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Creative Ministry

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc, United States, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint, Subsequent. 208 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. According to Henri Nouwen, the bestselling spiritual writer, every Christian is a minister trying to live his life in the light of the Gospel. Creative Ministry is a thoughtful examination of the various complex tasks that are part of that way of life. Separate chapters treat each of the five areas that Nouwen considers the primary responsibilities of the minister: teaching, preaching, counseling, organizing, and celebrating. He shows how these main functions are inextricably tied to the minister's spiritual life and why they must be directed toward a creative dialogue with other Christians if they are to be rewarding. It is also essential, he maintains, that the minister leave himself open, take risks, and lay down his life for his friends in order to give new life. There is today a great hunger for a new spirituality, observes Nouwen, a hunger that requires new and creative forms of ministry. Citing numerous examples from his rich experience, the author offers practical advice for infusing daily pastoral work with meaning. The result is an insightful presentation and...



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