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A review and description of the best books
available at Christian Discount Book Center.
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Angels and Demonology

***PRECIOUS REMEDIES AGAINST SATAN'S DEVICES**

*Brooks, Thomas
*Banner of Truth

One of the most popular Puritan books ever written. Brooks graphically portrays how Satan deceives and seeks to defeat the believer. He first shows the Devil's devices, then shows the Christian how to resist his temptations. If you struggle with temptations, this book will be a wonderful first-aid kit for your spiritual life. Very practical. Highly recommended.

***SATAN CAST OUT**

*Leahy, Frederick S.
*Banner of Truth

This is a clearly written and well-documented study. The author shows there is something far more important needed than mere comments on demonic activity. The first need is for a statement of clear scriptural principles and chiefly those which show Satan's true position of helplessness before God and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian overcomes Satan by knowing and believing the truth. A refreshing and encouraging study.

***DEMON POSSESSION AND THE CHRISTIAN**

*Dickason, C. Fred
*Crossway

This is a book all believers should read. The author discusses demons, salvation, the authority of Christ, and the relationship of demons and believers. A very valuable and challenging book that will aid every believer to be better equipped to fight spiritual battles. More academic than most books on this subject. A *must* reading. A somewhat controversial book.

***PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS**

*Montgomery, John Warwick
*Bethany

This fine book covers the entire subject of the occult. The author provides strong historical introductions to occult practices of the past and present. His discussion is sane, well-documented, with clear conclusions. In a time when so many sensational books are popular this one is biblically sound and balanced.

***ANGELS: ELECT AND EVIL**

*Dickason, C. Fred
*Moody

This is the authoritative book on this subject. It is a clearly outlined discussion on the Angels of God. Dickason deals with their existence, origin, names, classification and ministry of angels and our relationship to them. He then

discusses Satan, demons and fallen angels in the same manner. Outstanding and important reading. A for every library.

***GOD, SATAN, AND ANGELS**

*MacArthur, John

*Moody

MacArthur discusses God, who He is and what He is like. then he focuses on Satan, what he is like, how he operates and the rebellion of angels. Finally, he discusses God's *invisible arm*, angels and their existence, origin, nature and ministry. This book delivers a powerful message to all believers.

***SATAN IS NO MYTH**

*Sanders, J. Oswald

*Moody

J. Oswald Sanders presents a dossier of the adversary; who he is, what his goals are, what strategies he uses. He also provides a training manual showing how, empowered by Christ, you can be a victorious soldier. Sanders is always a profitable writer.

***THE ADVERSARY**

*Bubeck, Mark I.

*Moody

The purpose of this book is to alert Christians to the battle they are engaged in and to give them specific, effective guidelines in dealing with the devil and demonic power. Bubeck carefully discusses the spiritual warfare of the Christian.

***THE INVISIBLE WAR**

*Barnhouse, Donald Grey

*Zondervan

This is one of Barnhouse's finest books. It is an exploration of the great conflict going on between good and evil within the spiritual realm. Barnhouse traces the vast spiritual conflict from its beginning to the final battle at the end of time. He answers many questions that have long troubles believers and gives many helpful suggestions.

***STRATEGY OF SATAN**

*Wiersbe, Warren

*Tyndale

A very small and basic book on the subject of Satan. This book has insightful chapters on Satan's personality, strategies, plans, and future destiny. Excellent for a beginning book on the subject.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Apologetics

*CLASSIC READINGS CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

*Bush, L. Russ

*Zondervan Pub.

This volume is a collection of selected readings that are of continuing significance for Christian apologetics. Dr. Bush has written a general introduction to the field of apologetics and an introduction to each apologist cited and the work or works from which selections have been drawn. A brief bibliography is also given for each writer. Includes selections from: Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Origen, Athanasius, Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin, *et al* ... This is a very useful volume.

*THE DOCTRINE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

*Frame, John M.

*Presbyterian and Reformed Pub.

This is a very readable and fresh understanding of the pre-suppositional position. Dr. Frame is very well informed on this subject and offers a well outlined discussion of many difficult questions. This book is divided in 3 sections: *The Objects of Knowledge*, *The Justification of Knowledge* and *The Methods of Knowledge*. Highly recommended.

*WHEN SKEPTICS ASK

*Geisler & Brooks

*Scripture Press

"In no apologetics text will one find more objections to classic Christianity posed and briefly answered than in this handbook by Norman Geisler. I strongly recommend this volume for the large number of difficult topics, the wide range of territory covered, and the insight involved in the answers. There should be something valuable here for everyone." —G. Habermas

*CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

*Geisler, Norman

*Baker Book House

This work is destined to become a classic. It serves as an outstanding textbook covering the whole area of apologetics. Geisler lays down various tests for truth that one may establish the proper groundwork for testing world views. He then applies these tests to different world views: *Deism*, *Pantheism*, *Pantheism Atheism & Theism*. Lastly, he works within the context of a theistic world view to verify the claims of historical Christianity.

*EVIDENCE THAT DEMANDS A VERDICT VOLUME 1

*McDowell, Josh

*Heres Life Publishers

A very handy and popular book that gives evidences for the Christian faith. This book is written in a simple and clear manner that aids even the youngest Christian to give a defense of the historical facts of the Bible.

***SCALING THE SECULAR CITY:
A DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANITY**

*Moreland, J. P.
*Baker Book House

"Not just another apologetics book. This is a fresh, up-to-date defense of the Christian faith by a bright mind. Moreland musters new arguments, tackles new problems, and reveals penetrating insight as he gives reasons for the historic Christian faith ... This book not only will help the average Christian, but also will challenge the best scholars." —Geisler ... A *must* for every library.

***MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS**

*Morris, Henry
*Master Books

A very useful book and clear overview on the whole scope of Christian apologetics and Christian evidences. May be useful as a textbook for apologetics.

***EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE**

*Pratt, Richard L., Jr.
*Master Books

An outstanding book setting forth the *Van Tillian* (Pre-suppositional) view of apologetics. Written primarily as a training manual of high school students in the area of apologetics. If you have never read a book on apologetics, this one is a must. Highly recommended.

***CLASSICAL APOLOGETICS**

*Sproul, Gerstner & Lindsley
*Zondervan Pub.

This book gives a rational defense of the Christian Faith and a Critique of Pre-suppositional Apologetics. "*Must a person accept Christianity on faith alone, or is there a reasoned defense for being a Christian?*" The authors of this book hold that Christianity is eminently reasonable. This book embraces reasons without rationalism, personal love without personalism, faith without fidelism.

***REASONS TO BELIEVE**

*Sproul, R. C.
*Zondervan Pub.

A basic and excellent resource for all Christians to use in everyday evangelism. This book deals with the most common objections to the truth of the Christian faith. Sproul gives a comprehensive defense of the intellectual credibility of Christianity. One of our favorite introductions of the subject.

***THE DEFENSE OF THE FAITH**

*Til, Cornelius Van
*Presbyterian and Reformed Pub.

The standard work of pre-suppositional apologetics. Van Til is quite technical, but still a *must* reading on the subject.

Basic Bible Commentaries

***MATTHEW HENRY'S COMMENTARY (1 VOL., OR 6 VOLS.)**

*Henry, Matthew

*Hendrickson

Probably the most popular commentary in the world. Spurgeon said this commentary should be chained to the front of every church where it can be read by all. Henry is a warm writer with detailed expositions and abundant practical applications. An absolute must for every library! *Note:* Hendrickson now offers a complete and unabridged edition in one volume.

***MATTHEW POOLE'S COMMENTARY ON THE BIBLE (3 VOLUMES)**

*Poole, Matthew

*Hendrickson

An ideal verse-by-verse exposition of the entire Bible. Poole does not back away from difficult texts, in fact if the text is plain he spends little time and then anchors himself on harder passages to interpret. Spurgeon said, *"On the whole, if I must have only one commentary, and had read Matthew Henry, I do not know but what I should choose Poole."*

***JAMIESON, FAUSSET AND BROWN COMMENTARY ON THE O.T. AND N.T. (3 VOLUMES)**

*Jamieson, Fausset & Brown

*Eerdmans

This set contains a great amount of useful information for every student of the Bible. Of the smaller sets available, this is one of the most valuable and popular. Practical, exegetical, and critical reading. Recommended!

***THRU THE BIBLE (5 VOLUMES)**

*McGee, J. Vernon

*Nelson

An excellent commentary for the layman. This heartfelt practical exposition of the entire Bible is simple to understand. This work came from Dr. McGee's *"Five-Year Thru the Bible"* radio program.

***TYNDALE NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY (20 VOLUMES)**

*Morris, Leon

*Eerdmans

These popular paperback commentaries are designed to help the general Bible reader understand clearly what the text actually says and means. They aim to interpret and explain the New Testament text without unduly going into scholarly technicalities. Recommended.

***TYNDALE OLD TESTAMENT COMMENTARY (23 VOLUMES)**

*Wiseman, D. J.

*Inter Varsity Press

This set strongly affirms the inspiration, essential trustworthiness and practical relevance of the Scriptures. It is a widely respected series which provides students of the Bible with a handy, up-to-date commentary on most books of the Old Testament. Concise passage-by-passage interpretation with introductory material. Available in both paper and cloth bindings.

***THE BIBLE SPEAKS TODAY (23 VOLUMES)**

*Motyer, J. A. & Stott, John R. W.

*Inter Varsity Press

Characterized by accuracy, relevance and clarity, each volume focuses on a biblically sound exposition of the Scriptures. This set goes beyond most commentaries to show how God speaks today through His ancient but timeless Word. Recommended.

***DAILY STUDY BIBLE - NEW TESTAMENT (18 VOLUMES)**

*Barclay, William

*Westminster Press

This set is recommended with a word of caution. Barclay theologically would be classified as unorthodox as he denies several vital truths of the Christian faith. However, the background information and word studies of this set are very valuable for the discerning student. Use with caution.

***THE EERDMANS BIBLE COMMENTARY (1 VOLUME)**

*Guthrie, Donald

*Eerdmans

Probably the best single volume commentary available. This volume has excellent introductions, comprehensive outlines and thoroughly evangelical expositions on each chapter of every book in the Bible. Highly recommended.

***EVANGELICAL COMMENTARY ON THE BIBLE (1 VOLUME)**

*Elwell, Walter

*Baker Book House

This is an outstanding one-volume commentary which provides the Bible student loads of pertinent information on every chapter of God's Word. Clear and easy to understand.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Basic Christian Library

***STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE**

- *Strong, James
- *Hendrickson/Nelson

Lists every word found in the Scriptures. Included are Greek and Hebrew definitions plus their root words. Strong's numbering system is also used by many other study tools, making it indispensable.

***NAVE'S TOPICAL BIBLE**

- *Nave, Orville
- *Hendrickson/Zondervan

Classifies every Scripture passage under one more topics. Most references are printed in their entirety. This tool gives every Bible student a complete topical listing of the Word of God. Accessible and convenient.

***THE TREASURY OF SCRIPTURE KNOWLEDGE**

- *Torrey, R. A.
- *Barbour

Lists over 500,000 cross references and parallel passages for all the verses found in the Bible. With this tool, the Bible interprets itself. Invaluable!

***THE ZONDERVAN PICTORIAL BIBLE DICTIONARY**

- *Tenney, Merrill
- *Zondervan

This tool supplies the student with much needed background information on people, places and things found in the Scripture. Also gives definitions of theological terms and biblical words.

***MOODY ATLAS OF THE BIBLE**

- *Beitzel, Barry
- *Moody Press

A thorough and practical atlas of the major events in the Bible. The Scriptures will come alive as we can picture where and how certain events took place. Highly recommended.

***THE EERDMANS BIBLE COMMENTARY**

- *Guthrie, D. & Motyer, J. A.
- *Eerdmans

A succinct and lucid commentary on the Scriptures. This volume combines technical information and practical application in an evangelical manner. Excellent for all Bible students.

***THE COMPARATIVE STUDY BIBLE**
NIV, NASB, AMP, KJB

*Zondervan

This excellent tool is a parallel Bible which contains the best versions available, *i.e.* New International Version, New American Standard Version, Amplified and the King James Version. The convenient format makes it easy to compare the best versions at a glance.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Basic Reference Books

***BAKER'S BIBLE STUDY GUIDE**

*Prime, Derek
*Baker Book House

An indispensable book for every Christian. This book outlines what the Bible teaches about every area of the believer's life from doctrine (what he believes) to almost every practical area. Words are defined, topics outlined and key Scripture passages are cited. One of our favorite books!

***NEW TWENTIETH-CENTURY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

*Douglas, J. D.
*Baker Book House

This is the most comprehensive encyclopedia of its type written in this century. It deals with every area that relates to the Christian Religion: people, places, denominations, history, countries, social and political issues, doctrines and much more.

***TOPICAL ANALYSIS OF THE BIBLE**

*Elwell, Walter A.
*Baker Book House

An outstanding systematic guide to the Scriptures. Each chapter thoroughly covers a different area of theology or practical Christian living. Subjects are broken down in a careful outline style, and relevant NIV texts are quoted in full under each heading. This may become the most worn book in your library.

***NEW TOPICAL TEXTBOOK**

*Torrey, R. A.
*Barbour

Larger and more expensive works can be found but few are more comprehensive. Topics relate to all the great doctrines of the faith, major facts of Christian practice, matters of the law, and problems of biblical symbolism, typology, ritual, prophecy, history, ecclesiology and eschatology. An outstanding basic reference tool.

***EERDMANS HANDBOOK TO THE BIBLE**

*Alexander, David and Pat
*Eerdmans

Authoritative factual, easy to use and understand. A comprehensive and fully illustrated reference volume which offers answers to almost every imaginable question about biblical times and places. Hundreds of full color photographs, charts, diagrams and maps compliment the text. Excellent for the new believer.

***JONES' DICTIONARY OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPER NAMES**

*Jones, Alfred

*Kregel

A complete dictionary of 36,000 names occurring in the Old Testament and alphabetical order. Hebrew or Aramaic equivalents are provided to explain the meaning of each name. The valuable reference tool is keyed to Strong's Concordance.

***THE MACMILLAN BIBLE ATLAS**

*Aharoni, Yohanan and Avi-Yonah, Michael

*Macmillan

This outstanding tool contains 262 maps (with explanatory text) which depicts religious, political, military and economic events of the Old Testament, Temple, Inter-testamental. New Testament and Early Church periods in Bible history. Although not always conservative, still one of the finest Bible Atlases ever done.

***WILMINGTON'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE**

*Wilmington, H. L.

*Tyndale

One of the most concise and all-inclusive summaries of basic Bible information ever written. This book is a Bible handbook, commentary, topical fact-finder, theological manual, history text, illustrated encyclopedia, cross-reference guide and archaeological update all in one. A treasury of biblical information.

***HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK**

*Halley, H.H.

*Zondervan

One of the most popular and basic handbooks on the Bible. This excellent volume goes through the Bible chapter-by-chapter giving general and background information on every portion of the Scriptures. A perfect book for one new in the faith.

***ZONDERVAN PICTORIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BIBLE
(5 VOLUMES)**

*Tenney, Merrill

*Zondervan

A powerful set that is sure to be a cornerstone in the libraries of all who purchase it. A comprehensive collection of biblical information concerning all persons, places, things and subjects found in the Bible. The fine volume is a *must* for every library. Instead of buying a Bible dictionary, save your money and buy this set! Highly recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Bible Backgrounds Specific

***THE TEMPLE**

*Edersheim, Alfred
*Eerdmans

Because so much of New Testament life and imagery is intimately associated with the temple, Edersheim provides a thorough study of the physical appearance of the temple, its ordinances and worshippers, the ministry of its priesthood, and the ritual of its services. We know of no other book on "*The Temple*." Highly recommended.

***THE TABERNACLE OF ISRAEL**

*Strong, James
*Kregel

An exhaustive, scholarly investigation of the structure and components of the tabernacle. Contains a wealth of carefully examined symbolism which offers valuable insight and practical applications by the renowned author of Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.

***TEACHING FROM THE TABERNACLE**

*De Witt, Roy Lee
*Baker Book House

De Witt offers in this handbook an easy-to-understand, comprehensive look at the tabernacle, its construction, furnishings, and areas. Also included is an interesting discussion of the offerings presented at the tabernacle and the priestly functions of the Levites. Recommended.

***A HARMONY OF SAMUEL, KINGS AND CHRONICLES**

*Crockett, William Day
*Baker Book House

This book does for the kings of Judah and Israel what a harmony of the Gospels does for the life of Christ. A complete listing of parallel passages from other books of the Bible are included. It likewise embodies a carefully constructed analytical outline. An outstanding tool for every student.

***A GUIDE TO THE GOSPELS**

*Scroggie, W. Graham
*Revell

Cyril Barbour says, "this volume is worth an entire shelf of books on the subject of the Gospels." This excellent reference tool gives an amazing amount of information on the Gospels. Everything from the people mentioned in the Gospels, *i.e.*, monies, historical setting and background, miracles, parables and much, much more. A great tool!

***ALL THE MIRACLES OF THE GOSPELS
ALL THE PARABLES OF THE BIBLE**

*Lockyer, Herbert
*Zondervan

These books (part of the *All Series*) are some of the most unique source books on the subject of Bible backgrounds ever published. This monumental achievement brings exhaustive information all the miracles and parables found in the Bible. Very useful material.

***THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

*Montgomery, James Boice
*Moody Press

Boice treats 22 of the most important parables in the Gospels. His comprehensive treatment is one of the finest available for every Bible student. One of the unique features of this volume is the manner in which the author has placed the parables into five distinct groups. This book is a very valuable resource.

***THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

*Kistemaker, Simon
*Baker Book House

This is a contemporary analysis of the parables by an acknowledged New Testament scholar. Kistemaker examines 40 parables by way of introduction, the form and composition, purpose, interpretation and classification of each one. Recommended.

***A HARMONY OF THE LIFE OF ST. PAUL**

*Goodwin, Frank J.
*Baker Book House

The author has constructed a continuous account of the life of the great apostle as given in the book of Acts, together with such selections from the Pauline Epistles that are supplementary or parallel. This account is helpfully divided into the eleven divisions into which the life of Paul naturally falls. An invaluable tool for every student of the Bible.

