

# Ministerial Ethics and Integrity

## Textbooks

"Ministerial Ethics: Moral Formation for Church Leaders," 2004 Second Edition by Joe E. Trull and James E. Carter, Baker Academic (a division of Baker Publishing Group), Grand Rapids, MI

"Gentle Shepherding: Pastoral Ethics and Leadership" by Joseph E. Bush Jr., 2006 Chalice Press, St. Louis, MO

## Outline

- I. Ethics and Integrity: Definitions
  - A. Ethics - Ethics can be defined simply as critical reflection on the moral life, or critical reflection on morality. (Bush)
  - B. Integrity - The quality of being honest and fair: the state of being complete or whole (Webster)
- II. The Minister's Vocation: Career or Profession? (Trull-Carter)  
Which best describes your attitude toward your ministry? Is ministry about what you do, or is it more about who/what you are?
- III. Building, Strengthening, and Maintaining Relationships (Adolph)
  1. With God
  2. With Yourself
  3. With Your Family
  4. With Your Congregation
  5. With Others Who Labor in Ministry
- IV. Practicing What We Preach  
"...be ye doers of the Word, and not proclaimers only." (Adolph)
- V. General Discussion: Current Issues and Concerns