

# Advanced Ministry Class

#### Practical Studies About the Ministry

**2 Timothy 2:2** 

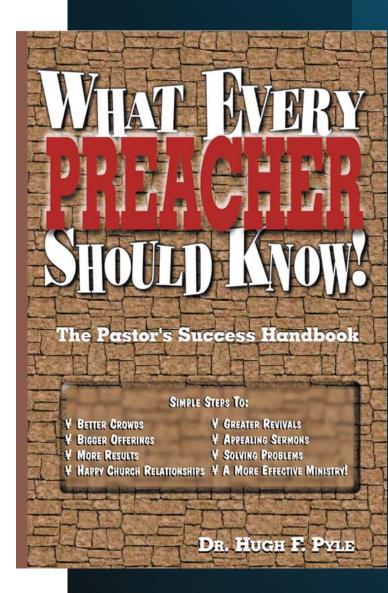
And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

## Mhat Every Preacher Should Know

*Dr. Hugh F. Pyle* (Dec. 30, 1918 – May 3, 2010) had over 65 years experience in the ministry, pastoring and building strong evangelistic churches in Florida, plus conducting revival crusades and Bible Conferences in hundreds of churches in 44 states, Canada, the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands.

He was often a featured speaker at such schools as Pensacola Christian College, Tennessee Temple University, Bob Jones University, Massillon Baptist College, Landmark Baptist College, Crown College, and others, in addition to addressing many Pastor's Conferences and great numbers of Christian High Schools across the nation.

Dr. Pyle authored over 40 books and booklets and wrote a regular *News & Views* column for the *Sword of the Lord*. His dramatized Bible stories for children kept them fascinated and added to the crowds for his campaigns. He was also known for his "Good Ship Courtship" talks to teens, and Family Life Conferences for the whole family.



### Facing, Solving, and Avoiding Problems

# You WILL have problems if you serve God!

They will come or we will find a way to manufacture our own

#### 2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

#### **Matthew 5:10 -11**

Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

#### Problem Categories

#### ✓ MOUTH Problems... Mine and Others

- Psalm 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
- James 3... Tongue Issues
  - ✓ Loose Tongues (gossip, rumors, etc.)
  - ✓ Lying Tongues (deliberate, dirty)
  - ✓ Libelous Tongues (slander, back-biting)

#### Problem Categories

#### ✓ MONEY Problems

- Personal Finances
  - ✓ Pay your debts
  - ✓ Provide for your family
  - ✓ Place priority on giving
- Church Finances
  - ✓ Budgets... pray and work together on it
  - ✓ Offerings... don't get involved in counting and signing checks, etc.

#### Problem Categories

#### ✓ ME Problems

- Personal... Pride / Ego / Vanity
- Positional... Office / Offenses / Overseeing
- Preaching...
  - ✓ Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.
  - ✓ Acts 20:19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

#### Other Problem Areas

- **√** Females
- ✓ Deacons
- ✓ Staff Infections
- ✓ Opposition/Criticism
- ✓ Divisions
- ✓ Business Meetings

#### Avoiding Problems & Heartaches

- ✓ Avoid close, intimate friendships in the church
- **✓ Observe the "Golden Rule"… "Do unto others"**
- √ Use "horse-sense"... Proverbs is a great help
- ✓ Be consistent & fair in dealing with people
- ✓ Be ethical in all things, even in the appearance of things
- ✓ Roll with the punches
- ✓ Keep private things private
- ✓ Practice 1 Cor. 13... Love will cover a multitude of sins and problems
- ✓ Have faith in God and live by Hebrews 11
- ✓ Remember you are not Spurgeon or Hyles or Paul
  - Mark 13:34 "... to every man his work..."

## Pray Pray Pray

#### End of Lesson 21