***THE LIFE AND EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL**

*Conybeare, W. J. and Howson, J.S.
*Eerdmans

A monumental biography of the apostle Paul which thoroughly examines his letters and the Acts of the Apostles, as well as other available sources of information on ancient life to give a vivid portrait of Paul's life, his times, and the lands in which he labored to bring the gospel. A classic.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Bible Backgrounds General

***OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE HISTORY**

*Edersheim, Alfred

*Eerdmans

This is a massive work covering Bible history from creation to the decline and captivity of Israel and Judah. Originally published in 7 volumes, this edition is complete and unabridged in one volume. Edersheim is a master of the Hebrew language and culture gives vital background information of the entire Old Testament history. A classic.

***THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS THE MESSIAH**

*Edersheim, Alfred

*Eerdmans & Hendrickson

This is a work of immense learning and a storehouse of information on New Testament background. The author captures the pulse of the times as traditional Hebrew beliefs and customs are contrasted against the explosive political climate of the day. It is a scholarly work full of helpful matter and is especially valuable because of the author's knowledge of Jewish lore and customs.

***THE NEW MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF BIBLE TIMES**

*Gower, Ralph

*Moody Press

This book is a fascinating study of biblical culture, designed to improve your understanding of God's Word. Each chapter is filled with colorful photography and artwork which bring the Bible to life. Diagrams, maps and charts offer more detailed analysis of Bible times. The author will open your eyes to the life-styles and customs of the Bible's writers and characters. Recommended.

***TODAY'S HANDBOOK OF BIBLE TIMES AND CUSTOMS**

*Coleman, William

*Bethany

Written in a simple and popular manner this book provides essential background information on the cultural, social and political background on the land and people of the Bible. It is based on all the recent archaeological discoveries. A very useful volume.

***THE BIBLE ALMANAC**

*Packer, J. I, Tenney, Merrill C., and White, William, Jr.

*Nelson Publishers

The Bible Almanac contains a wealth of modern knowledge about the biblical world for laymen who want to know more about the setting in which biblical events occurred. It is a guide to the people and cultures of Bible times. The authors present detailed information about the Bible in a clear, interesting and logical fashion.

***HARD SAYINGS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**

*Kaiser, Walter C., Jr.

*Inter Varsity Press

This excellent book offers satisfying solutions to seventy of the most troubling passages in the Old Testament.

***JERUSALEM IN THE TIMES OF JESUS**

*Jeremias, Joachim

*Fortress

This book is an investigation into the economic and social conditions during the New Testament period. Jeremias offers a wonderful background on the social environment of Jesus and the early Church, and provides historical information that is pertinent. Recommended.

***SKETCHES OF JEWISH SOCIAL LIFE**

*Edersheim, Alfred

*Eerdmans

This classic book from Edersheim is an absorbing portrait of Palestinian life in new Testament times. The author details social habits and manners, family life, education, worship, the sects, travel, trade and commerce. It is written in a readable style that will make the words and events of the new Testament more significant, more colorful and more deeply spiritual to every reader.

***THE NIV HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS**

*Thomas, Robert L. and Gundry, Stanley N

*Harper and Row

This is a revision of Robertson's *Harmony of the Gospels*. This current work is based upon the New International Version of the Bible. The authors have added 12 excellent essays which explain and are related to harmonistic studies. This fine work also attempts a greater precision in defining the *inner movements* of Jesus' life. The most comprehensive of any harmony of the Gospels.

***NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY**

*Bruce, F. F.

*Doubleday

"The first third of this book recounts the Roman and Jewish context, then fifty pages survey the lives of John and Jesus, and the last half is a history of the first two generations of the Church. The best available treatment by an evangelical."
—*Christianity Today* ... "A well-documented, brilliantly written, generally conservative history which covers the entire New Testament era." —Barbour

***THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS**

*Bruce, F. F.

*Inter Varsity Press

This book examines seventy sayings which are hard to understand or apply, and clears away the difficulties which keep modern readers from grappling with the real challenge of Jesus' message.

***HARD SAYINGS OF PAUL**

*Brauch, Manfred T.

*Inter Varsity Press

Brauch tackles forty-eight confusing passages from Paul's letters. Supplying background information and putting each passage into context, he helps readers to understand the relevance of these sayings for Christian living.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Bible Characters Collective

***BIBLE CHARACTERS FROM THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS**

*Whyte, Alexander

*Kregel

No study on Bible characters would be complete without this classic work by Alexander Whyte. Whyte provides invigorating glimpses into the lives of men and women of the Bible—glimpses that are intimate and imaginative. The author covers nearly 200 characters with a fresh style and profound insight that will lead the reader into life-changing encounters with the people of the Bible.

***TODAY'S HANDBOOK OF BIBLE CHARACTERS**

*Blaiklock, E. M.

*Bethany

The author goes through the Bible chronologically bringing a vivid picture and indepth background information on the lives of all the major characters of the Bible. Rather than a simple list of facts about each person's life, his approach combines wide-ranging biblical and historical understanding, spiritual insight and devotional warmth with a clear appreciation of their relevance for today.

***PORTRAITS OF BIBLE MEN (3 VOLS.) AND PORTRAITS OF BIBLE WOMEN (1 VOL.)**

*Matheson, George

*Kregel

Matheson covers 60 of the Bible's most important characters in this 4-volume set (volumes may be purchased individually). *"No evangelical writer surpasses Matheson in this entire area of Bible biography. The Bible student who wants to grasp the significance of these important characters should read Matheson and give serious consideration to his insights."*—Warren Wiersbe

***ALL THE MEN OF THE BIBLE, ALL THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE AND ALL THE APOSTLES OF THE BIBLE (3 SEPARATE VOLUMES)**

*Lockyer, Herbert

*Zondervan

These books (part in the "All" series) are some of the most unique source books on the subject of Bible characters ever published. This monumental achievement brings information on biblical characters to every student's fingertips. Very useful material.

***WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (2 SEPARATE VOLUMES)**

*Kuyper, Abraham

*Zondervan

These classic books by Kuyper covers all the primary women of the Old and New Testament. The author graphically gives character sketches that radiate

Scriptural insight. Each character study is based on a specific passage of Scripture. Excellent.

***THE PAULINE CIRCLE**

*Bruce, F. F.

*Eerdmans

Bruce discusses the man and women who surrounded Paul in terms of both their relationships to Paul and their relationships to the early Church. He looks at the biblical evidence and places it against its 1st Century background.

***JUST LIKE US**

*Sanders, J. Oswald

*Moody Press

Sanders make twenty-one Bible characters come to life as people we can identify with and learn from because God uses imperfect servants to do His perfect will. Recommended.

***PETER, STEPHEN, JAMES & JOHN**

*Bruce, F. F.

*Eerdmans

A concise study of four major leaders of early Christianity. Bruce draws from Paul's letters, the Acts of the Apostles, the Gospels, and other early Christian writings as source materials. Excellent material.

***THE TWELVE**

*Flynn, Leslie B.

*Scripture Press

The author looks at the personalities and actions of the 12 disciples recorded in the Word of God. He first surveys them as a group, then focuses on each of the twelve, applying lessons from their lives to yours.

***THE OTHER TWELVE**

*Flynn, Leslie B.

*Scripture Press

The twelve is the highly honored title given those intimate followers of Jesus whom He called, trained, and commissioned to preach the Gospel. Not quite as well-known as the *Twelve Apostles*, this is another group of twelve who, during the same time period worked valiantly to spread the Good News. Good material on those who sometimes get lost among the more prominent characters.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Bible Characters Individual

***BIBLE CHARACTERS INDIVIDUAL**

*Pink, Arthur W.

*Baker Book House

Pink masterfully develops both aspects of David's life, as a spiritual giant and also a great sinner. He exhaustively treats the life of David with this wonderful commentary. There are tremendous lessons that every believer will gain from reading this book. A life-changing book and a must for every library.

***THE HISTORY OF JOSEPH**

*Lawson, George

*Banner of Truth

Too often books on historical parts of scripture are either dry or fanciful. The History of Joseph is neither. It is rich in lessons on truth and Christian duty applied to mind and heart. Lawson will be read wherever the Bible and spiritual-mindedness are loved, and long after works of another type have been forgotten. A rich and powerful commentary on Joseph's life.

***A MAN AND HIS GOD**

*Lane, Dennis

*Evangelical Press

An excellent biography on the life of Abraham. Lane demonstrates by using Abraham's life, that God is the *Rock* of every believer and faith is the anchor, firmly fixed to that *Rock* which enables the true believer to ride out safely all the storms of life. Full of application and practical lessons on living for Christ.

***GLEANINGS FROM ELISHA**

*Pink, Arthur W.

*Moody Press

Pink takes Elisha as a typical servant of God and draws from his life and ministry, the many truths that are applicable to every believer. The author surveys the call of Elisha, his testing, his relationship to Elijah, his entrance exam into discipleship, and finally the prophet's death. Pink gives careful consideration to the 17 miracles in Elisha's life, emphasizing the meaning and the principles behind each of them. Highly recommended.

***SIMON PETER**

*Martin, Hugh

*Banner of Truth

Hugh Martin presents a short biography of the great leading principles of the divine life common to Peter and all Christian men. Thus the life of Simon Peter presents not merely a thorough exposition of the relevant passages in the Gospels, but also a study of the various phases of Christian faith and life. An outstanding book.

***PAUL APOSTLE OF THE HEART SET FREE**

*Bruce, F. F.

*Eerdmans

A biography of Paul by one of the foremost *Pauline* scholars of our time. While Bruce's primary concern is to portray the life of the Apostle, he also examines the main themes in *Pauline thought*, set in their historical background and illustrated from his letters. This will be a classic in years to come.

***THE LIFE OF ELIJAH**

*Pink, Arthur W.

*Moody Press

Arthur Pink's wonderful study of *The Life of Elijah* ranks with the best of his previous works and is worthy to compare with the best biographical works ever written. This in-depth study will challenge every believer. We love this book.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Bible Study

***HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH**

*Fee, Gordon D. & Stuart, Douglas

*Zondervan

This book should be your first step to help you read and understand the Bible. The volume provides the reader with the rudimentary steps for good interpretation. It particularly focuses on the various types of literature (genres) found in the Word of God. One is also taught how to interpret the Bible on their own without outside help.

***STUDYING, INTERPRETING, AND APPLYING THE BIBLE**

*Hendricksen, Walter & Jackson, Gayle

*Zondervan

A powerful book divided into 3 sections. Section 1: "*Studying the Bible*," helps one to analyze verses and chapters, how to overview a book, study a topic and study Bible Characters. Section 2: "*Interpreting the Bible*," explains Bible interpretation based on grammar, history and theology. Section 3: "*Applying the Bible*," moves one beyond just studying to actually applying the Word to your life. Very helpful volume. Highly recommended!

***HOW TO UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE**

*Sterett, T. Norton

*Inter Varsity Press

The author starts from scratch and presents the general rules for reading the Bible's ordinary language and the specific principles that apply to special types of language such as parables, *figures of speech* and prophecy. Then Sterett concludes with a section on "*How to Apply the Bible*." This book will take a beginner and equip them to understand the Word of God.

***THE JOY OF DISCOVERY IN BIBLE STUDY**

*Walk, Oletta

*Augsburg

A very popular small book of only 96 pages, but mighty in instruction. A simple and easy to follow format will help anyone interested in studying the Bible to become a proficient in that task. Recommended.

***METHODICAL BIBLE STUDY**

*Traina, Robert A.

*Zondervan

This book propounds the inductive method of studying the bible. Traina seeks to build in the reader the framework necessary to understand the Bible. The author enables one to develop a methodical, step-by-step approach which may be

enjoyed in the study of any Scriptural passage. Somewhat advanced but invaluable. A *must* reading for the serious student.

***KNOWING SCRIPTURE**

*Sproul, R. C.

*Inter Varsity Press

Like all of Sproul's material, this book is clear and relevant to any student of the Bible. He presents in simple, basic terms the science of interpretation and gives practical guidelines for applying the science. If you doubt whether to purchase this volume, just read the table of contents. Recommended.

***PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

*Berkos, Louis

*Baker Book House

The classic and standard work on interpretation. This is truly textbook for Bible schools, seminars and pastors who desire thorough and technical work. Berkhof covers: *The History of Hermeneutical Principles, The Proper Conception of the Bible, Grammatical Interpretation, Historical Interpretation, and Theological Interpretation*. Highly recommended.

***NAV PRESS BIBLE STUDIES**

*Various Authors

*NAV Press

NAV Press has produced dozens of simple yet very practical Bible studies for believers. Most of them are fill-in-the-blank type of studies that are sure to aid one in getting into God's Word. Valuable material.

***12 DYNAMIC BIBLE STUDY METHODS**

*Warren, Richard

*Scripture Press

Great book for stimulating ideas on how to study and apply God's Word. Warren gives 12 tried-and-tested ways for getting into the Bible: *Devotional, Chapter Summary, Character Quality, Thematic, Biographical, Topical, Word Study, Book Backgrounds, Book Survey, Chapter Analysis, Book Synthesis and Verse-by-Verse*. Recommended.

***THE NIV SERENDIPITY BIBLE FOR STUDY GROUPS**

*NIV Bible

*Zondervan

Everything you need is right here in one volume: the entire New International Version Bible, thousands of penetrating study questions, course plans and even a leader guide. Study questions for each passage appear right in the margin, no flipping pages or juggling books. Questions are based on "*Open-Dig-Reflect* system." Recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Bible Survey

***A SURVEY OF OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION**

*Archer, Gleason L., Jr.
*Moody Press

An outstanding survey that first gives excellent general instruction to the Old Testament and then surveys each book of the OT. "This volume is the most important on Old Testament introduction from a conservative viewpoint that has been produced in this century."— Wilbur Smith ... Highly recommended.

***SURVEY OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY**

*Wood, Leon
*Zondervan

This excellent book follows the history and development of the people of Israel. It begins with a patriarchal background and continue through all the major periods of Israel's history, ending with the return of Israel from the exile. "Meets a definite need in that it is a selective rather than exhaustive treatment of Israel history." —Barbour. A *must* for every student.

***AN INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT**

*Young, Edward J.
*Eerdmans

A superb survey of the Old Testament. Somewhat more technical than others, but full of insight and understanding concerning the background of each OT book. "It is a must on the list of everyone seriously interested in the interpretation of the Old Testament." —Wilbur Smith. Highly recommended.

***THE NEW TESTAMENT**

*Machen, J. Gresham
*Banner of Truth

Written in a warm and vibrant manner, this book covers the groundwork of history, geography, biography and interpretation for the New Testament. Unlike other surveys this does not outline and survey the individual books to the NT. Rather, it gives the reader the essential information needed to fully understand the message of the New Testament. A wealth of important background information. Recommended.

***NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

*Tenney, Merrill C.
*Eerdmans

Written in a clear, non-technical style, this book is an analytical and historical survey which sets forth the message of the NT again a fully integrated picture of the world in the first century. Concludes with a short but penetrating study of the canon and text of the New Testament. Recommended.

***NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

*Gromacki, Robert C.

*Baker Book House

This text represents a true survey. It provides an introduction to the New Testament free of technical discussion. It incorporates historical and cultural backgrounds without becoming a book on manners and customs. This balanced presentation avoids skimming the surface or getting bogged down with insignificant details. Simple, concise and interesting. Recommended!

***TALK THRU THE BIBLE**

*Wilkinson, Bruce & Boa, Kenneth

*Nelson Publishing

Perhaps the simplest of the survey books. Each chapter covers one book of the Bible and gives the essential information with charts and easy to follow format. This volume is worth purchasing for its outlines alone. Recommended.

***BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT**

*Stott, John R. W.

*Eerdmans

Stott gives an excellent overview and introduction to each writer in the New Testament. A small but powerful and helpful book. The material is presented simply and lucidly and is, therefore, admirably suited to aid any Christian in reading and understanding the New Testament itself.

***AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT (IN 3 VOLUMES)**

*Hiebert, D. Edmond

*Moody Press

Dr. Hiebert, in our estimation, is one of the finest commentators of this century. These are essential books for any dedicated student of the New Testament. Discussion is given to each book on its authorship, composition, problems in that book, the content and nature of each book, outlines, and its uniqueness. This is the finest bibliography that we know of. Highly recommended.

***CHRONOLOGICAL CHARTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**

*Walton, John H.

*Zondervan

Thousands of hours of research condensed in graphic form. Ideal for those who think better while using graphs, charts or outlines. The spiral bound book contains almost 60 useful charts on a variety of subjects in the Old Testament. Many difficult areas to grasp are clearly outlined in these pages.

***CHRONOLOGICAL AND BACKGROUND CHARTS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

*House, H. Wayne

*Zondervan

Please refer to the above comments in "Chronological Charts of the Old Testament." This volume contains the same type of material as its Old Testament

counterpart. There are 76 charts that illumine many areas of the New Testament. A very useful book.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Books Of Comfort

***HOW LONG, O LORD?**

*Carson, D. A.
*Baker Book House

Carson brings out the Bible's teachings and practical implications regarding suffering and its root causes (*i.e.*, sin, social evils, poverty, war, natural disaster, God's discipline, persecution, curses and holy wars, illness, and death.) The author says, "*This is a book of preventative medicine. I have tried to establish some firm structures to help Christians think about evil and suffering in biblical ways before hard times descend on them.*" Recommended.

***TRUSTING GOD (EVEN WHEN LIFE HURTS)**

*Bridges, Jerry
*NAV Press

In this fine book, the author uncovers three essential truths about God-truths that we must believe if we are to trust Him in adversity. They are: God is completely sovereign. God is infinite in wisdom. God is perfect in love. This outstanding book is a *must* reading for all Christians.

***GRACE GROWS BEST IN WINTER**

*Clarkson, Margaret
*Eerdmans

This is a true classic on the subject. Writing with great insight, Clarkson leads readers to discern God's purpose in their suffering and to find His power in order to triumph over it. One of Joni Eareckson Tada's favorite books. Highly recommended!

***YET WILL I TRUST HIM**

*Rankin, Peg
*Gospel Light

This excellent book is a compassionate guide that will help you yield to God's Will even when it's hard to accept, and face life in a new way. In times of happiness, as well as struggle, you can feel closer to the God who promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Rankin builds her thought on the ground of God's Sovereignty.

***COMFORT FOR CHRISTIANS**

*Pink, Arthur W.
*Baker Book House

A most encouraging book loaded with Scriptural application. Pink uses hundreds of passages of God's Word to bring comfort and hope to those in need. Simple and basic. This is a favorite book of all who have read it.

