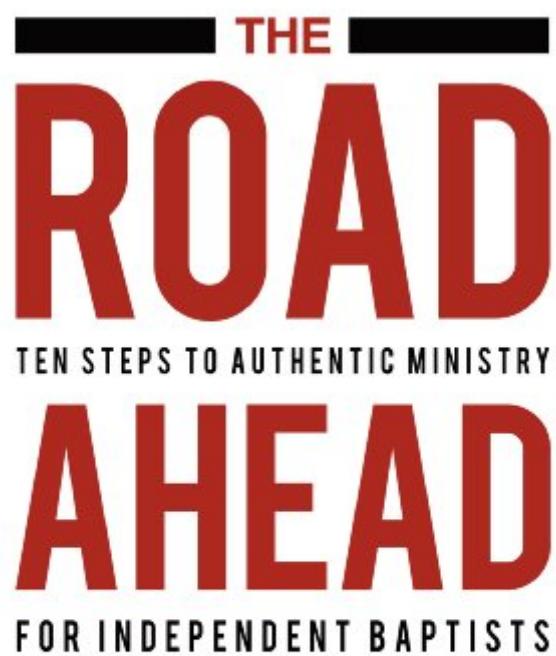


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The Road Ahead: Ten Steps To Authentic Ministry For Independent Baptists



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Synopsis

The ministry is a journey. A journey of faith. A journey of grace. A journey of balance. But too often it has been marked by carnal divisions, unbalanced practices, and graceless relationships. How do we get back on track? What are the steps to authentic ministry that exalts Christ, fulfills the Great Commission, and is directed by servant leaders? Written for independent Baptists who are intent on pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, *The Road Ahead* lays out ten steps to authentic ministry—ministry directed by faith, grace, and truth. If you are a biblical Baptist who cherishes truth, cares about revival, and is concerned for the testimony of Christ, this book is for you. Although we serve in challenging days, the road ahead will be blessed if we make Jesus our target, seek God's face, and are willing to make mid-course adjustments on the journey.

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Customer Reviews

Pastor Chappell has written in a very warm, appealing manner. In doing so, he has revealed his

heart and genuine concerns, especially for the young men coming up who will soon be the older men of tomorrow. Brother Chappell has many good points, and some real wisdom to impart. At times, however, his generalizations come across as demeaning to good men who have a different take on what Pastor Chappell considers to be "minor" issues. Though he attempts to describe the difference between Biblical conviction and personal preferences, I don't believe he succeeded. The application of Biblical principles that establish our personal standards will always be controversial, but it is a small step from accommodation to capitulation. When the cultural distinctions between the saved and lost are blurred, there is little credibility of a life changing gospel.

I am a young man and have spent seventeen years in pastoral ministry, so my experience is limited at best. I grew up in the ranks of the Independent movement and I am very thankful for where I come from and who taught me the things that I hold to today. Dr. Chappell addresses the serious cross roads that many younger pastors are facing as well as helping to answer some of our concerns without telling us how to think. I make no apology for who I am, nor what I believe, but I refuse to be categorized with a group that poorly represents my hearts desire for ministry. (In either direction might I add, excessive is excessive, no matter which ditch you are in.) As I get closer to forty years old I want to be true to the Bible like never before, and not to a group mindset...Dr Chappell encourages just these thoughts and actions from each of us. If we can get over what we've "always" heard and just hear him out, Dr Chappell can help us with some simple, provoking thoughts that are completely Biblical. May God bless the ministry of those who are true to Him and His word....

This book properly addresses the concerns of our churches names and affiliations. I'm thankful for men of God who will hold the ropes for a coming generation and help us address problems that come when others abuse the ministry that they were given. May we always keep an open heart and mind as we seek to have biblical churches that reach people for the cause of our loving Saviour.

I gave this book a 5 star rating because I believe that it was graciously written to efficiently address some very serious issues facing Independent Baptists today. I believe it will be one of the most important books for Independent Baptists of this generation.

Dr. Chappell and his staff continue to produce great BIBLICAL based books that are not only a great read and encouragement but timely and completely relevant. I would recommend this book to any

INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL Baptist. it is a good read and confirm and defines much of what we hold dear as BIBLE BELIEVERS.

Paul Chappell puts into words what is needed in the Baptist Churches in America. The Love of Jesus Christ, and to quit majoring on the minors. Bro. Chappell is a man of God and has wisdom God has given him to share with us in this book. It is a must read.

Great book. Real life help for any Christian. Is exactly right and exactly what the Independent Fundamental Baptist movement needs. Thank you Preacher!!!

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