

# Wise Church Planting

# Twelve Pitfalls to Avoid in Starting New Churches

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#### DESCRIPTION

Tired? Frustrated? Confused? When almost a third of churches don't survive 4 years, discouragement is real. In response to the reports from those on the front lines, Steel uses stories, scripture, and self–examination to shed light on twelve common pitfalls and inspire strategies for planting churches that last. By looking to the God who has promised to build his church and loosening our grip on superficial success, there is hope for struggling church plants and church planters

#### MARKETING POINTS

Includes data from author's own research

Challenges inside and outside the church

Foreword from J. A. Medders

#### **AUTHOR**

Dan Steel is a market researcher turned pastor based in Oxford who's been, in one way or another, involved in church planting for the past twenty-five years. He's currently the UK ministry program director for The Lanier Trust where he's involved in equipping planters and pastors for ministry. He's married to Zoe and they have four children.

#### **ENDORSEMENTS**

Dan addresses the most crucial component for pastors to consider when church planting, and that is wisdom! By focusing on both the internal character and external strategies necessary for healthy church plants, this is a book that should be required reading for all who are pursuing this noble call.

#### Ronnie Martin

Lead Pastor, Substance Church, Ashland, Ohio; author, 'Pastoring Small Towns'

I have no doubt that this book will prevent many men from falling into any one of these pitfalls so they might thrive in the trenches of a church planting ministry.

## Matthew Spandler-Davison

Ministry Director, Church in Hard Places

... both challenging and hopeful. This book should be required reading for church planters and their teams, but would benefit everyone in church leadership because these dangers are not unique to church planting.

#### John Stevens

National Director, Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, Market Harborough, Leicestershire

Dan Steel skilfully weaves together the experience of planters and a wealth of other resources to help everyone involved in church planting (especially the early stages) to lead scripturally, wisely and fruitfully.

#### Clive Bowsher

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