***SURPRISED BY SUFFERING**

*Sproul, R. C.

*Tyndale

This is more than a book of theology or a biblical study. It is a study of questions that all human beings ask about their ultimate destiny. And it offers sound Christian answers to those questions while rejecting unbiblical answers. It is, in fact, a book of encouragement and joy. Sproul is clear, contemporary and refreshing.

***HELP LORD MY WHOLE LIFE HURTS**

*Mayhall, Carole

*NAV Press

This book explores some of God's creative measure so that as Christians we may understand what is happening when we face *trials of many kinds*. Mayhall examines the despair, isolation confusion, numbness, doubt, and rejection that often result from His stripping processes, along with some ideas about how to survive those times. Finally, the author looks at God's purpose for it all.

***SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION: ITS CAUSES AND CURE**

*Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn

*Eerdmans

"Unhappy Christians," says Lloyd-Jones, *"are a poor recommendation for the Christian faith."* Here he discusses the most common causes of spiritual depression and consistently seeks and finds the cure in the Word of God. A very encouraging book. The author wrote this to help his own daughter who was going through a difficult time in her life.

***ALL THINGS FOR GOOD**

*Watson, Thomas

*Banner of Truth

This book by a wonderful Puritan answers the modern day question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Watson is a rich writer who explains that both the best and the worst experiences work for the good of God's people. Highly recommended!

***A LIFTING UP FOR THE DOWNCAST**

*Bridge, William

*Banner of Truth

This book deals with spiritual depression. Bridge manifests great insight into the causes of the saints' discouragements such as great sins, weak grace, failure in duties, lack of assurance, temptation, desertion and affliction. Not only does he diagnose the cause but he gives us a biblical remedy. A wonderful book for all believers to read.

***A BOOK OF COMFORT FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS**

*Power, P. B.

***Banner of Truth**

The author perceptibly addresses the emotional problems that attend pain, suffering and illness. The fears, anxiety and feelings of uselessness that accompany illness are wonderfully handled in this book. Far from offering superficial advice, Power's position is that no comfort is obtainable, unless there be, first, true knowledge of ourselves and, second, right knowledge of God.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Books on Church History

***HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Schaff, Philip
*Erdmans

An outstanding 8-volume set on Church history up to and including the Reformation. Schaff gives a very well written and detailed account of church history. It contains a massive amount of valuable information for all students. This set is a MUST!

***CHRISTIANITY THROUGH THE CENTURIES**

*Cairns, Earle
*Zondervan

A standard textbook on church history.

***FOXES BOOK OF MARTYRS**

*Foxy, John
*Barbour

A powerful chronicle of the sufferings of the saints throughout the early church. Very few books have had such a profound effect upon the Church as this volume. A true classic!

***A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (2 VOLS)**

*Latourette, Kenneth
*Harper & Row

An outstanding history of the Church. Fair and objective. "Providing a brilliant synthesis of trends in the church for students for church history."— Barber ... A monumental work!

***THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Douglas, J. D.
*Zondervan

A comprehensive encyclopedia of all aspects of church history including prominent church figures. A massive amount of historical information in alphabetical order. A classic and conservative reference book.

***SKETCHES FROM CHURCH HISTORY: AN ILLUSTRATED ACCOUNT OF 20 CENTURIES OF CHRIST'S POWER**

*Houghton, S.M.
*Banner of Truth

A brief yet stirring account of the Church history. An ideal book for the beginner and an exciting book for all, stressing the converting power of the Gospel in a world darkened by Satan. Highly recommended for every home!

***GREAT LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Woodridge, John D.

*Moody

A powerful reference tool on 64 of the most influential people in church history. "Placed in chronological order, these biographical sketches will give one a deeper appreciation of the great heritage of the Christian Church from its beginnings to today." Beautifully illustrated with color pictures and charts.

***A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION: A PANORAMIC VIEW OF MISSIONS FROM PENTECOST TO THE PRESENT**

*Kane, Herbert J.

*Baker Book House

This volume is an excellent introductory survey of Christian missions from A. D. 30 to the twentieth century. This gives an outstanding overview of the spread of the gospel to every nation.

***CHRONOLOGICAL AND BACKGROUND CHARTS OF CHURCH HISTORY**

*Walton, Robert C.

*Zondervan

A collection of 84 charts summarizing the key persons, events, dates, and ideas of church history. Ideal for general information and teaching.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Books on Counseling

***BAKER ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PSYCHOLOGY**

*Benner, David
*Baker Book House

This is a major reference book in the field of counseling. It provides representative coverage of the entire field of Christian psychology. BEP includes a comprehensive treatment of psychology's major systems and theories, of psychology of religion, of personality, of psychopathology, and of psychotherapy and other treatment approaches. It is a massive volume of over 1200 pages.

***THE CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR'S MANUAL**

*Adams, Jay
*Presbyterian & Reformed

Approaches counseling from a nouthetic position. An outstanding manual for both professional lay persons. Adams strongly emphasizes man's responsibility and gives a SOLID Biblical approach for dealing with problems. Strong stress is placed upon persons involved (both counselor and person receiving counsel). The Holy Spirit, Hope, Prayer, Reconciliation, Sin, Biblical response ad much more. Highly recommended!

***HOW TO HELP PEOPLE CHANGE**

*Adams, Jay
*Zondervan

This volume specifically deals with the process of counseling. It stresses four steps for Biblical change. It stresses the idea that change is the essential goal of the counseling process. As with all of Adams' books, a strong emphasis is placed upon the use of the Scriptures in counseling.

***CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**

*Collins, Gary
*Word Publishers

Collins is an advocate of the cognitive-behavioral approach to counseling. This volume deals with personal issues: anxiety, loneliness, depression, anger, guilt, etc. Developmental issues: child rearing, adolescence, and all stages of human development. Interpersonal issues: relationships, sex, homosexuality, violence and abuse. Identity issues inferiority and self-esteem, physical illness, grief, singleness, choosing a marriage partner. Family issues and many other issues. A very helpful book that gives a good balance to Adams' teaching.

***BASIC PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING**

*Crabb, Lawrence
*Zondervan

This excellent book deals with: the goal of counseling. What one needs to know about people in order to counsel (*i.e.*, personal needs, motivation, personality). A

basic strategy: *How to Understand and Deal with Personal Problems* (how problems develop, what needs to be changed and a model for counseling) is addressed. Refreshing and practical.

***UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE**

*Crabb, Lawrence

*Zondervan

This book helps one to understand and relate biblical concepts to everyday life. *"After showing why counseling rooted in man's rebellion and confusion is an exercise in frustration, it shows why repentance and submission to biblical authority are essential to God's sovereignty, wisdom, and love, its message has the power to revolutionize Christian counseling."* —Walters

***A HOMEWORK MANUAL FOR BIBLICAL COUNSELING:
VOL. 1 - PERSONAL & INTERPERSONAL PROBLEMS,
VOL. 2 - FAMILY & MARITAL PROBLEMS**

*Mack, Wayne

*Presbyterian & Reformed

A *must* resource set for all counselors! This set is loaded with material to aid the counselor in giving homework assignments to persons being counseled. Almost every area of need is provided with numerous Scriptural passages that pertain to various needs. This work is indispensable!

***QUICK SCRIPTURE REFERENCE FOR COUNSELING**

*Kruis, John G.

*Baker Book House

An ideal tool for Christian counselors. This book is arranged in topical order, providing Scripture passages at a quick glance with a brief description of the passage given along with the entire verse printed out. Ideal to be kept on one's desk for speedy reference. Very useful!

Additional Recommended Reading:

Books on Marriage and Family

***CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE HOME**

*Adams, Jay
*Baker Book House

Basic practical applications of Scriptural principles. Deals with roles, communication, disciplining children, living with an unbeliever, and being single. Outstanding volume.

***STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE**

*Mack, Wayne
*Presbyterian & Reformed

This volume contains a wealth of information on marital roles, communication, finances, sex, child raising and family religion. Loaded with Scripture references.

***THE FAMILY**

*MacArthur, John
*Moody Press

Outstanding book on the family. Especially deals with areas that Satan is using to attack the family. For example: *divorce, adultery, rebellion, indifference, etc.*

***THE JOY OF COMMITTED LOVE: A VALUABLE GUIDE TO KNOWING, UNDERSTANDING, AND LOVING EACH OTHER**

*Smalley, Gary
*Zondervan

This volume combines, "*If Only He Knew*" and "*For Better or for Best.*" This book explains why husbands and wives act the way they do, and how each partner can secure the love and attention of the other. It also looks closely at the common and not-so-common problems of marriage. Full of valuable information. Very practical!

***LOVE LIFE FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE**

*Wheat, Ed
*Zondervan

Very helpful book showing how to fall in love, how to stay in love, and how to rekindle your love. Very helpful in the area of intimacy between husband and wife.

***COMMUNICATION: KEY TO YOUR MARRIAGE**

*Wright, Norman H.
*Gospel Light Pub.

This book gives a dozen methods for reducing friction and conflicts, ten ways to handle anger, ten steps to avoid anxiety and worry, plus guidelines you can use daily to enrich your marriage.

***THE COMPLETE FINANCIAL GUIDE FOR YOUNG COUPLES: A LIFETIME APPROACH TO SPENDING SAVING, AND INVESTING**

*Burkett, Larry

*Scripture Press

A simple *how-to* book dealing with workable budgets, insurance needs, how to teach children about finances, credit cards, investments and much more.

***THE MARRIAGE BUILDER:
A BLUEPRINT FOR COUPLES AND COUNSELORS**

*Crabb, Lawrence J.

*Zondervan

This book deals with *oneness* in marriage. Crabb demonstrates ways in which the goal of oneness can be reached only when couples depend on God for needs and turn to their partners with the goal of ministry. Crabb also presents the three building blocks essential to constructing a God glorifying marriage: grace, commitment, and acceptance.

***MARRIAGE: THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH**

*Engelsma, David

*Reformed Free

A simple and clear treatment from a purely biblical basis. This volume shows how the Word of God illumines every aspect of marriage. An outstanding book starting with the basic truth that we are to view marriage in the light of the mystery of Christ and the Church.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Calvinism

***THE BASIC IDEAS OF CALVINISM**

*Meeter, H. Henry
*Baker Book House

In this fine book, Meeter shows how Calvinism fits into everyday life and issues. In a succinct manner the author demonstrates the Calvinistic view of God, man and life. an important book showing the relevance of the Doctrine of Grace.

***THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM**

*Palmer, Edwin H.
*Baker Book House

Dr. Palmer has given us an excellent book that sets forth in simple, contemporary terms the truths that John Calvin set forth centuries ago. There are pertinent discussion questions at the end of each chapter. Ideal for group or class study on the subject. This book does an excellent job in clearing up many of the misconceptions about the five points of Calvinism. Recommended!

***LECTURES ON CALVINISM**

*Kuyper, Abraham
*Eerdmans

Kuyper articulates for each department of life the controlling principles of Calvinism which he passionately believed to be in the only all-embracing life-system fully able to meet the conditions imposed on every phase of life in the development of humanity. A challenging book written by the former Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

***PREDESTINATION**

*Clark, Gordon
*Presbyterian & Reformed

This present volume represents the combined works by Clark of *Biblical Predestination* and *Predestination in the Old Testament*. The author examines the relationship between predestination and creation, God' omniscience, His eternal decrees, regeneration and the idea of free will. A fine volume by a clear and logical thinker.

***THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINSM**

*Steele, David N. and Thomas, Curtis C.
*Presbyterian & Reformed

This book defines, defends and documents the five principal points of Calvinism. A good introduction to Reformed Theology; points of Calvinism. A good introduction to Reformed Theology; excellent for study groups. This book outlines every point with dozens of Scriptures fully written out. Contrasts the Arminian position with the Calvinistic position. A *must* for every library.

***THE REFORMED DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION**

*Boettner, Loraine
*Baker Book House

Whoever really wants to know what Calvinism teaches cannot do better than to read this book from cover to cover. This is the most thorough and complete, as well as the most interesting book on this subject. Boettner covers every area from the history of the doctrine to objections that are leveled against this truth. All persons interested in this subject will find the volume easy to read and understand. You will find this volume easy-to-read and understand. Essential reading for all who are interested in this subject. Highly recommended.

***CHOSEN BY GOD**

*Sproul, R. C.
*Tyndale

Proceeding from the base of biblical teaching, Sproul shows that predestination can't be consigned to one corner of Christianity, nor does it belong only to scholars. All Christians should ponder the mystery and celebrate the glory of what it means to be *chosen by God*. An exciting book written in a contemporary style.

***SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION**

*Selph, B. Robert
*Sprinkle

This unusual and excellent book is a compendium of pertinent quotes from a large number of Baptist fore-fathers. Their arrangement and use presents a convincing case for the ubiquity of the doctrine and unconditional election in Baptist life in the 17th through the 20th centuries. This book also contains an excellent section on why the Doctrine of Election is essential to our churches today. Recommended.

***THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM**

*Seaton, W. J.
*Banner of Truth

An excellent little 20-page pamphlet that succinctly overviews the five points of Calvinism. Basic and introductory in its nature. This book makes an excellent handout on the subject.

***CALVINISM: PURE AND MIXED**

*Shedd, William G.
*Banner of Truth

The object of this work is to define and defend the tenets of Calvinism in their original purity. This book grew out of Shedd's defense of the *Westminster Confession of Faith* teaching on Calvinistic truth. A somewhat technical and polemic book yet very clear and challenging.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Child Rearing

***GROWING A HEALTHY HOME**

*Yorkey, Mike

*Wolgemuth & Hyatt

This is a home encyclopedia that addresses the issues every family faces: marriage, husbands and fathers, children, teenagers, mothers and wives, family activities, education, family problems and current issues. This volume is one of the most comprehensive and practical books on the family ever published. It is loaded with powerful articles that will aid parents in raising their children.

***YOU AND YOUR CHILD**

*Swindoll, Charles

*Nelson & Bantam

"I highly recommend *You and Your Child* for every parent who wants to understand God's design for the parent-child relationship and for those who want to know how to put biblical principles into practice in the details of daily life. The joy that will be experienced as parents train their children for the purposes of God is beautifully conveyed in these pages." — Ed Wheat ... An insightful book. Swindoll at his best.

***WITHHOLD NOT CORRECTION**

*Ray, Bruce A.

*Baker Book House

The advice in this helpful guide, in contrast with modern secular psychology, points the way to strict parental discipline. The duties of a Christian parent are clearly outlined and always presented from a scriptural viewpoint. Highly recommended.

***WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ... ABOUT CHILD TRAINING**

*Fugate, J. Richard

*Alpha & Omega - Spring Arbor

This excellent book is one of the most comprehensive volumes we know of that deals with the parent/child relationship. He offers many excellent insights on the development of spiritually strong children and a godly family by providing biblical solutions. A *must* reading for parents.

***NURTURING CHILDREN IN THE LORD**

*Fennema, Jack

*Presbyterian & Reformed

A study guide for teachers on developing a biblical approach to discipline. It is also excellent for parents who want a better understanding of the nurture and admonition of children. Of particular note are the two excellent chapters on preventive *Discipline* and *Corrective Discipline*. Recommended.

***HOW TO KEEP YOUR KIDS ON YOUR TEAM**

*Stanley, Charles
*Nelson

This book is enriched by personal anecdotes and insightful commentary. It is a book for all parents who want to make sure their sons and daughters hold fast to tested values and shun the vagaries of the self-centered. Stanley brings out many outstanding principles for both parents and children. Highly recommended.

***THE FAMILY BOOK OF MANNERS**

*Hartley, Hermine
*Barbour

No family should neglect reading this book with their children. A very unusual book that in a fun way demonstrates to children the importance of manners. Help your children succeed in this life by going through this book with them.

***TELL ME ABOUT GOD**

*Harding, Susan
*Banner of Truth

This excellent book is ideal for family devotions. It is designed to give children a knowledge of God. It contains 26 short and easily read chapters to help children of various ages find out more about God. Each chapter explains an aspect of God's character. Recommended.

***DARE TO DISCIPLINE**

*Dobson, James
*Tyndale

This book sold over TWO million copies. In this forthright practical, reassuring guide, Dobson explains why children crave firm control, how the best parent-child relationship is built on respect and ultimate loyalty to God, and why discipline is the key to real love. Outstanding.

***PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE**

*Dobson, James
*Gospel Light

This very helpful book will direct parents on the right path of leading their children into adolescence (teen years). Dobson discusses the areas that trouble adolescents most: inferiority, conformity, puberty, romantic love and identity. A *must* reading for all parents of pre-teens.

***TEMPER YOUR CHILD'S TANTRUMS**

*Dobson, James
*Tyndale

This small pocket book is designed to give your children the security of stable direction that they need. Dobson provides you with a very practical and helpful book on how to control your child. Very valuable.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Children's Bible Story Books

***LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD**

*Schoolland, Marian

*Eerdmans

Written by an outstanding children's author. This is a very unique book that sets forth basic Bible truths for children. We know of no other book quite like this volume. This book will aid parents in bringing their children to a simple faith in Christ and His Word. It is written in a simple way that all children will understand. Useful for ages 5-14. Highly recommended!

***THE BEGINNER'S BIBLE**

*Henley, Karyn

*Questar

An excellent new volume for young children. This book is full of pictures and is written in a very simple way to be read to very young children. Recommended for ages 2-5.

***THE ONE YEAR BOOK OF FAMILY DEVOTIONS (VOLUME 1 & 2)**

*Children's Bible Hour

*Tyndale

A year's worth of delightful stories for either a child to read or excellent for family devotions. The format is quite unique in that it has a story for each day of the year. Each day's story provides a contemporary illustration of the day's Scripture reading. These stories are simple, direct and concrete and speak to parents as well as younger family members. Recommended for ages 8-14. Individual volumes can be purchased.

***THE CHILD'S STORY BIBLE**

*Vos, Catherine

*Eerdmans

A true modern classic among Bible story books. This excellent Bible story book preserves the beauty of biblical narratives and at the same time brings out the meaning of Scripture. There are also many colorful pictures providing powerful visual aids to understanding biblical times, places, persons, and events. This one is sure to become a family favorite. Recommended for ages 3-13.

***LITTLE VISITS WITH GOD**

*Jahsmann, Allan & Simon, Martin

*Concordia Publishing House

A classical book of devotional stories for families with small children. This book contains for 280 stories, a Bible verse and a lively story that illustrates the truth taught. A favorite book of countless families.

