



How to ensure a fruitful long-term ministry

2 Peter. 1:1-11 (Produced by the Holy Spirit; Gal. 5:22-23)

1. Faith

Hebrews 10:23; trust + expectancy = faith
Single greatest characteristic of leaders is faith
Don't let anyone steal your vision

2. Virtue

David slays lion and bear privately
Accountability; questions
Moral excellence; drawing on new nature
Public persona must be the same as the private person

3. Knowledge

Average stay of pastor is 18 months. He told them all he knows!
The secret to long pastorate is to continue growing
Hunger and thirst
Hosea. 4:6,14

4. Self-control

Meekness: strength under control;
Vines Expository Dictionary defines self-control as controlling power of the will under the operation of the Spirit

5. Perseverance

Steadiness; just don't give up
The secret to lasting success – lasting
Deacon to international evangelist – in days!
Largest churches have not yet been built!

6. Godliness (Piety)

Romans. 8:29; Conform into Christ's image
Proverbs. 23:26; Give me your heart

7. Brotherly kindness (fraternity)

Mutual esteem

Forgiveness (Genesis 45)

Promise: someone is going to hurt you in
ministry Grace/law; eternal/temporal;
local/global

8. Love

Romans. 5:5

Romans. 5:8

Galatians. 5:6

Philippians. 2:10