

Lawrence W. Farris, ***Ten Commandments for Pastors Leaving a Congregation*** (Eerdmans, 2006)

- I. Thou Shalt Know When It Is Time To Go
- II. Thou Shalt Explain Thyself
- III. Thou Shalt Not Steal Away
- IV. Thou Shalt Affirm Thy Congregation's Ministry
- V. Thou Shalt Try to Mend Fences
- VI. Thou Shalt Help Thy Successor Have a Good Beginning
- VII. Thou Shalt Be Gentle With Thyself
- VIII. Thou Shalt Attend to Thy Family
- IX. Thou Shalt (Usually) Stay Away Once Thou Hast Left
- X. Thou Shalt Grieve

Afterword: The Eleventh Commandment

There is a companion volume:

Lawrence W. Farris, ***Ten Commandments for Pastors New to a Congregation*** (Eerdmans, 2003).

- I. Thou Shalt Be a Cultural Historian
- II. Thou Shalt Spend Thy Blue-Chips-For-Change on Changes That Matter
- III. Thou Shalt Attend to Thy Preaching
- IV. Thou Shalt Be Certain the Church's Financial House Is in Order
- V. Thou Shalt Not Create Expectations That Cannot Be Met in the Long Term
- VI. Thou Shalt Take Care of Thyself From Day One
- VII. Thou Shalt Be Aware of the Chronicles
- VIII. Thou Shalt Limit Thy Activities beyond the Congregation That Has Called You
- IX. Thou Shalt Remember What Thy Job Is
- X. Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery

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