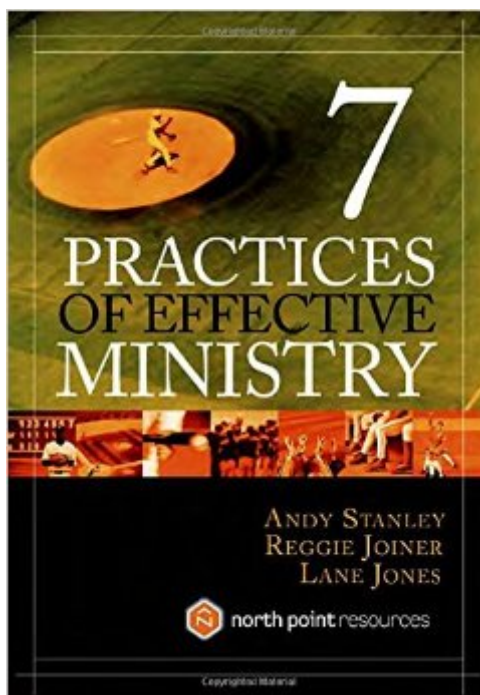


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Seven Practices Of Effective Ministry (North Point Resources)



Synopsis

There's no scoreboard in the sanctuary, and the only plate is probably for the offering. But every church leader needs to know how to win, and every congregation needs to know when to cheer. This insightful book speaks to every church leader who yearns for a simpler, more effective approach to ministry. An engaging parable about one overwhelmed pastor is followed by an overview of seven successful team practices, each one developed and applied in a ministry setting. Reinforced by relevant discussion questions, these clear, easy, and strategic practices can turn any ministry into a winning team. Your ministry is perfectly designed to produce the results you are currently experiencing. If you are satisfied with those results, you don't need this book. If not, it's time for a change. Like your own personal trainer, *7 Practices of Effective Ministry* is an insightful guide for any leader who yearns for a simpler, more effective approach to ministry. Here are seven strategic principles that when put into play will bring focus and clarity to everything you do and turn your ministry into a winning team.

Story Behind the Book Looking for ways to help pastors faced with hectic lives and depleted resources, Andy Stanley, Reggie Joiner, and Lane Jones decided to write a parable about the complicated life of a local pastor. Rather than come straight at those in ministry with formulas and lists, they engage readers in an effort to have them identify with the character.

“For many years, I practiced and taught church growth. What I have witnessed as a member at North Point takes church growth to a whole new level. Andy and his team communicate principles that will add value to you and the church you love.” • -John C. Maxwell, founder, The INJOY Group

“Every professional athlete recognizes the value of solid coaching. The best are always working to get better. From what I've seen at North Point, these seven practices can improve the game of any church in America.” • -John Smoltz, Cy Young Award-winning pitcher

“The practices covered in this book are down-to-earth, practical, and come from real difference-makers who know what church leadership is all about. Andy, Reggie, and Lane have definitely hit the ball out of the park with the *7 Practices of Effective Ministry*.” • -Ed Young, Jr., senior pastor, Fellowship Church

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Customer Reviews

Andy Stanley is senior pastor at the multi-campus North Point Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Reggie Joiner and Lane Jones also serve at North Point, leading its Family Ministry and Member Development programs respectively. "7 Practices of Effective Ministry" describes the leadership philosophy and practice at North Point with the idea that the reader (presumably a church leader) will be able to implement North Point's strategy or at least glean helpful information to make their church more successful. "7 Practices of Effective Ministry" is divided into two parts and each is designed to convey North Point's 7 Practices in a unique way. The first part of the book is the fictional story of Pastor Ray who skips a church council meeting to attend big league baseball game. He ends up sitting next to the wealthy, successful owner of the team who spends the game explaining the 7 Practices. The fictional story (which was well-written and enjoyable "light" read) applies each of the 7 Practices to both a winning baseball team and to church leadership. The second part of the book is a fleshed out presentation of the 7 Practices that fits the typical Leadership Book genre. The Practice is presented as well as the rationale, potential pitfalls, and anecdotes from North Point. Each chapter ends with discussion questions to make the practice more applicable to the reader's particular ministry situation. The 7 Practices (in my own words) are: 1) Clearly define what constitutes a "win" or "victory" in your ministry 2) Recognize that programs are not ends in and of themselves, but only steps that may help you gain a "win."

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