***MORE LITTLE VISITS WITH GOD**

*Jahsmann, Allan & Simon, Martin
*Concordia Publishing House

The same high recommendation as "*LITTLE VISITS WITH GOD.*" This will be a favorite for all who read it.

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***THE BIBLE IN PICTURES FOR LITTLE EYES**

*Taylor, Kenneth
*Moody

This book is ideal for young children from ages 3-6. Each Bible story has its own vivid picture and has stories short enough for little ones. Little Children will hear of all the famous Bible stories and simple doctrines so they can understand how God deals with man. A classic!

***MY BIBLE STORY PICTURE BOOK**

*Mill, Brenda
*Harvest House

This Bible story has a large picture and a very accurate Bible story on the opposite page. Along with the listing of the Scripture passage are simple questions to help in teaching your children. Excellent for ages 3-12. We feel this is an example of what a Bible story book should be. Highly recommended!

***READ-N-GROW PICTURE BIBLE**

*Weed, Libby
*Word

From Creation to the Book of Revelation, this fine volume has over 1800 colorful pictures that the entire family will enjoy. Each story is illustrated by 12 comic-like pictures and a simplified but true-to-the Bible text. Recommended for ages 4 to adult. Outstanding!

Additional Recommended Reading:

Christian Classics

***PILGRIM'S PROGRESS**

*Bunyan, John
*Barbour

The most widely read book ever printed in the English language outside of the Bible. This classic is a rich allegory of the Christian life. It is the greatest compendium of Christian experiences that has ever been given to the Church. Every believer should read this book. Every family should be familiar with Bunyan's allegory. A *must* reading once a year.

***FOXE'S BOOK OF MARTYRS**

*Foxy, John
*Barbour

A powerful chronicle of the sufferings of the saints throughout the early church. Very few books have had such a profound effect upon the Church as this volume. Read what it may cost to be a follower of Jesus Christ. All modern versions are abridged from the original 8-volume set but still are essential reading for all believers. A true classic.

***INSTITUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION (2 VOLUMES)**

*Calvin, John
*Westminster

A rich treasury of truth. Calvin has stood the test of time and is still recommended by leaders in every denomination. Surprisingly rich in devotional material as well as being theologically precise. No writer ever dealt more fairly and honestly by the Word of God. He is scrupulously careful to let it speak for itself.

***WORDS OF JOHN OWEN**

***VOLUME 6 - MORTIFICATION OF SIN**

*Owen, John
*Banner of Truth

John Owen thought by many to be the greatest Puritan and theologian ever to come from the British Isles. This volume out of his 16-volume set is probably the greatest treatise ever written on the subject. Owen knows man and is able, as it were, *to take a flashlight and search out the depths of a believer's heart*. On a subject few have ever dealt with, Owen's work emerged as a true classic. Praise be to God for giving us such a work.

***WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH**

*Westminster Assembly of Ministers
*Free Presbyterian Publications

The most famous of all the confessions of faith. The godly divines who first published this work in 1646 recognized the supreme place of the Word of God and saw it their duty to define the orthodox and practical truths that the Bible

teaches. This edition contains the *Westminster Confession*, the *Larger and Shorter Catechism* and the *Sum of Saving Knowledge*. Glorious reading. A *must* for every home.

***THE WORKS OF JONATHAN EDWARDS (2 VOLUMES)**

- *Edwards, Jonathan
- *Banner of Truth

Edwards was America's greatest theologian and the American counterpart of John Owen. These works are timeless and contain Edwards' best writings and sermons. Begin by reading *Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God* and see why these works have become one of the world's great classics.

***MATTHEW HENRY'S COMMENTARY ON THE BIBLE (6 VOLS.)**

- *Henry, Matthew
- *Hendrickson

The most popular commentary set that God has given to His Church. Rich devotional exposition on every verse in the Bible. Spurgeon told his students to sell their cloaks and buy Henry. A *must* for every home!

***THE TREASURY OF DAVID**

- *Spurgeon, Charles H.
- *Hendrickson

One of the finest commentaries ever to be written. Spurgeon's work on the Psalms is in a class by itself. "A classic in its field. Richly rewarding. Deeply devotional and pleasingly relevant. Provides not only the thoughts of the great *Prince of Preachers* of the last century, but also an abundance of quotations taken from the writings of those who have preceded him."— Barbour

***THE BONDAGE OF THE WILL**

- *Luther, Martin
- *Revell

This is the best translation of this classic and it is combined with J. I. Packer's outstanding introduction. In this classic of the Reformation, Luther debates Erasmus and expounds what Luther believed lay at the heart of the Gospel. Luther shows that man is totally unable to save himself and explains and upholds the doctrine of justification by faith. A true classic.

***HOLINESS**

- *Ryle, J. C.
- *Evangelical Press

A true life changing book. This extremely readable and convicting book holds its place among the world's most cherished classics. Ryle demonstrates that holiness is absolutely essential to the Christian life and does not come by methods but rather by hungering and thirsting after righteousness. A *must* reading!

Additional Recommended Reading:

Christology

***THE DEATH OF DEATH IN THE DEATH OF CHRIST**

*Owen, John
*Banner of Truth

Probably the greatest book ever written on the death of Jesus Christ. A clear and forceful discussion of the extent of the atonement. This edition is somewhat abridged which adds to its value. It also contains an outstanding introduction by J. I. Packer. Highly recommended!

***CHRIST IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES**

*Hodgkin, A. M.
*Barbour

An enduring classic that goes through each book of the Bible and shows Christ to be the *Center*. Full of rich devotional material. This book is a treasure chest of jewels.

***A SHORT LIFE OF CHRIST**

*Harrison, R. K.
*Erdmans

Harrison analyzes the outstanding events and features of Christ's life, combining history, biblical theology, and apologetics in his study of the theologically significant aspects of Christ's life and work. An extremely valuable book on the life of Christ. Recommended!

***JESUS: A BIBLICAL DEFENSE OF HIS DEITY**

*McDowell, Josh and Larson, Bart
*Heres Life

This fine biblical defense of Christ's deity is a fascinating and captivating insight into the life and person of Jesus Christ. More than that, it offers positive proof that Jesus Christ was and IS who He claimed to be, the Savior and Redeemer.

***THE ATONEMENT**

*Morris, Leon
*Inter Varsity Press

A wonderful book that explains simply and clearly the rich variety of New Testament terms which describe the significance of the cross. Why is the cross the crux of Christianity? What is the meaning and significance of the atonement? What do the terms covenant, sacrifice, the Day of Atonement, Passover, redemption, propitiation and justification mean? Morris gives clear answers to these questions.

***THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

*Stott, John R.

*Inter Varsity Press

In this masterful study of Scripture, tradition and the modern world, Stott brings readers face-to-face with the centrality of the cross in God's plan of redemption. "No other treatment of this supreme subject says so much so truly and so well."

—J. I. Packer

Stott divides this book into four chapters: *Approaching the Cross*, *The Heart of the Cross*, *The Achievement of the Cross*, and *Living Under the Cross*. Destined to be a classic.

***THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST**

*Warfield, Benjamin B.

*Presbyterian and Reformed

The classic and authoritative work on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Warfield deals with areas that few have ever tackled, *i.e.*, *The Emotional Life of Christ*, etc. No serious student should be without this volume.

***ALL THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES OF THE BIBLE**

*Lockyer, Hebert

*Zondervan

This book is compendium of all the prophecies in Scripture concerning the promised Messiah. A gold mine of verses, information, quotes and sound teaching. Recommended!

***THE CHRISTOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

*Cullman, Oscar

*Westminster

A somewhat more technical but very valuable treatment of the Christology in the New Testament. "It is invigorating to read this book, for its biblical theology as it ought to be written. Professor Cullman has set a high standard of biblical scholarship in this book and all students of sacred Scripture are in his debt." — Christianity Today

***MORE THAN A CARPENTER**

*McDowell, Josh

*Tyndale

This fine apologetical book on Jesus Christ is an outstanding volume for people who are skeptical about the deity of Jesus, His resurrection and His claims on their lives. A modern day classic and best seller.

***WHO IS JESUS**

*Sproul, R. C.

*Tyndale

A small but an excellent book on the person and work of Christ. Sproul clears away the misconceptions that have accumulated around the person of Jesus. He explains the titles of Jesus Christ with fresh insight. He then examines the life of

Jesus and the events of the Gospels that make up the great drama of salvation. An excellent little book, especially suited to draw one closer to the Savior.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Church Education

***CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH**

*Clark, Robert E; Brubaker, Joanne & Zuck, Roy B.

*Moody press

For infants to 6th grade. Revised and expanded edition. This outstanding book has 35 up-to-date articles designed to teach and aid the teacher of children. Subject headings: *Reaching & Teaching Children, Understanding the Developmental States of Children, Meeting Special Education Needs, Organizing, Administering & Supervising, Utilizing Methods and Resources, and Ministering to Children Beyond the Church.* Highly Recommended.

***THE COMPLETE BOOK OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Benson, Warren S. & Senter, Mark H.

*Moody Press

Junior and Senior High. This book will become a valuable companion with anyone who works with youth. It contains 33 essays focusing on all aspects of youth ministry in the church. You will find valuable insights, encouragement and ideas for every phase of youth ministry. Excellent material.

***CREATIVE BIBLE TEACHING**

*Richards, Lawrence O.

*Moody Press

For all age groups. We highly recommend this for a starting point with, all who are going to teach. This book shows how and stresses why we must master the art of teaching. Richards applies theological and educational principles to develop an evangelical approach to Bible teaching, then he helps teachers develop their ability to use a variety of teaching methods. A *must* reading for every serious teacher.

***THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR'S HANDBOOK ON TEACHING**

*Gangel, Kenneth O. & Hendricks, Howard G.

*Scripture Press

For all age groups. Here you will find a gold mine of information on all phases and places of teaching God's truth. 21 Chapters speak to four general sections or topics: 1) *Foundations for Christian Teaching*, 2) *Crucial Roles in Christian Teaching*, 3) *Patterns and Process of Christian Teaching*, 4) *Varieties of Christian Teaching*. Excellent resource for all interested in Christian education.

***EDUCATION THAT IS CHRISTIAN**

*LeBar, Lois E. and updated by Pleddemann, James E.

*Scripture Press

For all age groups. A classic in the field of Christian education. Written 30 years ago, but now updated with fresh insights for today's families, churches, and

schools. *"An excellent philosophy of Christian education which ably integrates Biblical teaching with the Sunday School curriculum."* — Barbour

***INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*Graendorf, Werner C.
*Moody Press

For all age groups. The most comprehensive and thoroughly researched volume on contemporary evangelical Christian education. Loaded with excellent material, this book covers areas that other books on education miss. Every pastor, church library, teacher and parent should purchase this outstanding textbook. Highly recommended.

***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*Richards, Lawrence O.
*Zondervan

For all age groups. Richards begins by developing important theological considerations and implications for Christian education in the church. Then he shows how to implement Christian education in the local church. Extremely interesting valuable material. Recommended.

***THE SEVEN LAWS OF TEACHING (REVISED EDITION)**

*Gregory, John Milton
*Baker Book House

For all age groups. This book is a foundational book for all teachers. First printed in the 19th century, this volume has proven its tremendous value through the years. Gregory gives 7 clear and concise laws that every teacher should study and apply to your situation. Highly recommended.

***TEACHING TO CHANGE LIVES**

*Hendricks, Howard G.
*Multnomah

For all age groups. *"Hendricks shows us if teaching is to be effective, more than content is needed. There must be a combination of preparation, commitment, and involvement with those being instructed. Each of the chapters contains numerous profound insights that have the effect of riveting the reader's focus as they are challenged with the task of communicating the whole counsel of God."* — Barbour ... A must reading!

***THE JOY OF TEACHING DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**

*Wald, Oletta
*Augsburg

For all age groups. This is an outstanding little book packed full of vital tips and ideas, for everyone who desires to teach. The author gives practical guidelines for preparing a lesson and teaching it effectively. Recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Church

***PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR BAPTIST CHURCHES**

*Hiscox, Edward T.

*Kregel Publishers

Although written for Baptist Churches this fine volume will be profitable to any church member. One will gain an understanding of the principles which should guide the conduct and operation of all Christians. This book deals with the meaning and purpose of the Church, church membership, ordinances, discipline, polity and many other important topics. Recommended!

***THE GLORIOUS BODY OF CHRIST**

*Kuiper, R. B.

*Banner of Truth

An excellent volume on the Church written from a solidly Reformed perspective. "Fifty-three fine chapters dealing with the unity, marks, responsibilities, privileges, etc. of the Church. The best book of its size on the subject."—W. J. Grier ... This book contains many interesting sections.

***THE ULTIMATE PRIORITY ON WORSHIP**

*MacArthur, John Jr.

*Moody Press

This is a great book that will help one realign their priorities. Regardless of pressure, schedules or other demands the worship of God must be the believer's priority. A stirring book.

***LOCAL CHURCH PRACTICE**

*Hulse, Erroll

*Carey Publications

A fresh and exciting volume that deals with many aspects of how a church functions. Various subjects are very capably dealt with, some of them are: *The Centrality of the Church in the Work of the Gospel, Baptism, The Lord's Table, Fellowship, Discipline, The Local Church and Church Planning, The Local Church and Missionary Work.* Recommended!

***THE ANATOMY OF A CHURCH**

*MacArthur, John Jr.

*Moody Press

A thoroughly biblical treatment of the nature and workings of the Church. MacArthur, using the illustration of a skeleton, internal systems, muscles, flesh and the head of a human body, ably describes the goals and function of a church.

***CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

*Mac Arthur, John Jr.

*Moody Press

In this study, Dr. MacArthur brings into razor-sharp focus the character qualities that God requires of spiritual leaders in the local church. Characteristically careful and thorough, MacArthur examines from I Timothy 3, the qualifications and distinctions of elders and deacons.

***HANDBOOK OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE**

*Adams, Jay E.

*Zondervan

A very simple and clear book on the area of church discipline. God requires purity in the church and has given His people guidelines in order to deal with severe problems. This is a handbook for pastors, elders, and all Christians who want to see how Scripture presents the process of discipline that should operate in the Christian community ... The author has developed this book around the five steps of corrective discipline found especially in Matthew 18:15-17.

***A GUIDE TO CHURCH DISCIPLINE**

*Laney, J. Carl

*Bethany

A biblical, practical and loving handbook for pastors and lay leaders alike on church discipline. Dr. Laney thoughtfully and biblically pleads for a return to the proper practice of corrective church discipline. This book is especially practical as it deals with literally hundreds of areas that may arise in a church. Highly recommended!

***BAPTISM: ITS MODE AND SUBJECTS**

*Carson, Alexander

*Kregel Publications

A true classic in the area of the believer's baptism. Dr. Carson was a paedobaptist who after doing extensive study of baptism changed his position to that of an immersionist of believers only. This is a readable and scholarly study. Recommended.

***THE TESTIMONY OF BAPTISM**

*Hulse, Erroll

*Carey Publications

A simple and clear study on baptism. i.e., *What is the testimony of baptism? Should believers alone be baptized? What mode should be used? By withholding infant baptism, do Baptists deprive their children of covenant privileges? Do Baptists fail to appreciate the importance of the old covenant?* Hulse follows in the line of great Reformed Baptists of past such as, Charles H. Spurgeon, Adoniram Judson, William Carey and others.

***THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Kevan, Ernest F.

*Evangelical Press

This book is a spiritual feast. Although short in length, it is an excellent biblical treatment on the subject of the Lord's Supper. In an area where little has been written, we are thankful for this little volume. A *must* for every library!

***GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

*MacArthur, John Jr.

*Moody Press

A thorough and excellent study on the subject of Christian-giving (tithing). MacArthur goes into detail on Old Testament tithing, and New Testament *sacrificial giving*. Highly recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Classic Biographies

***HERE I STAND**

- *Bainton, Roland
- *Abingdon

This is one of the finest biographies ever written. No serious student of history can afford not to read about Martin Luther. This book on the life of the great Reformer gives historical perspective and interpretation of Luther's work and writings and experiences. A brilliant biography. God used Luther to literally turn the world and the Church upside down. A *must* book for every library.

***CALVIN, GENEVA AND THE REFORMATION**

- *Wallace, Ronald
- *Baker Book House

This fine volume is an account of Calvin's early life and the important events of his work in Geneva. Because Calvin's most important contribution to the Reformed Church was in the realm of theology, the author has included a substantial section on Calvin as a theologian. Sure to become a standard on the life and work of Calvin. Recommended.

***GRACE ABOUNDING TO THE CHIEF OF SINNERS**

- *Bunyan, John
- *Barbour

"A true classic. This autobiography by Bunyan is somewhat different than most, in that it traces the spiritual pilgrimage of Bunyan. Beginning with his youth, through several crises, to his conversion and through many trials and difficulties, temptations and sorrows, until he came to rely solely on Christ for his every need." —Barbour ... Highly recommended.

***GEORGE WHITEFIELD (2 VOLUMES)**

- *Dallimore, Arnold A.
- *Banner of Truth

J. C. Ryle said of Whitefield, "No Englishman, I believe, dead or alive, has ever equaled him." Dallimore's book is a spiritually rewarding work of genuine scholarship and warmth of spirit, which should provoke not only a fresh and higher estimate of Whitefield's life and ministry but also a dedication to Whitefield's God and biblical evangelism." —S. Lewis Johnson ... This is an unparalleled work.

***JONATHAN EDWARDS**

- *Murray, Iain H.
- *Banner of Truth

This is an outstanding, accurate and thoroughly readable biography on Edwards. *"No man is more relevant to the present conditions of Christianity than Jonathan Edwards. He was a mighty theologian as well as a great evangelist. If you want*

to know anything about true revival, Edwards is the man to consult. My advice is, read Jonathan Edwards." —Lloyd-Jones ... This is destined to become a classic.

***MEMOIR AND REMAINS OF ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**

*Bonar, Andrew A.
*Banner of Truth

Few biographies have been better loved, or had such a wide-spread influence or have possessed such a variety and wealth of spiritual matter between the book covers. This biography will be a spiritual feast for all who read it. Highly recommended.

***THE EARLY YEARS (VOL. 1) AND THE FULL HARVEST (VOL. 2)**

*Spurgeon, Charles
*Banner of Truth

A phenomenal account of one of God's most eminent servants. This stands out as one of the great autobiographies ever written. Read about the exciting and amazing life of the greatest preacher of the 19th century. This book will bless all who read it.

