

Is Using Reeder's Resources Plagiarism?

The question has been broached to Pastor Stan, and many of you may have had similar thoughts: is using Reeder's Resources a form of plagiarism?

Perhaps we should first define the term in question. Webster defines plagiarism as: "to steal or purloin and pass off as one's own (the ideas, words, artistic productions, etc., of another); to use without due credit the ideas expressions, or productions of (another)."

Essentially, plagiarism comes down to the issue of permission. As a subscriber to Reeder's Resources, you have been given full permission to use all the materials – manuscript, notes, PowerPoint and study questions – as long as they are not sold for profit.

The other issue addressed is that of credit. To uphold your integrity as a pastor, you may want to mention that you have received assistance. It could be as simple as saying that you heard something in another pastor's sermon, or read it in something sent to you by a friend. There is certainly no need to mention Reeder's Resources, just acknowledge the assistance of an outside source.

If you have any remaining questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Pastor Stan directly, either through email (sreeder@wcon.org) or by phone (303.469.5149).