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Zondervan 2017 Minister's Tax And Financial Guide: For 2016 Tax Returns



Synopsis

For years, ministers have trusted the Zondervan Minister's Tax & Financial Guide to save them time and money. This easy-to-understand workbook simplifies the tax code and offers dozens of tips to reduce your tax bill. For 2017, the guide includes a line-by-line explanation of the 1040 Form as well as information on recent changes in the tax code. Dan Busby also explains the easy steps you can take now to minimize next year's tax bill. This 2017 edition also includes sound retirement planning helps, compensation planning guidance, and ways to maximize business expense reimbursements. Zondervan Minister's Tax & Financial Guide is also useful to church treasurers, business administrators, and tax preparers who assist ministers.

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For me, this is the only guide to use. Minister taxes are poorly understood even by many of the well known tax preparation firms. I think that Pastors spend a fortune on taxes because they turn them over to "tax preparation experts" who don't get it. If you are a Minister, unless you inherited some complicated investments or offshore accounts, you CAN do your own taxes with this guide. I have used Zondervan's annual Minister's Tax and Financial Guides for probably 12 years. Each year, this guide contains what is called "The 1040 Challenge" and leads you through your form 1040 line by line telling you what to do with each line. The guides are updated each year with the latest IRS laws and codes, especially those affecting Ministers. If you want to save a fortune in tax preparation fees and want your taxes handled by the only person who truly cares about them, then hire yourself and this book. It's really not all that hard. Even better, this book is a tax write off!

I buy a copy of this book every year for use with my personal taxes. Churches don't tend to get audited very often but, because of the strange appearance of minister's returns, they are audited more often. By following the steps in this book, I have always gotten my taxes done earlier than most of the other preachers I know, I don't have to pay a professional to prepare my taxes, and I am prepared with references and the knowledge I have done what is right in the case of an audit. I have only been audited one time and after filling out their questionnaire, I was told everything was good to go - mostly thanks to the information in this book. If you're a minister and you do your own taxes, not only will this book help you complete your return correctly, but it also has good advice to help you better manage your finances in the coming year. While I appreciate tax professionals, minister's taxes are so different from everyone else's that most CPAs or other professionals I have talked with are unfamiliar with how to complete them properly. You will wind up paying far too much in taxes if you take your information to someone unfamiliar with how to prepare them properly. Just get a copy of this book, read it all the way through once, and then complete your taxes using the book as a guide. Also, make sure to read the instructions on all the tax forms very carefully.

An excellent resource. It has helped me a ton and will save our family thousands on taxes this year.

Although the tax laws haven't changed much for ministers it nice to have a new edition each year.

This are perfect for my job in church finance. Answers to all my questions and them some are included!

Arrived on time, just what I needed. Thank you.

Excellent product

This annual update is now ready for your favorite April 15 activity. Kudos to the co-authors for this 26th consecutive annual update and this noble objective: "Our goal is to help you minimize taxes while, at the same time, filing tax returns that will enable you to sleep at night." Church Board Member Alert! You will also sleep better at night knowing that this annual update is on the desk of your church's CFO or business administrator. If your finance committee and team is relying on last year's guess work you're in trouble. And maybe BIG trouble. Oh, my. As you're preparing your own taxes this year, here's an insight from Max De Pree: "Trust grows when people see leaders translate their personal integrity into organizational fidelity. At the heart of fidelity lies truth-telling and promise-keeping." That's just one of 101 quotable quotes on trust from Dan Busby's book, *TRUST: The Firm Foundation for Kingdom Fruitfulness*.

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