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IN MINISTRY**

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ABSTRACT

God intends that the minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will profoundly affect those he serves. God wants Ministry to shape the Pastor into Christ likeness and to add adventure to his life in ways beyond his fondest imagination. For this reason, this research work presents Jesus as a Model of Integrity in Ministry. It is an attempt to establish the importance and necessity of integrity in pastoral ministry. It is also hoped that this will result in church growth. In an attempt to achieve the goal of the paper. Five chapters have been designed in a way that it brings out the necessary facts of integrity for meaningful pastoral ministry.

The first chapter is concerned with introduction. It deals with the statement of the problem, research methodology, purpose of the study, delimitation of the study and definition of some terms. Following this, is chapter two which deals extensively with the place of integrity in Jesus Ministry. It explained that Jesus' familiarity to his disciples did not diminish reverence for him while his disciples' reverence did not prevent His familiarity. Jesus in His relationship with His Antagonists show evidence of His sinlessness. He proved to them that He was a leader worthy to be followed.

Chapter three concentrates on the pastoral ministry and the need for integrity. It discusses the nature of the pastoral ministry, the objectives of the pastoral ministry and the situation of the pastoral ministry today.

In accomplishing the purpose of this essay, chapter four emphasized Jesus as a model of Integrity in ministry. The writer endeavoured to highlight this under the following sub topics: In Preaching and Teaching, In Interpersonal Relationship and In the Cultivation of the spiritual life. The essay closes with chapter five giving the summary, some recommendations and conclusion.