***TO THE GOLDEN SHORE**

*Anderson, Courtney
*Judson Press

This re-telling of the great life of Adoniram Judson is beautifully done. It is an amazing story of the triumph of the Christian Gospel in a hostile land. *"A moving and colorful account of the life and spiritual struggles, unremitting zeal and extraordinary success of the first American to establish a mission in the East."* —Barbour

***GEORGE MULLER OF BRISTOL**

*Pierson, Arthur t.
*Revell

A glorious account of Muller's life of faith and how, for sixty years, he trusted God to provide for his own needs and the needs of the two thousand orphaned children for whom he cared. This devoted man blessedly learned early in his conversation to Christ, that honest, earnest, heartfelt prayer is always heard by God and is answered, always!

***HUDSON TAYLOR (2 VOLUMES)**

*Taylor, Dr. & Mrs. Howard
*OMF Books

"These two books are a classic in the realm of devotional and missionary literature. I have met ore people whose lives have been significantly influenced by reading them than people influenced by other comparable volumes." —J. Oswald Sanders ... These books will challenge and enrich all who read them.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Cults

***THE KINGDOM OF THE CULTS**

*Martin, Walter

*Bethany

This is the standard reference book on the cults and various sects. Martin gives a historical analysis of each cult, a theological evaluation of their major teachings and a comparison with biblical theology, emphasizing exegesis and doctrine. Thoroughly revised and up-to-date! A foundational book for all interested in studying the cults, Eastern religions and different sects.

***TRUTH UNDER ATTACK**

*Davies, Eryl

*Evangelical Press

A comprehensive and practical handbook for Christians, with helpful facts on heretical churches, cults and movements. Each chapter contains useful background information followed by a handy reference guide to specific doctrines of each sect and how these conflict with the Word of the living God. Highly recommended.

***HANDBOOK OF TODAY'S RELIGION**

*McDowell, Josh and Stewart, Don Stewart

*Heres Life

This book is actually four books in one. It is a clear, concise reference work that will provide the Christian with practical insight into and comprehensive analysis of today's cults, the occult, secular and non-Christian religions. This is an amazingly comprehensive book that covers almost all world wide belief-systems that covers almost all world wide belief systems that oppose biblical Christianity.

***ANOTHER GOSPEL**

*Tucker, Ruth A.

*Zondervan

This fine volume gives a comprehensive survey of all the major alternative religions in the United States, including the new ones since the 1960s. This book also contains an extensive chapter on the New Age Movement. Loaded with pertinent material on newer movements. Recommended.

***THE FOUR MAJOR CULTS**

*Hoekema, Anthony A.

*Eerdmans

Relying exclusively on primary source materials, Hoekema systematically presents the doctrinal teachings of Mormonism, Seventh-Day Adventism, Christian Science and Jehovah's Witnesses. He also briefly outlines the history and source of authority of each cult. Extensive bibliography, appendixes and index. A standard on these major cults.

***THE NEW CULTS**

*Martin, Walter
*Gospel Light

This book centers in on the new cults that are sweeping millions of people into their groups. Martin identifies 11 of these new groups and then gives the reader an accurate and clear understanding of their teachings and how to deal with them. This book is reliable, documented and easy-to-understand. Recommended.

***SCRIPTURE TWISTING**

*Sire, James W.
*Inter Varsity Press

The author has isolated twenty separate kinds of reading errors which are characteristically made by cultists as they interpret the Bible. This volume goes to the heart of how and why cults are successfully using the Bible to prove their false teaching. A foundational book in studying the cults. Informative and helpful.

***THE CHANGING WORLD OF MORMONISM**

*Tanner, Jerald and Sandra
*Moody Press

"Well written and ably documents, this work will take its place as the best treatment of the history and doctrinal development of Mormonism available today." —Barbour ... The Tanners have thoroughly investigated the history of Mormon leaders and their changes in doctrine and practice, including the most recent developments of Mormon religion.

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***THE MAZE OF MORMONISM**

*Martin, Walter
*Gospel Light

This book is a complete and concise guide for any Christian unraveling the confused maze of Mormon doctrine and practice with the measuring rod of the Bible and the truth which is in Christ alone. A helpful book in communicating with Mormons.

***JEHOVAH OF THE WATCHTOWER**

*Martin, Walter
*Bethany

Martin's book will give you the history of the cult, its major doctrines, its present relationship to the Christian world, and a comparison of its teachings with the Word of God. This edition has been revised and updated with current statistics and other pertinent data. Recommended.

***JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES ANSWERED VERSE BY VERSE**

*Reed, David A.
*Baker Book House

This book is a quick reference guide showing how to immediately answer the Jehovah's Witnesses' mis-interpretation of Scripture and how to use the same Scripture in leading Jehovah's Witnesses to a true and saving knowledge of Christ. It also includes a verse-by-verse section which provides helpful and handy refutational material. And it also discusses their beliefs, history and alterations in their Bible.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Death and the Afterlife

***DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE**

*Morey, Robert A.

*Bethany

This book is divided into 2 main sections: the first part defines such biblical terms as *spirit, soul, body, Sheol, grave, Gehenna* and *eternal punishment*. The second part is an apologetic on the biblical teaching of *death*, defending it against the occult and theological errors such as annihilationism and universalism. The most comprehensive book on this subject we know of. Highly recommended.

***THE BIBLE AND THE LIFE HEREAFTER**

*Hendriksen, William

*Baker Book House

This is a well written and simple book on the subject of the *future* and *future life* of all mankind. The author examines death and immortality, the intermediate state, the signs of the end of this present world, the *Coming of Christ* and the final state of the wicked and the righteous. Study questions at the end of each chapter make this an excellent volume for a teacher as well as a student.

***PROBING HEAVEN**

*Gilmore, John

*Baker Book House

This book stands out as one of the few works available on Heaven. Gilmore combines scholarly research with a readability that is impressive. It is not just a book on speculative and irrelevant ideas but an excellent treatment of heaven and the life to come for every believer. Highly recommended.

***THE DOCTRINE OF ENDLESS PUNISHMENT**

*Shedd, William G.

*Banner of Truth

In this work, Shedd carefully expounds the biblical teaching on divine judgment, and sets it in the context of the history of Christian doctrine. He deals carefully and cogently with objections to it. This book will have a profoundly sobering effect on its readers. Recommended.

***IMMORTALITY**

*Boettner, Loraine

*Presbyterian and Reformed

A comprehensive study of biblical teaching regarding death and immortality. Boettner deals with areas which many neglect, such as: prayers for the dead, burial or cremation, soul sleep, annihilation and purgatory. A very useful book on this subject.

***HEAVEN**

*MacArthur, John Jr.

*Moody Press

Dr. MacArthur takes a comprehensive look at what the Bible teaches about Heaven. He discusses what Heaven is, where Heaven is, what it is like, what we will be like in Heaven, how we will relate to one another in Heaven, and what the saints will do in Heaven. An in-depth study that is very practical.

***HOW CAN A GOD OF LOVE SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?**

*Benton, John .

*Evangelical Press

Is there a hell to which sinners go after they die? If it does exist, and if God is a God of love, how could he send people to such a place? How bad do you have to be before God would send you there? In plain and direct language, Benton deals with these and many other questions concerning hell. He challenges us to face up to what lies beyond the grave and to deal in this life with those issues which determine our destiny in the next. Highly recommended.

***THE LAST THINGS**

*Helm, Paul

*Banner of Truth

This book provides a fresh and clear perspective on the subject of death, judgment, heaven and hell. His purpose is not to speculate or sentimentalize, but to state as sharply and starkly as possible the plain facts of the matter as Scripture portrays them. An outstanding introductory book on the subject of death and the afterlife.

***LAST WORDS OF SAINTS AND SINNERS**

*Lockyer, Herbert

*Kregel

This carefully researched book presents the last words of hundreds of famous people on their death bed. It includes both classes of men: those who loved God and those who had hatred for God and the Bible. (Includes a detailed index.) This is a stirring book that will be used in many ways by all who read it.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Devotional Books

***MORNING AND EVENING**

*Spurgeon, Charles H.

*Hendrickson

As the name suggests "Morning and Evening" supplies a devotional reading for both morning and evening each day of the year. We believe this to be the finest devotional available. Perfect for family or private devotions. These 732 daily readings contain majestic thought, because they are ever exalting Christ. Recommended!

***PSALM 119**

*Bridges, Charles

*Banner of Truth

Bridges exposition of the longest chapter in the Bible is a treasury full of thoughts and rich corollary Scripture passages. Bridges gives approximately 2.5 pages for each verse of this Psalm. This one is sure to become your favorite. Spurgeon has said of this book, *"Worth its weight in gold ... we prize it for its surpassing grace and unction."*

***PROVERBS**

*Bridges, Charles

*Banner of Truth

We have always said that this is one of the best commentaries ever written. But we also suggest it be used for a daily devotional book. Take one verse of the Proverbs a day and enjoy a delectable feast. Try something unusual and read a classic commentary as a daily devotional. Have your Bible in hand as Bridges will keep you running from Scripture passage to passage. Highly recommended!

***DAILY READING FROM J.C. RYLE (2 VOLUMES)**

*Ryle, John Charles

*Evangelical Press

One word can describe these books - "Encouraging." Readings are taken from Ryle's classic commentary on the four Gospels. This is perfect for the heads of families who struggle with family devotions. We prize these books for their rich and heart-searching thought. A must for every home!

***A FIRST BOOK OF DAILY READINGS**

*Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn

*Eerdmans

A meaty book of devotional thought. This book was compiled from selections from Dr. Lloyd-Jones's other books. All who read this proclaim it as one of their favorite devotionals. Especially suited to more theologically minded readers. An excellent devotional!

***FROM GRACE TO GLORY**

*Campbell, Murdoch
*Banner of Truth

A perfect book for couples to use in their daily devotional time together. The book is divided into sections which expand on the principal thoughts of each Psalm and are suitable for daily reading. Recommended!

***SECRET STRENGTH**

*Tada, Joni Eareckson
*Multnomah

This is a monumental book of encouragement and strength. No author, more than Joni, knows what it means to *draw power out of weakness, beauty out of ashes, joy out of sorrow, and unquenchable hope out of despair.* This book is a reservoir of refreshment, courage, and endurance. Highly recommended!

***GLORIOUS INTRUDER**

*Tada, Joni Eareckson
*Multnomah

Joni has a depth and understanding of God that few writers exhibit. Her latest book, *"Glorious Intruder,"* is no exception. The theme in this devotional is *"God's Presence in Life's Chaos."* Joni writes, His attention never diverts from you for a single moment. His touch in your life is constant, unchanging, sure...The Lord Jesus is an intruder. he interferences, trespasses on your conversations, encroaches on your thought, cuts in on your actions, gently, but ever so firmly, He stays involved with the details of your life." Highly recommended!

***ONE YEAR BIBLE**

*NIV, KJV, NASV Versions of the Bible
*Tyndale

If you have trouble reading the Scriptures on a daily basis, this book is sure to help. The entire Bible is arranged in 365 daily readings. For each day there is a portion of the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Psalms and Proverbs groups on consecutive pages. The one-Year Bible is ideal for personal devotional. (5 versions) An Ideal Gift.

***INTIMATE MOMENTS WITH THE SAVIOR**

*Gire, Ken
*Zondervan

A powerfully moving book. Walk and travel with the Savior through all the events of His life. Experience in an intimate way the person of Jesus Christ. *"Intimate Moments With the Savior"* is a devotional tapestry, richly woven from threads of Scripture, meditation, and prayer. It captures the intimate moment Jesus spent with individuals and how those moments forever changed their lives.

***DAILY LIGHT**

*NIV, KJV or NKJV Versions of the Bible

*Zondervan & Nelson

This is probably the most widely read collection of daily readings from the Bible ever published. Truly a classic devotional book. This little book contains only the Word of God. Verses are ... ??? [**NOTE: sentence incomplete**]

Additional Recommended Reading:

Discipleship

*PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

*Bunyan, John

*Barbour

Outside of the Word of God, no other book has had as great an impact on the life of believers as "*Pilgrim's Progress*." This classic is a rich allegory of the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. It should be read through at least once a year. It is the greatest compendium of the life a Christian experiences that was ever given to the church. An absolute necessity for all followers of Christ!

*HOLINESS

*Ryle, John Charles

*Evangelical Press

If the Christian's life is not characterized by *holiness* it is useless, rather it is worse than useless for it does positive harm. This is a LIFE CHANGING BOOK. Ryle is one of our favorite writers and in this book Ryle is at his best. "Follow peace with all men, and HOLINESS without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14 ... A *must* reading for all believers. A spiritual feast.

*THE PRACTICE OF GODLINESS THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

*Bridges, Jerry

*NAV Press

We believe, these two titles are the best books written in this century on the subject of living a holy and godly life. Bridges shows what is involved in living a life pleasing to Christ. Both books are ideally suited for Bible study groups as there are excellent study guides available to go with them. A *must* reading! Highly recommended.

*DESIRING GOD

*Piper, John

*Multnomah

When you begin to read this book, put on your *thinking cap* and *hold on to your seat*. Our ideas of the Christian life have been so tainted by the world, we scarcely know what it means that, *life's greatest happiness and the end of true pleasure is found in God, Himself*. A LIFE CHANGING book. Read this one slowly and you will understand that it means to be a *Christian hedonist*. Highly recommended.

*HOT TUB RELIGION

*Packer, J. I.

*Tyndale

This book is for the 1980's and 1990's, as Packer identifies and clears away much of the sewage of the church's thinking by helping to eliminate the pollution that

has crept into Christ's Church. A timely, powerful and much needed book for all believers. We believe his chapter on "*Guidance*" is the best we know of in print. Highly recommended!

***ONE HOLY PASSION**

*Sproul, R. C.

*Nelson

This book hits at the heart of discipleship, and that is a consuming thirst to know and follow God. Sproul takes us to the heart of the matter; God Himself. When we know and understand God, we will also passionately follow Him. Sproul is a contemporary author writing for the 20th century believer.

***CHRIST'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*Boice, James Montgomery

*Moody Press

An excellent treatment on discipleship. Boice shows the meaning, path, cost and rewards of discipleship. Although salvation costs us nothing, Christ's call to discipleship costs us everything. He demands out total commitment. This book describes total commitment. It is an acknowledgment of Christ as Savior, and just as important, Christ as Lord. Recommended.

***PROFITING FROM THE WORD**

*Pink, Arthur W.

*Banner of Truth

Pink is one of our favorite writers. In this book he lays down the foundation of the Christian's experience and happiness. If we are to follow Christ, then we must understand what the Word tells us about certain vital truths. Full of Scriptural references, Pink teaches us about Sin, God, Christ, Prayer, Good Words, Obedience, the World, the Promises, Joy and Love. Highly recommended.

***GROW IN GRACE**

*Ferguson, Sinclair B.

*Banner of Truth

This book explains how God helps us to develop as members of his family. Taking Jesus himself as the model for our growth, he explains biblical principles and case histories to illustrate how God works in our lives. An excellent little book.

***HOW TO SAY "NO" TO A STUBBORN HABIT**

*Lutzer, Erwin W.

*Scripture Press

The greatest hindrance to growth is *sin* and *temptation*. Lutzer, in a clear manner, shows the believer why God allows sin and brings temptation. He then shows us the way of escape. An outstanding book on a much needed area of study for all believers. Highly recommended!

Additional Recommended Reading:

Eschatology

***THE BIBLE AND THE FUTURE**

*Hoekema, Anthony A.

*Eerdmans

Amillennial. A classic and outstanding book from an amillennial position. This book captures the heart of eschatology which is Jesus Christ, Himself. Hoekema does an excellent job in expounding the Scriptures and is disciplined enough to keep himself free from sensationalism and speculation. This volume deals with the signs of the times, the Second Coming, the millennium, the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the new earth and much more. The author also analyses all four major views in the study of eschatology. Highly recommended.

***THE MEANING OF THE MILLENNIUM**

*Clouse, Robert G.

*Inter Varsity Press

All four positions presented. A unique and very helpful book on the subject of the millennium. Clouse as editor, brings us four proponents of the four major millennial views to set forth their understanding of this issue. After each major essay, the other three writers respond with their own perspective. This book is a debate among key Christian scholars on the meaning of the millennium. "*The Meaning of the Millennium*" will be especially helpful if one is only familiar with one position.

***THE BLESSED HOPE**

*Ladd, George E.

*Eerdmans

Historical Pre-millennial. The best on the pre-millennial position concerning the Second Coming and the Rapture. Ladd is a first-rate scholar and writer. "No careful student of the Second Coming can afford to ignore Ladd's contribution to the subject." — Ralph Earle. Highly recommended!

***AN ESCHATOLOGY OF VICTORY**

*Kik, J. Marcellus

*Presbyterian & Reformed

Post-millennial. The best presentation of the post-millennial position. This is a well-done book on a much maligned position. Whoever takes the time to read this book will find a challenging and enjoyable study of God's Word. Kik gives an excellent historic overview of eschatology and then centers in on Matthew 24 and Revelation 20. Recommended.

***THE ECLIPSE OF CHRIST IN ESCHATOLOGY**

*Konig, Adrio

*Eerdmans

This unique book's central thesis is that the heart of eschatology is centered in and around the Lord Jesus Christ. Konig makes an impressive case for viewing the entire history of Jesus Christ as the content of eschatology, not simply his resurrection and return in glory.

***CONTEMPORARY OPTIONS IN ESCHATOLOGY**

*Erickson, Millard J.

*Baker Book House

This is a balanced and fair book representing the various eschatological positions. Erickson evaluates postmillennialism, amillennialism, premillennialism, dispensationalism, pretribulationism, posttribulationism and meditating positions in a very responsible manner. Lucid and well organized...Each chapter begins with an overview of the position, followed by a short history, and then a more detailed defense. A brief evaluation concludes the discussion of each position. This is a good starting point as you develop your own position. Erickson himself is a Historic Premillennialist.

***THE MOMENTOUS EVENT**

*Grier, W. J.

*Banner of Truth

Amillennial. A good little volume on prophecy. The authors holds that our Lord's return will be personal, visible, sudden and unexpected, glorious and triumphant. Here is a book that will well repay your study as you seek to understand truth that is basic to Christian faith and hope. Recommended.

