a written plan of action for this season of ministry as described in lesson 8.

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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
  - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
  - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
  - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
  - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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# Lesson One

**Reminder: Save your answers into a digital document** to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will be not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

## **Assignment to be completed:**

Read the introduction to *Every Pastor's First 180 Days*.

Journal about your transition into this position: What does The Lord want to accomplish in this season? Ask Him where to start.

Begin to memorize, and meditate on the following Scriptures: 1 Peter 5:2-3; Acts 20:28; 2 Timothy 2:1. Continue to work on this so that you have them thoroughly memorized by the conclusion of the course.

Listen to the recorded lecture.