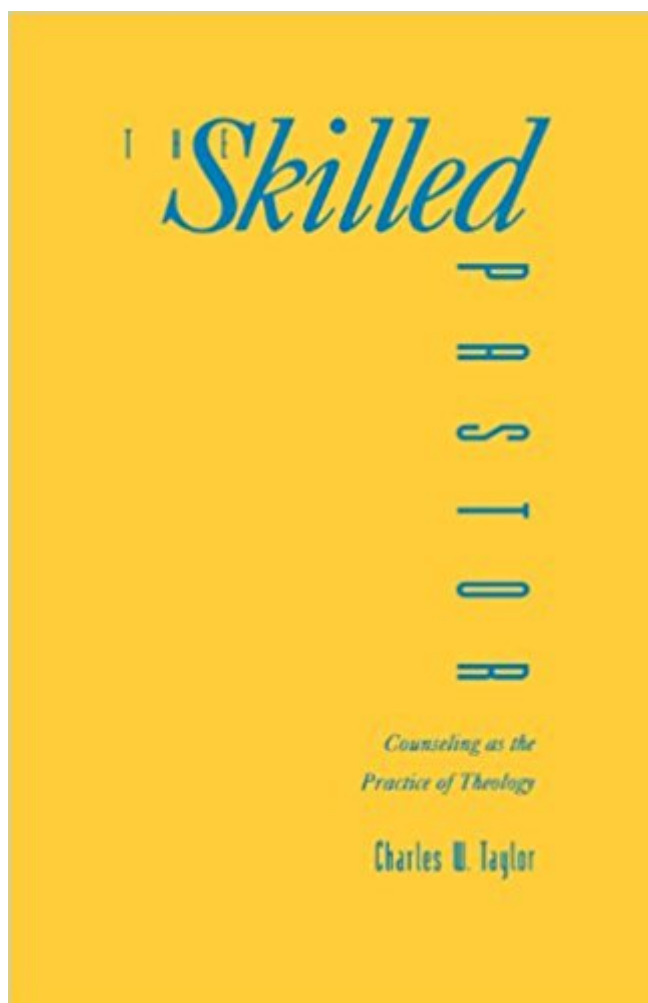


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# The Skilled Pastor: Counseling As The Practice Of Theology



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## Customer Reviews

While the content can be a little dry, this book has been enormously helpful to me in ministry. I read it in a Clinical Pastoral Education course I took, and I found the practical examples in the book incredibly helpful.

Bought this for a Parish Based CPE...It's a good read. Easy to understand with some tried and true examples and tips.

Excellent resource for pastoral counselors & chaplains! Very practical & insightful.

Professor Taylor combines remarkable theological insight with equally remarkable understanding of what's needed in real-life pastoral situations: theory and practice are interwoven. Taylor's main thesis is "The way to help persons deal with their problems is to help them change the beliefs that contribute to their distressing feelings and behaviors. Thus, the goal...is to help people change through hearing and responding to the gospel." (p. 137) Taylor presents three types of pastoral

skills needed to accomplish this goal, and presents information on specific techniques that undergird each skill. His underlying theology is centered on the gospel. For the student pastor trying to serve God and his/her fellow humans, Taylor's logical, step-by-step analysis of pastoral encounters and appropriate helping strategies can be invaluable. Although the book is remarkably clearly written, this is not easy material to put into practice, and you'll benefit from practice with a peer group, supervisor, or classroom teaching.

Must have for pastors as well as those in ministry. Excellent!

This book is awesome. So easy to understand and apply

I enjoyed this book. The last chapter sums up the book nicely. I will certainly use these techniques. The case studies did slow the flow of the book down quite a bit. Could have used a bit less of that.

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