

How to Not Lose Your Soul While Church Planting¹

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SOBERING STATISTICS:

1. Over _____ Protestant ministers leave their position each month.
2. _____ of pastors do not have someone whom they consider a close friend.
3. _____ of pastors will experience a forced termination at least once during their ministerial career, and almost half never return to parish ministry.
4. _____ of pastors' marriages end in divorce.
5. _____ of pastors continually battle depression.
6. _____ of pastors and _____ of their spouses feel discouraged in their roles.
7. _____ of seminary graduates will leave full-time ministry within 5 years.
8. _____ of pastors would leave ministry if they had a way to make a living.
9. _____ of pastors have had an extra-marital affair since entering ministry.
10. _____ of pastors' wives feel their husbands are overworked.
11. _____ of pastors said their training was inadequate for ministry.
12. _____ of pastors say they want ongoing, outside help for their souls.
13. _____ of pastors say they only time they spend in Scripture is for preparation for a sermon or Bible study.

GOSPEL PARADOX:

CHURCH PARADOX:

MISSION PARADOX:

FURTHER STUDY:

Lost in the Middle, Paul David Tripp

The Busy Christian's Guide to Busyness, Tim Chester

Going the Distance, Peter Brain

Saved by Grace, Anthony A. Hoekema

Kill Your Stress from the Resurgence (<http://theresurgence.com/2009/11/15/kill-your-stress>)

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