



THE YOUNG MINISTER'S *Handbook*

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me: because the Lord hath anointed me to preach...



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DEDICATION

I dedicate this Handbook to Young Ministers around the world, who have God's calling upon their life, an obsession for achieving their dreams and goals, and the desire for the Wisdom of God. May God use this Handbook to multiply your successes for His glory.



My dear friend and mentor Dr. Oral Roberts told me after seeing a copy of *The Young Minister's Handbook* that it was "the greatest thing that ever crossed his desk."

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Dear Young Minister,

I am so happy that you are holding this book in your hand today. It reveals your desire to *improve* your ministry, become knowledgeable, and become your best in the kingdom of God.

If I could give you a \$10,000 gift, I would give you this Handbook. You could spend the \$10,000 and still not grow. But with *knowledge* and *Wisdom*, you can unlock financial doors, friendship doors and multiply the successes in your future. A lot of information had to be deleted which I desperately wanted to include. This project is really an ongoing lifetime project. The *length* of the material in each section is not an indication of it's priority or worth. I have added material in the areas that others seldom discuss.

This Handbook was written for you. *So mark it with colored pencil, write your own notes* or whatever. Make It Useful. Refer to it as often as you like. I feel like the lad with the five loaves and two fishes as I place this Handbook into your hands. I ask God to multiply it back to you in the form of His anointing, His blessings, and His joy.

In His Work,