***THE PURITAN HOPE**

*Murray, Iain

*Banner of Truth

Postmillennial. An exciting and very enjoyable book to read on this subject. Unlike other books on prophecy, this book gives much historical and biographical material showing how Christ has blessed and revived His Church in the past. Murray believes that it is not *Orthodox* to indulge in gloom over the prospect for Christianity in the world. Highly recommended.

***GREAT PROPHECIES OF THE BIBLE**

*Woodrow, Ralph

*Ralph Woodrow Evangelistic Association

A millennial. Like his other book, "*Great Prophecies of the Bible*," Woodrow writes in a popular style on the amillennial position. This book takes a close look at the history of prophetic *date setting*, explores certain *future or fulfilled questions* regarding the coming of Elijah, the 144,000, Joel's prophecy, and the battle of Ezekiel 38; the chapters, "*The Kingdom of God - Present or Postponed?*" and "*Do the Scriptures Teach a Jewish-type Millennium*," provide an interesting study regarding these controversial areas of Biblical prophecy." Recommended.

Ethics

***TOWARD OLD TESTAMENT ETHICS**

*Kaiser, Walter

*Zondervan

Biblical ethic is a subject almost totally neglected in this century. Kaiser defines ethics, examines the moral text of the Old Testament and forms a framework for an ethical standard today. he explores and forms a framework for a ethical standard today. he explores how ethics relates to worship, work, relationships, social justice, sanctity of life, marriage and sex, wealth, the use of truth and motives of action. Comprehensive...Excellent...Recommended.

***ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLICAL AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS**

*Harrison, R. K.

*Nelson

An excellent, up-to-date reference work that is thoroughly grounded in the Christian tradition, and presents what the Scriptures teach about the ethical dilemmas facing our society. This comprehensive volume covers 540 topical subjects with a fair evaluation of each. Includes Scripture index and personality index. A foundational tool for this subject.

***CHRISTIAN ETHICS**

*Geisler, Norman L.

*Baker Book House

In the first part of this book, Geisler examines the ethical options that people face every day. Then he looks at specific ethical issues that confront 20th century man. Here the reader will find a clear understanding of the issues and the authors courageous application of God's Word to them.

***OPTIONS IN CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ETHICS**

*Geisler, Norman L.

*Baker Book House

In this volume the author describes and evaluates the three systems that are live options for orthodox Christians; unqualified absolutism, conflicting absolutism, and graded absolutism. He also includes chapters on relativism and one on revelation then concludes with options and implications. We don't agree with all Geisler's conclusions, but still an excellent, unique study.

***EVANGELICAL ETHICS**

*Davis, John Jefferson

*Presbyterian and Reformed

The author brings together a wealth of data and insight from Scripture, medical science, law, and history on a variety of pressing moral issues facing Christians today. Subjects include: dimensions of decision making, contraception, reproductive technologies, divorce and remarriage, homosexuality, abortion,

infanticide and euthanasia, capital punishment, civil disobedience and revolution , war and peace. An excellent resource volume.

***PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORD OF GOD**

*Frame, John M.

*Baker Book House

This book is a basic introduction to Christian ethics. Frame does not give easy answers but shows how to find and apply God's truth where easy answers fail. He provides a method to use in approaching modern ethical questions.

***MEDICAL ETHICS: PRINCIPLES, PERSONS AND PROBLEMS**

*Frame, John M.

*Presbyterian and Reformed

Frame analyzes a wide range of biblical principles as they apply to the intricate problems and personal considerations with which patients, their families, and health practitioners must wrestle. In so doing, he sheds much needed light on how to obey God in the midst of complex medical-ethical decisions. Recommended.

***MEASURING MORALITY**

*Lutzer, Erwin

*Word

This book carefully weighs four major views of ethics that have been offered by various disciplines within the relativistic camp. Lutzer then shows that the values and philosophical implications of the Judeo-Christian ethic are still worthy of consideration in a society dominated by humanistic systems. An excellent little book. Highly recommended.

***THE DEATH OF ETHICS IN AMERICA**

*Thomas, Cal

*Word

This book examines ethics in America from the perspective of a journalist who has covered and commented extensively on the moral collapse of the American nation. Thomas says, "Democracy without people of character and morality will fall into disrepair and eventually, into disrepute and anarchy." A stimulating and clear treatment concerning ethics in America.

***WHO SPEAKS FOR GOD?**

*Colson, Charles

*Crossway Books

Colson writes 46 short chapters that deal with specific implications of biblical truth for contemporary life and issues. This book will inspire courage and stimulate action as we face the moral and social issues of our day. Easy to read. Powerful.

***THE INSTITUTES OF BIBLICAL LAW**

*Rushdoony, Rousas J.

*Presbyterian and Reformed

In the most comprehensive book on the subject of biblical law, the author looks at the fundamental principles of God's law which Rushdoony believes must govern society. A thorough exposition of the Ten Commandments and Old Testament law. Note, we do not agree with all his *theonomistic* presuppositions, still this book contains much valuable material.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Evangelism

***TELL THE TRUTH**

*Metzger, Will
*Inter Varsity Press

This outstanding book is a training manual on the message and methods of God-centered witnessing. Metzger does an excellent job in showing us how to tell the truth and the *whole-truth* with a comprehensive presentation of what it means for *whole* people to offer the *whole* gospel to the *whole* of a person's life. Metzger's detailed graph that contrasts man-centered evangelism with the God-centered Gospel is outstanding. This is a *must* book or everyone's library. Highly recommended.

***GOD-CENTERED EVANGELISM**

*Kuiper, R. B.
*Banner of Truth

This fine volume corrects the church's current problem of too much man-centered evangelism that places the priority upon human methods and efforts. It is concise and logical, presenting a theology of evangelism that is based squarely on the infallible Word of God. This book centers around God and His methods and His priorities. A *must* reading! Recommended.

***TODAY'S GOSPEL: AUTHENTIC OR SYNTHETIC?**

*Chantry, Walter J.
*Banner of Truth

Dynamite is packed into this little book. Whoever reads these pages will never be the same in their presentation of the Gospel. Chantry uses the example of the Lord Jesus Christ in dealing with the rich young ruler concerning his state before God. A powerful book! If you only buy one book on evangelism, but this one!!!

***EVANGELISM AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

*Packer, J. I.
*Inter Varsity Press

A best-selling classic book on the subject of evangelism. If God is Sovereign, why do we have to evangelize? Packer deals masterfully with the age old question concerning God's Sovereignty and human responsibility. Recommended.

***EVERYDAY EVANGELISM**

*Crossley, Gareth
*Evangelical Press

The cover is poor, but the book is great. Crossley offers us a fresh and exciting new look at evangelism. This book will stir and encourage every reader on their responsibility of proclaiming the *Good News* about Jesus Christ. Highly recommended.

***TODAY'S EVANGELISM**

*Reisinger, Ernest

*Presbyterian and Reformed

This small work informs us what the unconverted must be told, and it directs us to techniques consistent with our noble message. The author's material on both the message and techniques is uncommonly rich in biblical content. Excellent!

***THE GREAT INVITATION**

*Hulse, Erroll

*Carey Publications

A controversial, yet much needed book in our day of *easy-believism*. Erroll Hulse examines the use of an altar call in an evangelistic service. This book is thought-provoking and extremely well done. Read the table of contents to *wet your appetite*.
Recommended.

***EVANGELISM AND YOUR CHURCH**

*Miller, C. John

*Presbyterian and Reformed

A very practical book that deals with such areas as: the role of pastors as models, hospitality evangelism, how to talk with non-believers and more. A hard-hitting, yet compassionate book that conveys the urgency of the Great Commission. Excellent!

***OUTGROWING THE INGROWN CHURCH**

*Miller, C. John

*Zondervan

This very strong book is designed to help churches from becoming ingrown. Miller will help the church to begin to look outward at the harvest field God has given them. Loaded with principles, objective analysis and personal experience.

***THE SOUL WINNER**

*Spurgeon, Charles H.

*Eerdmans

Wonderful stirring messages by Spurgeon on the duty and responsibility of being a *soul winner* for Christ. Especially well suited for those in the ministry who may have lost some of their zeal.

Additional Recommended Reading:

General Theology

***SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

- *Berkhof, Louis
- *Eerdmans

Of the dozens of good systematic theologies, this one stands out. If we could only carry one book on theology this would be it. This book is recommended to all Christians who have an interest in biblical truth. Professor Berkhof is to be commended upon his able restatement of Reformed theology, keen analysis, impersonable treatment of opposing views, and an honest attempt to meet the theological problems current in our day. Bibliotheca Sacra. A *must* for every library!

***INSTITUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION (2 VOLUMES)**

- *Calvin, John
- *Westminster Press

A rich treasury of truth. Calvin has stood the test of time and is still recommended by leaders in every denomination. Surprisingly rich in devotional material as well as being theologically precise.. One of the world's greatest printed works. "No book repays reading more than this, and especially so in the case of preachers of the Word." —Lloyd-Jones. Highly recommended!

***EVANGELICAL DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGY**

- *Elwell, Walter A. (Editor)
- *Baker Book House

A massive and indispensable work, "This new reference work is comprehensive, current, authoritative, and usable. More than 1,250 articles cover the fields of systematic theology, historical theology, biblical theology, philosophical theology, and theological ethics." Articles written by over 200 of the most significant theologians of our day. This book is of immeasurable value.

***A BODY OF DIVINITY**

- *Watson, Thomas
- *Banner of Truth

If you've never experienced a spiritual feast, then buy this book. A powerful book that deals with doctrinal and experimental truths of the Christian faith. Watson conveys his thorough doctrinal and experimental knowledge of the truth in such an original, concise, pithy, pungent, racy, rich and illustrative style that he is rightly regarded as the most readable of the Puritans.

***FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

- *Boice, James Montgomery
- *Inter Varsity Press

An exciting, contemporary and readable systematic theology. One of our favorites. If one thinks theology is dull, then he hasn't read this book. Boice does

an exceeding good job in showing how theology can be applied in an everyday fashion to the life of the believer. Thoroughly evangelical. Highly recommended.

***CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY**

*Erickson, Millard J.
*Baker Book House

An objective, comprehensive and powerful systematic theology. Here is the basic-level textbook in Christian doctrine lucidly written and carefully organized. Erickson is current in biblical studies, historical theology and philosophical issues and presents the fruits of his considerable labors to us in an eminently readable and edifying form.

***MANUAL OF THEOLOGY AND CHURCH ORDER**

*Dagg, J. L.
*Gano Books

This is an outstanding systematic theology from a little known Southern Baptist Theologian of the 19th century. This systematic theology contains a wealth of valuable and stimulating material.

***THE COLLECTED WRITING OF JOHN MURRAY (4 VOLUMES)**

*Murray, John
*Banner of Truth

Probably the most underrated theologian of this century. John Murray is an honest, objective and gifted expositor of God's truth. Murray is an honest, objective and gifted expositor of God's truth. A monumental work, although not exhaustive of every subject. Whoever reads any of the pages of this fine work will be greatly blessed and rewarded.

***A MODERN EXPOSITION OF THE 1689 BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Waldron, Samuel E.
*Evangelical Press

An excellent exposition of the great *1689 Confession*. This confession was the same one used by Spurgeon and so many great churches of the past. A thorough study of every area of doctrine. Highly recommended.

***KNOW THE TRUTH**

*Milne, Bruce
*Inter Varsity Press

Milne presents a solid outline and brief exposition of Christian theology. Each chapter explains the doctrine, lists the relevant biblical texts, provides questions and resources for further study and then suggests practical application. Loaded with excellent material.

***GOD'S WORDS**

*Packer, J. I.

*Inter Varsity Press

Packer takes seventeen key words - terms from "*God's own vocabulary*" — and spells out in a practical way some of the main thoughts linked with them. Full of insights into God's Truth. Recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

***A THEOLOGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Bruner, Frederick Dale

*Eerdmans

In what is sure to become a classic on the subject of the Holy Spirit and the Pentecostal movement, Bruner has written a masterful book. Its chief attributes are objectivity, clear reasoning and excellent documentation. Every believer would benefit from his study of the Spirit's work. In the first part of the book the author examines the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal experience. In part two he considers the Spirit in the New Testament witness. Much time is spent examining whole portions of the Scriptures. Highly recommended.

***BAPTISM AND FULLNESS**

*Stott, John R.

*Inter Varsity Press

A favorite of many, this popular volume gives a clear and concise understanding of the Spirit's experimental working in the believer. Stott examines four areas: (1) The Promise of the Spirit, (2) The Fullness of the Spirit, (3) The Fruit of the Spirit, and (4) The Gifts of the Spirit. Recommended.

***BAPTISM AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Dunn, James D.

*Westminster

This classic book introduces the reader to the most distinctive aspect of Pentecostal theology, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Dr. Dunn uncovers the place of the Gift of the Spirit in the total complex event of becoming a Christian. His conclusions will help any reader to deepen their own understanding of this event. Thorough and scholarly.

***THE MODERN TONGUES MOVEMENT**

*Gromacki, Robert

*Presbyterian and Reformed

This book presents a careful study of the modern tongues movement with its historical antecedents. It offers a thorough Scriptural study of the biblical phenomenon and evaluates the current movement in light of that study. All Christians, Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal, clergymen and laymen should find Scriptural edification and spiritual profit through the reading and studying of this book.

***MIRACULOUS GIFTS**

*Edgar, Thomas R.

*Loizeaux Brothers

A thorough examination of spiritual gifts, with emphasis on the more controversial *charismatic* ones. This scholarly and practical study helps to clarify a subject of

increasing interest and concern to God's people. Edgar uses nuances in meaning of Greek words to clarify many controversial issues.

***THE CHARISMATICS**

- *MacArthur, John Jr.
- *Zondervan

John MacArthur examines the whole Charismatic movement as it functions today. He answers many of the standard questions that keep coming up in all circles concerning this issue. A very clear treatment.

***CHARISMATIC GIFT OF TONGUES**

- *Baxter, Ronald E.
- *Kregel

An exhaustive treatment on the subject of the *Charismatic Gift of Tongues*. A scholarly treatise with full documentation.

***GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

- *Baxter, Ronald E.
- *Kregel

A complete work on the Gifts of the Spirit. Baxter defines and classifies *Gifts*, discusses how to find your *Spiritual Gift*, and touches all subjects pertaining to *Spiritual Gifts*.

***THE CHARISMATICS AND THE WORD OF GOD**

- *Budgen, Victor
- *Evangelical Press

This carefully researched volume is seen by many as one of the most comprehensive books written on this subject. In this new addition an appendix has been added on the subject of Prophecy in the New Testament. Highly recommended.

***COUNTERFEIT MIRACLES**

- *Warfield, B. B.
- *Banner of Truth

First written in 1917, Warfield's classic volume deals with the cessation of the *Charismata* or the *Charismatic gifts*. The author also examines Edward Irving and his followers, faith healing and the Roman Catholic miracles. An important book for the serious student.

***SIGNS OF THE APOSTLES**

- *Chantry, Walter J.
- *Banner of Truth

An examination of the Charismatic and Pentecostal movements in the contemporary church and an exposition of the biblical teaching on the work of

the Holy Spirit. Chantry has a good ending chapter on revivals and the Holy Spirit.

***DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

*McRae, William

*Zondervan

This is an excellent guide to help the individual Christian discover, develop and exercise his *spiritual gifts* in the Body of Christ. Believing that Christians have settled for less, McRae defines what a *gift* is, shows how the *gifts* are distributed, gives a description of the *gifts*, and deals with the distinctions within the *gifts*.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Major Bible Portions

***THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

- *Watson, Thomas
- *Banner of Truth

Probably the greatest commentary ever written on the Ten Commandments. Watson examines the moral law as a whole as well as bringing out the meaning and force of each particular commandment. A rich treasury of truth for the believer's life and well as the Christian's use of the law in evangelism.

***PSALM 119**

- *Bridges, Charles
- *Banner of Truth

Bridge's exposition of the longest chapter in the Bible is a treasury full of thoughts and rich corollary Scripture passages. Spurgeon says of this book, "*Worth its weight in gold...we prize it for its surpassing grace and unction.*"

***A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23**

- *Keller, Phillip
- *Zondervan

From the unique perspective of firsthand experience, the author presents a lively, interesting devotional commentary on one of the best-loved Bible passages. The author himself having been a shepherd gives the reader an intimate look at this portion of God's Word. A classic!

***STUDIES IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

- *Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn
- *Eerdmans

A spiritual classic, this detailed and comprehensive study by one of the greatest expository preachers of our time explains Christ's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount and incisively applies it to the Christian life. This is a *must* reading for every Christian.

***AN EXPOSITION OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

- *Pink, Arthur W.
- *Baker Book House

This excellent book, consisting of 64-chapters covering Matthew 5-7, is a verse-by-verse and almost word-for-word exposition. It answers just about every question that can be raised as to the meaning of each portion of the sermon. Thorough, helpful and practical.

***THE BEATITUDES**

- *Watson, Thomas
- *Banner of Truth

A rich devotional study on the Beatitudes. This excellent book is characterized by sound doctrine, practical wisdom and heart-searching application. Watson was one of Spurgeon's favorite writers. Recommended.

***THE SEVEN SAYINGS OF THE SAVIOR ON THE CROSS**

*Pink, Arthur W.
*Baker Book House

Pink interprets the words of Christ upon the Cross in a glowing, yet lucid and fascinating manner. Every page is filled with the glorious message of salvation and the reader truly plunges into the darkness of the awful day when Christ bore the penalty of sins for His people. One of Pink's best.

***THE FAREWELL DISCOURSE AND FINAL PRAYER OF JESUS**

*Carson, D. A.
*Baker Book House

Expositions on this important chapter of the Scriptures are rare. We are thankful for this outstanding example of detailed exegesis, yet warm and insightful application. Carson is one of our favorite authors. All will profit who purchase this excellent volume.

***THE PLIGHT OF MAN AND THE POWER OF GOD**

*Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn
*Eerdmans

This book is an exposition of Romans 1. Lloyd-Jones captures essence of humanity's plight and need. Here is the starting place for all mankind if they are to be delivered from the judgment that is to come...they must find out who God is and who man is. A must book for all who would want to understand the gripping effects of sin.

