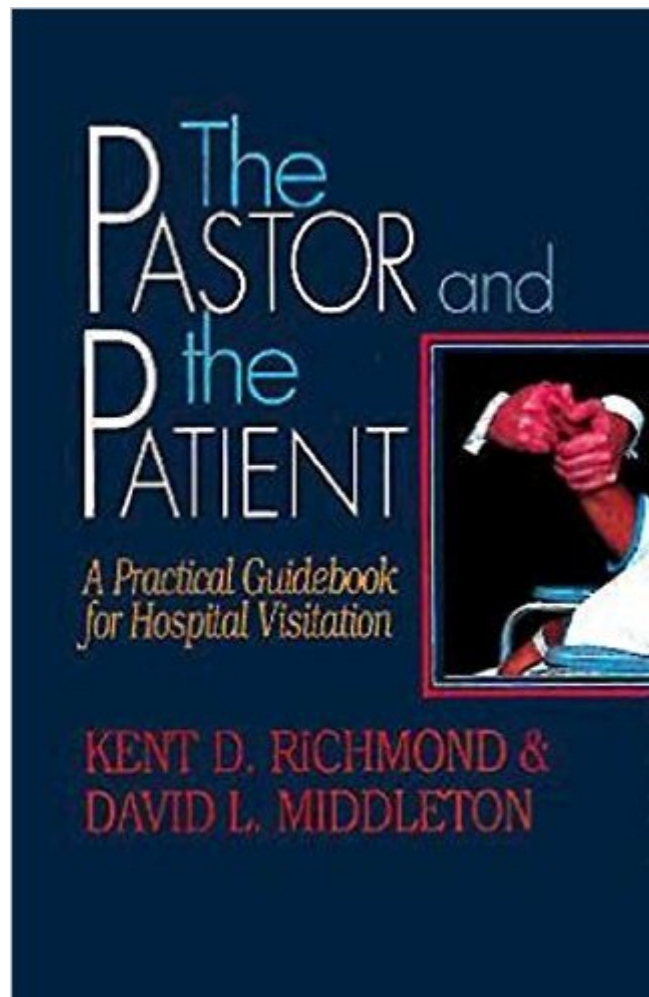


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# The Pastor And The Patient: A Practical Guidebook For Hospital Visitation



## Synopsis

After establishing a sound theological understanding of pastoral visitation, the authors examine the theological and ethical homework that the pastor must do as preparation for effectively doing hospital ministry. Concluding chapters deal with the patient's needs, the pastor's spiritual resources, the pastoral visit, and continued pastoral care after hospitalization. Key Benefits:Â Helps pastors understand the hospital context/culture;Â Helps pastors deal with defense mechanisms of patients;Â Helps pastors recognize the healing functions of guiding, healing, and sustaining;Â Helps pastors identify and utilize local resources within the hospital;Â Explains appropriate use of spiritual resources such as prayer, confession, and communion in the hospital sick room;Â Helps pastors and leaders to look inward at personal anxiety in the midst of illness

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To begin, "The Pastor and the Patient" is poorly organized. The book begins on a firm footing by suggesting that there are three pastoral functions, healing, sustaining, and guiding It would have been more utilitarian if the authors had organized their material into three phases then explored the actual visit from the perspective of the three pastoral functions:\* Pre-visit Chapter 1 - A Pastoral Theology Chapter 3 - The Pastor's Homework Chapter 4 - The Pastor's Bio-ethicso Chapter 7 - The Pastor's Spiritual Resources\* Visit Chapter 2 - The Hospital Community Chapter 5 - Finding Your Way in the Hospitalo Chapter 9 - The Pastoral Visit Chapter 6 - The Patient's Needs\* Post-visit Chapter 8 - After Hospitalizationo Chapter 10 - Follow-upThe Pastor and the Patient

seeks to demystify hospital visitation and ease concerns on behalf of the Pastoral Visitor, however, the problem is, in doing so it is too general and too basic. The topics that it addresses are too broad; they range from pastoral theology to moral dilemmas associated with abortion and euthanasia. As such, none of the topics are, nor could be, adequately addressed. Such broad moral issues may have been better addressed by exploring their individual dilemmas more broadly. That is to say, it might have been more utilitarian to examine the gap between human pathos and divine ethos rather than to suppose the readership would agree with the authors' theological conclusions. Statements such as, "It seems clear that the fetus has no moral status" invite more debate than they are useful.

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