

**INTRODUCTION:                      Preparing to Pastor**

*"To young to know, too old to learn."*

**I. WHERE TO START**

**A. Have you settled the "CALL" Issue?**

1. Foundation
2. Superstructure

**B. Effective ministry is Prepared Ministry**

1. Neglecting Spiritual Fitness
2. Soul Conditioning
3. Christ is still enough

**C. How to Maintain Spiritual Fitness**

1. Commitment
2. Channel of Grace
3. Plan Your Schedule
4. Seasonal Church Leaders
5. Not Just a Ceremonial Practice
6. Accountability

**II. SCARS TO PROVE I AM A PASTOR**

**A. War Stories**

**B. Role of a Servant, not a Dictator**

1. God calls and church invites
2. Shepherd, not a ....
3. Relational skills
4. Mistakes leaders make

C. What's that ticking sound?

1. Time Bomb
2. Stress or Burn-out
3. Restoration

D. Plan your work and work your plan.

1. You call this work?
2. Some things can wait
3. Build in some time to relax
4. Build in family time
5. Plan your preaching schedule

E. Plan for your future.

1. Finances are always tight
2. Plan a budget
3. Invest in some amount

F. Learn to love your people.

1. As God does
2. All need affirmation

G. Saturate everything with prayer.

1. Not common place or routine

**Conclusion:**