***CHARITY AND ITS FRUITS**

*Edwards, Jonathan
*Banner of Truth

One of the rarest of Edwards treatises. This exposition of I Corinthians 13 has never appeared in any additions of his works. Corinthians 13 has never appeared in any additions of his works. Edwards escapes the usual sentimentality associated with many treatments of this glorious chapter. Feast on the depth of understanding this great disciple of Christ has left to the world.

***THE CHRISTIAN IN COMPLETE ARMOUR**

*Gurnal, William
*Banner of Truth

A massive exposition of Ephesians 6:11-18 on the believer's armour. Spurgeon said of this book, *"Gurnall's work is peerless and priceless. Every line is full of wisdom; every sentence is suggestive. The entire book has been preached over scores of times and is, in our judgment, the best thought-breeder in all our*

library." John Newton said if he might read only one book beside the Bible, he would choose this volume.

***WHAT CHRIST THINKS OF THE CHURCH**

*Stott, John R.

*Harold Shaw Publishers

This is a wonderful, all new addition of Stott's classic work on the seven Churches of Asia Minor found in the first three chapters of Revelation. *"No passage in the New Testament contains more clear, concise, and comprehensive instruction on the Church's life and work."* —Stott. Highly recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Man, Sin and Salvation

***HUMAN NATURE IN ITS FOURFOLD STATE**

*Boston, Thomas
*Banner of Truth

This classic was once found in almost every evangelical household in Scotland. In this, Boston's most famous work, he expounds the biblical teaching on the four different *states* of man's relationship with God: innocence, sin (or fallen state), grace and glory. A foundational book for every Christian. Recommended.

***GLEANINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

*Pink, Arthur W.
*Moody Press

This book is an exhaustive study of the doctrine of man's total depravity and impotence before a righteous God. This is the definitive book on the subject of man's sinful nature. A fine treatment on an area upon which few have written.

***THE TRUE IMAGE**

*Hughes, Philip Edgcumbre
*Eerdmans

A solid and valuable treatment on the subject of anthropology. A biblical, historical and theological study on man as the image of God and his relationship with Christ. Although we do not endorse all his views, this book will set a new standard on this subject. Highly recommended.

***THE TRUE BOUNDS OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM**

*Bolton, Samuel
*Banner of Truth

Bolton presents a clear, scriptural exposition of the place of the law in the life of the Christian. One of the few works currently available which shows the danger of Antinomianism, while also avoiding legalism. Recommended.

***THE DOCTRINE OF REPENTANCE**

*Watson, Thomas
*Banner of Truth

True biblical repentance is one of the most neglected subjects of the church in this century. Knowing what repentance is and actually repenting are essential to true Christianity. Jesus Christ himself said that if we do not repent, we will perish! It is vital, therefore, to read and study what Scripture has to say about this theme. Watson's work is the best available on the subject.

***THE NEW BIRTH**

*Charnock, Stephen
*Banner of Truth

One of the greatest Puritans, Charnock patiently explains what regeneration is, how it takes place, and why it is so urgently necessary. This volume contains sermons on God as the Author of Reconciliation and on the Cleansing Virtue of Christ's Blood. Outstanding.

***THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION**

*Buchanan, James
*Banner of Truth

This is the finest treatment ever done on this subject. Buchanan first gives a history of the doctrine, then explains it with a scriptural exposition. Luther said, "*When justification falls, all true knowledge of the grace of God in human life falls with it, and then, the Church itself falls.*" This comprehensive book is a masterpiece.

***FIVE VIEWS ON SANCTIFICATION**

*Dieter, Hoekema, Horton, McQuikin and Walvoord
*Zondervan

This unique book brings together in a single, easily understood volume five major Protestant views on the subject of *sanctification*. Represented are the Wesleyan view, Reformed view, Pentecostal view, Keswick view and Augustinian-Dispensational view. A *must* reading for all who study this topic.

***PLEASING GOD**

*Sproul, R. C.
*Tyndale

In this penetrating study of sanctification, Dr. Sproul examines the obstacles to pleasing God, the world, the flesh and the devil; and how Christian can overcome these through dependence on the holy God. Thoroughly practical book on a vital theological subject.

***FAITH: THE GIFT OF GOD**

*Wells, Tom
*Banner of Truth

This book is a refreshingly new approach to a biblical understanding of the doctrines of faith and salvation. It is an attempt *to write theology for the ordinary man*.

***REDEMPTION - ACCOMPLISHED AND APPLIED**

*Murray, John
*Eerdmans

Murray explores the biblical passages dealing with the necessity, nature, perfection and extent of the atonement. He goes on to identify the distinct steps of how the redemption accomplished by Christ applies progressively to the life of the redeemed. One of our favorite books.

***SAVED BY GRACE**

*Hoekema, Anthony A.

*Eerdmans

This is a comprehensive, dynamic and eminently practical presentation of the biblical teaching on salvation. Hoekema discusses all facets of the working out of salvation., the role of the Spirit, union with Christ, the Gospel call, regeneration, conversion repentance, faith, justification, sanctification and perseverance. A wonderful book on the subject of biblical salvation.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Men and Women

***MAN AND WOMAN IN BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE**

*Hurley, James B.

*Zondervan

An outstanding book that surveys the roles and lives of men and women throughout the Bible. This book is biblically sound and fills a real void. *"Every pastor, student and teacher ought to read this book. It is most pertinent to modern times, and a magnificent piece of scholarly work."* — W. A. Criswell. Highly recommended!

***WOMAN AND THE WORD OF GOD**

*Foh, Susan T.

*Presbyterian and Reformed

Susan Foh shows how three principles established in Genesis, undergirded by O.T. legislation, assumed by Jesus and explained by Paul are developed in this fine book. Objective and extremely well done. Recommended!

***THE MEASURE OF A MAN**

*Getz, Gene A.

*Gospel Light

An excellent book for every man to read. This book is based upon each facet of Paul's teaching in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Getz encourages his readers to pursue God's ideal and prepare for leadership in the church. Good illustrations and personal projects make each chapter ideal for men's discussion groups.

***THE MEASURE OF A WOMAN**

*Getz, Gene A.

*Gospel Light

In this Biblical study of womanhood and femininity, you'll find tested and proven guidelines from the teaching of I Timothy, Titus and I Peter. Together, Gene and Elaine Getz present the Biblical view of topics concerning every woman. Highly recommended!

***THE MARK OF A MAN**

*Elliot, Elisabeth

*Revell

Elisabeth Elliot wrote these words to her nephew, setting forth an uncompromising challenge for men to accept the divinely ordained role of manliness. *The Mark of a Man* will help every Christian young man to understand himself and women, and allow him to shape a bold and transforming pattern for manhood. Highly recommended.

***LET ME BE A WOMAN**

*Elliot, Elisabeth
*Tyndale

Written as a gift for her daughter, Elisabeth Elliot examines male-female relationships in a series of penetrating essays. In this book she couples her own observations and experiences of life with her careful, lifelong study of the Scripture to produce a balanced presentation of the subject of a womanhood. A *must* reading!

***THE MAN IN THE MIRROR**

*Morley, Patrick M.
*Wolgemuth & Hyatt

The key to this book is that Patrick Morley understands the problem men face. The author gives us 24 secrets of how to live successfully as a man. *"This book is Augustine for the 20th Century. Real, honest and hard-hitting. Taking on the dragons. Read this book at your own risk. Its a serendipity; one surprise after another."* — Lyman Coleman ... Highly recommended.

***BECOMING A WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE**

*Heald, Cynthia
*Nav Press

In this motivating Bible study for both married and single women, you will discover what you should be striving for as you look to God's excellence as a model. Striking at the heart of what the Bible has to say about becoming a godly woman, these eleven lessons will help you understand what excellence means. Recommended.

***DISCIPLINES OF THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN**

*Ortlund, Anne
*Word

For every woman who wants to be truly beautiful from the inside out, Anne Ortlund gives practical, specific suggestions — hints for managing a schedule, maintaining a wardrobe, organizing a personal notebook. Sections on prayer, meditation, and discipline combined with practical *how-tos* with thoughtful and considered *whys*.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Missions

***PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT**

*Winter, Ralph D. & Hawthorne, Steven C

*William Carey Library

This book is a multi-faceted collection of reading focused on the Biblical, historical, cultural and strategic dimensions in the task of world evangelism. A very large book loaded with challenging and stimulating articles on the whole area of missions.

***CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE**

*Kane, J. Herbert

*Baker Book House

Beginning with the O. T., the author expounds the Biblical principles concerning missions. He explains the place and purpose of missions in the plan of the Trinity and the imperative of missions in the task of the church. Kane's writing is clear, his burden unmistakable, and his task carried out with consummate skill. Highly recommended.

***LIFE AND WORK ON THE MISSION FIELD**

*Kane, J. Herbert

*Baker Book House

This book will be an eye-opener for every prospective missionary. A well-done and readable book that covers all facets of preparing for the mission field, life on the mission field and the work to be done there. A much needed excellent treatment of the subject. Recommended.

***AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENCE OF MISSIONS**

*Bavinck, J. H.

*Presbyterian and Reformed

An outstanding and authoritative book on the whole subject of missions. Bavinck covers the Theory of Missions, the Foundation of Missions, the Missionary Approach, the Aim of Missions and the History of Missions. A *must* reading for those interested in the subject.

***MISSIONARY METHODS: ST. PAUL'S OR OURS?**

*Allen, Roland

*Eerdmans

Roland Allen is considered one of the great pioneers in the study, development and understanding of missions. A very important book loaded with vital principles and truths that must be reckoned with by those interested in this subject. "A stimulating and provocative study. Deserves careful attention." — Barbour

***A VISION FOR MISSIONS**

*Wells, Tom

*Banner of Truth

Wells treats the missionary endeavor not as a separate interest but as basic to Christianity itself. The missionary vision must begin with the vision of God. Only then can the Church truly respond to the command to *declare His glory among the nations*. A stirring book for all Christians.

***OPERATION WORLD**

*Johnstone, Patrick

*STL Books

A unique book for every believer. This resource book identifies every country of the world with a survey of their religions conditions and spiritual needs. Also included are background facts and figures of each nation. It is set up alphabetically with a calendar for each day of the year to aid in praying for that country. Every Christian should have this book on their desk.

***FROM JERUSALEM TO IRIAN JAYA**

*Tucker, Ruth A.

*Zondervan

What a wonderful book! The author takes you on a biographical history of Christian missions. Almost every missionary of note is mentioned in this fine book. If you lack an interest in Missions read this book. An exciting and rewarding biographical book o the great missionaries of Christ's Church. Highly recommended.

***URBAN HARVEST**

*Joslin, Roy

*Evangelical Press

Has your church ever thought of doing mission work in the inner-city? If not, read this book. This is a brilliant and well-researched book on reaching industrial and inner-city communities with the Gospel. His writing is characterized by thoroughness and penetrating analysis.

***KEY TO THE MISSIONARY PROBLEM**

*Murray, Andrew

*Christian Literature Crusade

A warm devotional book that will stir you to the depths of your soul. A very practical and suggestive book that is sure to drive you to your knees asking, "*Lord, what would you have me to do?*" Highly recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Novels

***PILGRIM'S PROGRESS**

*Bunyan, John

*Barbour

Outside of the Word of God, no other book has had as great an impact on the life of believers as *Pilgrim's Progress*. This classic was the forerunner of the novel. It is a rich allegory of the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. This book should be read through at least once a year. It is the great compendium of the experiences of the Christian life ever given to the Church. An absolute necessity for all followers of Christ.

***SPACE TRILOGY (3 VOLUMES)**

*Lewis, C. S.

*Macmillan

Mr. Lewis is a genius at making his fantasies livable. This popular, well-written and fast-moving fantasy has captivated young and old alike. Lewis deals with problems like temptations and difficult ethical situations that we all face. This three-volume set includes: *Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra*, and *That Hideous Strength*. Recommended.

***THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (7 VOLUMES)**

*Lewis, C. S.

*Macmillan

A classic allegory of the Christian life. These fantasies revolve around the exploits of children who enter the enchanted world of Narnia, where the struggle between good and evil rages at full pitch. Children especially enjoy these fantasies, and adults enjoy reading them both for their religious significance and sheer entertainment value.

***RUTH, ABIGAIL, HAGAR, LYDIA AND MIRIAM (5 INDIVIDUAL NOVELS)**

*Henderson, Lois T.

*Harper & Row

Lois Henderson is an imaginative historical novelist who weaves accurate biblical narratives into engrossing, colorful and exciting novels. She has written about five different women of the Bible: Abigail, Hagar, Lydia, Miriam and Ruth. She is a favorite author of all who read her. Highly recommended.

***THE FANTASY STORIES OF GEORGE MAC DONALD (4 VOLUMES)**

*MacDonald, George

*Eerdmans

MacDonald was a 19th century, British writer whose novels and fantasy stories influenced the fiction of C. S. Lewis, Tolkien and Charles Williams. This set includes 20 of his most memorable stories, tastefully illustrated. They are suitable

for reading to children; yet adults will appreciate the deep truths suggested by these overtly entertaining stories.

***IN HIS STEPS**

*Sheldon, Charles

*Barbour

Sheldon imagines a 19th century town that is radically transformed when the newspaper editor and other leading citizens begin to make each decision based on a simple question: "What would Jesus do?" This is the most widely read Christian novel of modern times.

***JANETTE OKE NOVELS (MORE THAN 17 NOVELS)**

*Oke, Janette

*Bethany

Light and easy to read, Janette Oke mixes romance with the everyday trials of following God. Her situations bring God into the smallest areas of the lives she creates, and encourages her reader to do the same. Simple enough for teenagers, Oke is enjoyable reading for all ages. She has completed three series: *Seasons of the Heart*, *Canadian West* and *Love Comes Softly*.

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PRESENT

DARKNESS

PIERCING THE DARKNESS

*Peretti, Frank E.

*Crossway Books

These extremely popular novels are suspense filled books dealing with the New Age Movement of today. Peretti pulls down the curtain between the physical and the spiritual. he follows the movements of demons and angels as well as the people of a small town. His plot is basically good against evil, but his content is complex and challenging. Excellent reading.

***BODIE THOENE NOVELS (9 NOVELS)**

*Thoene, Bodie

*Bethany

One of the most exciting historical fiction writers of this century, she is a writer who has been said to have "captured the people and the times." The Zion Chronicles and the Zion Covenant Series poignantly depict the life and death struggle of the Jewish people amid the terror of Nazi rule.

***STEPHEN LAWHEAD NOVELS (9 NOVELS)**

*Lawhead, Stephan

*Crossway Books

Lawhead is an intense, cryptic writer with tales of fiction and fantasy sometimes so closely inter-twined with reality that it is difficult to separate the two. His superb ability to describe places and people combined with his uniquely imaginative plots, will keep you riveted to this book. All will enjoy his writings. Three series have been completed: *The Dragon King Tiology*, *The Empyrean Saga* and the *Pendragon Cycle*.

Pastoral Aids

*THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

- *Bridges, Charles
- *Banner of Truth

Here is a spiritual first-aid book for pastors. Bridges deals with problems, deficiencies, inefficiencies and ineffectiveness of ministers of the Gospel. A convicting, yet stirring and comprehensive book on the life and duties of a pastor. The author also thoroughly covers the subject of preaching and pastoral work. Bridges is one of our favorite authors. This book has stood the test of time.

*PREACHING AND PREACHERS

- *Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn
- *Zondervan

A rare, exciting and challenging book for all preachers. Lloyd-Jones deals with areas that few writers ever cover. This wonderful book will give any preacher a fresh and invigorating new start in his calling. Prepare yourself for one of the most delightful *reads* you've ever had. We love this book!

*LECTURES TO MY STUDENTS

- *Spurgeon, Charles H.
- *Pilgrim Publishers

This volume from Pilgrim Publishers is the original and complete work. It contains the 2-part original "Lectures to My Students," *The Art of Illustration* and *Commenting on Commentaries*. The ideal gift for any in the ministry or one going into service of God. This book is a pure delight for pastors. Outstanding!

*ON THE PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF SERMONS

- *Broadus, John S.
- *Harper & Row

The very nature and frequency of preaching requires God's messenger to be skilled in his task. This work is one of the classics in the art of homiletics. There are 36-chapters that cover all aspects of building a sermon. Truly a comprehensive and timeless book. Highly recommended.

*BIBLICAL PREACHING

- *Robinson, Hadden
- *Baker Book House

"Biblical Preaching is a good basic text for the student or ministering pastor who wants to grasp the fundamentals of biblical preaching. I like the informal style, unusual for a textbook. The exercises are excellent! And I appreciate the precise definitions." — Wiersbe. A *how-to-do-it* book, brim full with insight.

*SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

- *Sanders, J. Oswald
- *Moody Press

This is a must book for every Christian that is in any kind of leadership. A stirring and gripping book that will not leave you the same. This should be required reading for all church staff members. The emphasis of this book is not methods but character, passion and godliness. A *must* reading!

***BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP**

*Strauch, Alexander
*Lewis & Roth Publishers

This book is written by a gifted teacher of the Word. Strauch's book is a fresh, bold and profoundly original study. Here is a book that doesn't dodge critical issues. It faces tough questions concerning women elders, ordination and the clergy-laity division. It challenges some of our most fundamental traditions of pastoral leadership. Highly recommended by John MacArthur, and CDBC.

***THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Eyres, Lawrence R.
*Presbyterian & Reformed

A small but extremely valuable book on the qualifications and duties of a pastor. This book is immediately practical and is solidly built upon Biblical principles. Highly recommended.

***ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 7700 ILLUSTRATIONS**

*Tan, Paul Lee
*Assurance Publishers

A MASSIVE volume of illustrations, anecdotes, facts and quotations for pastors, teachers and Christian workers. This book is aided by an outstanding index. The most popular of all illustration books.

***KNIGHT'S TREASURY OF ILLUSTRATIONS**

*Knight, Walter B.
*Eerdmans

This is an excellent tool for any pastor to aid his sermon preparation. Each subject is laid out by 2 areas: first, *short quotes*, then *illustrations or longer quotes*. This volume will be a God-send to any teacher or preacher who desires to illumine his message with simple and clear stories or pithy statements. Highly recommended.

***KNIGHT'S MASTER BOOK OF NEW ILLUSTRATIONS**

*Knight, Walter B.
*Eerdmans

See comments above on Knight's companion to this volume. This volume contains over 3000 illustrations for Christian service. A rich selection of pertinent and stimulating illustrations to aid the preacher or church worker in driving home a truth. Highly recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Person of God

***GLEANINGS IN THE GODHEAD**

*Pink, Arthur W.

*Moody Press

A remarkable collection of studies about God, particularly dealing with His attributes and the person and work of Christ. In Pink's work, God Himself is the central concern, not simply as the special subject of study. Even more importantly, He is to be the object of honor and worship. Above all, God is God. Pink highlights 25 excellencies which pertain to the Godhead as God. Highly recommended.

***THE EXISTENCE AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (2 VOLUMES)**

*Charnock, Stephan

*Baker Book House

This 2-volume set is thought by many to be the greatest work ever done on the person of God. Charnock covers areas that few ever handle. A classic example of rich Puritan work. A *must* for every serious student.

***THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

*Pink, Arthur W.

*Baker Book House

The publishers have said about this book, "*We have never published a more needed and useful book for the Lord's people than this one.*" Pink unfolds and upholds the proper magnification of God's supremacy which is the indispensable stronghold of a believer's faith. This powerful book presents a sovereign God that is worthy to be worshipped. Highly recommended.

***KNOWING GOD**

*Packer, J. I.

*Inter Varsity Press

An indispensable examination into the nature and character of God. J. I. Packer's classic distinguishes between knowing about God and knowing God. Relevant biblical texts and personal examples inspire the mind and warm the heart. This is a life changing book. A must reading for every believer. [The manager's favorite book.]

***THE DOCTRINE OF GOD**

*Bavinck, Herman

*Banner of Truth

The doctrine of God is the foundation of Christian theology and the prerequisite of all true faith. This translation provides, in the words of Hendricksen, "*a spiritual treat*" for the serious reader. This authoritative volume is more than technical than others listed, but well worth pursuing. Bavinck covers God's

incomprehensibility, knowledge, names, incommunicable attribute, communicable attributes, the Holy Trinity and God's counsel.

***THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

*Pink, Arthur W.

*Baker Book House

An abridgment of Pink's larger volume, *Gleaning From The Godhead*. In this handy size book, Pink gives an explanation of God's solitariness, decrees, knowledge, foreknowledge, supremacy, sovereignty, Immutability, holiness, power, faithfulness, goodness, patience, grace, mercy, love, wrath and contemplation. A great book to read for family devotions.

***ONE HOLY PASSION**

*Sproul, R. C.

*Nelson

Written in a contemporary style, this book prompts us to understand God's true nature. Understanding the magnificence of God, the awesome richness of His character and personality, will draw us closer to Him. Highly recommended.

***THE HOLINESS OF GOD**

*Sproul, R. C.

*Tyndale

"The material in this book drove me to my knees and dramatically changed my Christian life. Written by one of the most brilliant thinkers of our day, it is absolutely urgent reading for every Christian. This book will challenge you to a life-changing awareness of the majesty of God." — Charles Colson

***THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY**

*Tozer, A. W.

*Harper & Row

"May be regarded as one of the most wholesome and inspiring expositions of the attributes of God and the relationship of this knowledge to the Christian life." — Barbour... A classic.

***YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL**

*Phillips, J. B.

*Macmillan

Phillips says, *"The trouble with many of us today is that we have not found a God big enough for our modern needs. In varying degrees we suffer from a limited idea of God."* Phillips exposes such inadequate conceptions of God and then explores ways in which we can find a God who is truly God.

Additional Recommended Reading:

***THE VALLEY OF VISION**

*Bennett, Arthur

*Banner of Truth

This is a collection of Puritan prayers and devotions on a wide variety of biblical topics. If you have trouble going to prayer, use this book to *prime the pump*. This is the book John MacArthur uses every Sunday morning to prepare for his congregational prayers, and a volume that you will prize. Recommended.

***COME DOWN, LORD!**

*Ellsworth, Roger

*Banner of Truth

This book is a great stimulant to prayer. It is succinct, readable and biblically based treatment of the vital theme of revival. *Come Down, Lord*, stimulates repentance, prayer and fresh faith in the promised mercy of God. Read this book and you will pray.

***ONLY A PRAYER MEETING**

*Spurgeon, Charles H.

*Pilgrim Publishing

The first part of this volume deals with *prayer meetings* as they should be and prayer itself. Then you will find a rich treasury of expositions of the Word on prayer. Followed by incidents and illustrations concerning prayer and lastly, miscellaneous addresses on prayer. Spurgeon is always profitable.

***BOOKS BY E. M. BOUNDS ON PRAYER**

*Bounds, E. M.

*Baker Book House

Choose any of the nine books that Bounds has done on prayer and you'll be stimulated and encouraged to prayer as you never have before. His titles are: *Essentials of Prayer, Necessity of Prayer, Possibilities of Prayer, Power Through Prayer, Prayer and Praying Men, Purpose in Prayer, Reality of Prayer, and The Best of E. M. Bounds on Prayer*. Highly recommended.

***TWELVE SERMONS ON PRAYER**

*Spurgeon, Charles H.

*Baker Book House

Feast upon the finest expository messages available on prayer. Once you read Spurgeon you'll be spoiled forever. Spurgeon is a garden full of sweet spices. Highly recommended.

***CONCERTS OF PRAYER**

*Bryant, David

*Gospel Light

This book will generate genuine excitement in all who read it. Bryant shows us that the globe should be our target in prayer. We are God's agents, and the promises of God, our pattern along with concerted prayer as its power.

Additional Recommended Reading:

Puritans

***THE WORKS OF THOMAS BROOKS (6 VOLUMES)**

*Brooks, Thomas

*Banner of Truth

Brooks' popularity lies both in his subjects, *Practical Truths, Central to the Christian Life*, and in the manner of his presentation. He is ever direct, urgent, fervent, full of Scripture and able to choose words which makes his sentences memorable as melodies. "*In mind, soul and grace*," says Spurgeon, "*Brooks is of the race of the giants*." If you buy one Puritan writer, buy Brooks.

***THE WORKS OF JOHN FLAVEL (6 VOLUMES)**

*Flavel, John

*Banner of Truth

The repeated editions of Flavel's works bear their own witness to his popularity. Flavel was a favorite author of Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, Robert Murray M'Cheyne, Andrew Bonar and many other saints of the past. God blessed His Church with Flavel's writings. Particularly blessed among his works is the *Mystery of Providence* and *The Fountain of Life*.

***THE COMPLETE WORKS OF JOHN OWEN (16 VOLUMES)**

*Owen, John

*Banner of Truth

Owen is surely the Prince of the Puritans. Spurgeon said, "*To master his works, is to be profound theologian*." But his more practical writings (especially vols. 6-9) are of immense benefit to all Christians. When John Owen dealt with a subject one feels there is nothing more to be said about it. Owen was the greatest theologian to come from the British Isles.

***BAXTER'S PRACTICAL WORKS (4 VOLUMES)**

*Baxter, Richard

*Soli Deo Gloria Publications

These four monumental volumes are mines full of gold and priceless gems. His *Christian Directory* is one of the most practical books ever written covering almost every area of Christian living. Treat yourself to a spiritual feast.

***THE PURITAN PAPERBACK SERIES (14 INDIVIDUAL VOLUMES)**

*Various Authors

*Banner of Truth

The publisher has done a great service to the Church in the 20th century to reprint in an inexpensive form some of the great works of the best Puritans. With this series no one has an excuse for not reading some of the greatest spiritual books ever written. Authors include: Thomas Watson, John Bunyan, Thomas Brooks, John Flavel, Richard Baxter and other greats.

Roman Catholicism

***CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE TO ROMAN CATHOLICISM**

- *Jackson, Bill
- *Christians Evangelizing Catholics

Here is one of the finest handbooks on dealing with Catholicism. It is a well-documented book that alphabetically treats every major doctrine or position on the Roman Catholic Church today. Jackson approaches each doctrine in the following manner: (A) The classic Roman Catholic definition of the doctrine, (B) Any changes or alterations that came from Vatican II, (C) Shows scriptures or documentation used by the Catholic Church to support that view, and (D) The biblical and historic Christian response to that teaching. Highly recommended.

***ROMAN CATHOLICISM**

- *Boettner, Loraine
- *Presbyterian & Reformed

This book contrasts evangelical Protestant and Roman Catholic doctrines, as well as the practical effects these two systems have had in people's lives. Constant reference is made to Scriptural teaching, and the material is presented in non-technical language that the average Christian can follow with ease. Although somewhat polemic in tone and dated, still a very valuable resource book.

***SECRETS OF ROMANISM**

- *Zacchelo, Joseph
- *Loizeaux Brothers

An exposition of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. Each chapter provides an analysis of a major Catholic doctrine, and a refutation and interpretation of the doctrine. Dr. Zacchello was a former Roman Catholic who was converted to Christ shortly after he came to the United States as a Catholic missionary to Italians.

***PAPAL POWER**

- *Hudson, Henry t.
- *Evangelical Press

This book delves into the history, origins and development of the power of the Roman Pontiff. Hudson answers such questions as: *How can the Pope have such widespread popularity? How did the power of the papacy develop to such an extent?* ... and many more. A well-documented historical treatment of the office of the papacy.

***ALL ONE BODY - WHY DON'T WE AGREE**

- *Lutzer, Erwin
- *Tyndale

This book deals with major differences that have separated Christians from Roman Catholics and even Christian believers from each other. Lutzer gives us a

Additional Recommended Reading:

Science

***SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM**

*Morris, Henry

*Master Books

An excellent textbook approach for the area of creation. This book is very well documented and will be easily understood by those with non-scientific backgrounds. Perfect as a text book. Should be in the library of every church, pastor and family .

***THE LONG WAR AGAINST GOD**

*Morris, Henry

*Master Books

This book deals with the contemporary conflict of the world's view (evolution) and God's account of creation. Dr. Morris shows the evolutionary basis of modern thought, political evolutionism, religious evolutionism and philosophic evolutionism of the world. No other book portrays so vividly the historic and contemporary scenarios of the creation/evolution conflict. With unprecedented thoroughness, Dr. Morris documents the toxic impact of evolutionism on all field of study and in all areas of human life.

***UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF CREATION**

*Petersen, Dennis R.

*Spring Arbor

A beautiful and amazing book that is thoroughly illustrated and indexed establishing the creationism in easy-to-relate -to terms. Specially designed for parents to easily use with their children. A *must* for every home.

***MEN OF SCIENCE - MEN OF GOD**

*Morris, Henry M.

*Master Books

Dr. Morris presents sixty-two biographies and Christian testimonies of scientists who believed in the Bible and in a personal Creator God ... scientists who were pioneers and *founding fathers* of modern scientific disciplines. This book deals with the argument, *that genuine scientists cannot believe the Bible*. A very interesting and enlightening book. Excellent for the family and school use.

***WHAT IS CREATION SCIENCE?**

*Morris, Henry M. and Parker, Gary E.

*Master Books

an excellent book setting forth the case for creation science. The authors carefully avoided undisciplined speculation and keep their reasoning confined to *just the facts*. "*For professional scientists, teachers and students, and for laymen seeking to gain an understanding of the scientific creationist view of origins. I*

know of no better book than this one." — Dean Kenyo, Professor of Biology, San Francisco State University

***THE TWILIGHT OF EVOLUTION**

*Morris, Henry M.
*Baker Book House

In convincing fashion this easily understood book shows how the whole area of evolutionary *science* seems to live in a strange twilight zone; how it contradicts not only divine revelation but also basic scientific law. Brought under the searchlight of the Bible or scientific fact, the theory of evolution evaporates.

***MAN'S ORIGIN, MAN'S DESTINY**

*Smith, A. E. Wilder-Smith
*Bethany

How may we take a valid position on *creation science*? What are our sources of information — scientific theory? Biblical revelation? Institution? The author of this book brings answers to these questions from a Ph. D's background gained from several academic disciplines, and fearlessly probes the logic and motivation that lie behind the various position on biogenesis popularly held today. Complex scientific and theological terms are here brilliantly illuminated both for the scientific and lay reader by the use of cogent illustration and analogy. A classic!

***THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR MODERN SCIENCE**

*Morris, Henry M.
*Baker Book House

A fascinating book dealing with all areas of science. Morris brings together in systematic, useful and meaningful fashion those key biblical insights and instructions related to all the natural sciences. Some of the areas covered are biblical: cosmology, astronomy, thermodynamics, chemistry, physics, geophysics, hydrology, meteorology, geology, paleontology, biology, anthropology and more. Great reading and extremely valuable as a resource book.

***IT COULDN'T JUST HAPPEN**

*Richards, Lawrence
*Word

This fine book received a "*Gold Medallion Book Award*" for excellence in Christian literature. Ideally suited for young people, ages 9 and up. All will profit and be amazed at the biblical answers it supplies to some tough questions. Listed are hundreds of evidences to prove that God created and sustains the universe. A fascinating and dynamic book. Highly recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

The Best In Study Bibles

***THE OPEN BIBLE - EXPANDED EDITION**

KJV, NKJV, NASV

*Nelson

Over 700 pages of special helps.
The most comprehensive introductions and outlines of each book in the Bible.
The most comprehensive Cyclopedic/Topical index of any study Bible.
Excellent visual survey of the Bible.
Maps, Concordance, plus many more features.

*******THE NIV STUDY BIBLE**

NIV

*Zondervan

Outstanding study notes on the majority of Scripture passages.
Excellent maps and charts positioned on the same page as the appropriate passages for easy access.
The most thorough cross-reference system of any Study Bible.
The most complete concordance of any Bible.
Maps, subject index.

*******THOMPSON CHAIN-REFERENCE BIBLE**

NIV, KJV

*Kirbride

Excellent topical listing of verses. Includes many cross-references that are printed in their entirety.
Studies on prominent Bible characters.
Each book analyzed in a simple clear manner.
Many charts, harmonies and illustrated maps.

*******THE NIV DISCIPLES STUDY BIBLE**

NIV

*Holman

10,000 annotations on Scripture passages.
Excellent color charts on Bible doctrines, church history, denominational perspectives.
Basic biblical and theological background information for each book of the Bible.
Excellent Reference Index.
Outstanding guide for Discipleship.
Summaries on Bible doctrines
Maps and Concordance.

*****LIFE

APPLICATION

BIBLE

KJV

*Tyndale

A very unique Bible to assist in applying the truths of Scriptures to one's life. Excellent introduction to each book which brings a clear understanding of the basic theme and truth of that book. Hundreds of charts and diagrams. Outstanding profile notes on many Bible characters. comprehensive Bible Atlas built in each book of the Bible, plus *thumb nail* maps throughout. Excellent application notes seeking to answer: "*What does this passage mean to me?*" Notes on many passages dealing with culture, history, context, background information, theological concepts and more. Maps and Concordance.

*****MASTER

STUDY

BIBLE

KJV, NASV

*Holman

A very unique Bible encyclopedia of more than 700 pages. (Many references printed out in their entirety.) An outstanding center-column reference system which contains more than 100,000 entries. Special sections on: *The Life & Teachings of Jesus, Reading and Studying in the Bible, Bible Prophecy, Chronology of the Bible* and more. Maps and Concordance.

Additional Recommended Reading:

The Holy Scriptures

***A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

*Geisler, Norman I. & Nix, William E.

*Moody Press

Revised and expanded. Without question this is the finest book available as an introduction to the Word of God. Geisler & Nix divide their study in four parts: Part 1 - Inspiration of the Bible, Part 2 - Canonization of the Bible, Part 3 - Transmission of the Bible, Part 4 - Translation of the Bible. This large volume is very enjoyable to read, in fact, it's hard to put down. A *must* book for every pastor, student, or believer. Highly recommended.

***THE DOCTRINE OF THE WORD OF GOD**

*Thomas, Thomas A.

*Presbyterian and Reformed

Outstanding book on the infallible Scriptures. Very clear, easy to read and succinct. Perfect as an introductory book. Thomas covers, *Inspiration of the Bible*, *Revelation in the Bible*, *Illumination of the Bible*, the *Attributes of the Bible*, *The Authority of the Bible*, *The Power of the Word of God*, and the *Canon of Scripture*. If you think this subject is dull, read this volume. Don't judge a book by its cover, particularly this one! A *must* for every library.

***THE CANON SCRIPTURE**

*Bruce, F. F.

*Inter Varsity Press

This work is destined to become a classic. Bruce answers the questions: *How did the books of the bible come to be recognized as Holy Scripture? Who decided what the shape of the Canon should be? What were the criteria that influenced these decisions? ...* and many more questions. Highly recommended.

*****THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE**

*Weeks, Noel

*Banner of Truth

A welcomed new book in the area of the Scriptures. Weeks deals in a fresh way with all the basic issues that surround this study, plus he touches areas that few tackle. The author has 12 chapters given over to *Points of Contention*. Weeks tackles highly controversial areas that seem to challenge the sufficiency of Scripture. Highly recommended.

***ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLE DIFFICULTIES**

*Archer, Gleason L.

*Zondervan

An invaluable volume that supports the integrity and inerrancy of the Bible. Archer starts at Genesis and goes through Revelation addressing *apparent contradictions*. This book is for scholar and student alike and all who are

troubled by apparent contradictions in the Bible. He deals with some of the most vexing problems and answers them with clear, and many times, with simple insight. A *must* for every library!

***FUNDAMENTALISM AND THE WORD OF GOD**

*Packer, J. I.

*Eerdmans

A forceful, lucid, and well informed defense of the authority of the Scriptures. This is an amazingly comprehensive book which will supply evangelicals with a reasoned statement of their own position.

***INSPIRATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE**

*Warfield, B.

*Presbyterian and Reformed

The great classic on this subject. It was this work that stopped the tide of liberalism in the first part of the 20th Century. His section entitled, *God-Inspired Scripture*, although technical, is worth the price of the book. "This work deserves a place on every pastor's desk." — Barbour

***GOD HAS SPOKEN**

*Packer, J. I.

*Baker Book House

A simple introduction on the importance of the Scriptures. An ideal book to give to one who is wavering or doubting the inspiration, authority or importance of God's Word.

***DOES INSPIRATION DEMAND INERRANCY?**

*Custer, Stewart

*Presbyterian and Reformed

A very good little book on inerrancy. Custer surveys all the major portions of the Word which teach the verbal inspiration of the Word. Then he surveys the liberal position, the neo-orthodox position, the neo-evangelical position and the conservative view of inspiration. Lastly, he handles alleged errors of both the OT and the NT. Solid introductory material. Recommended.

***INSPIRATION AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE**

*Pache, Rene

*Moody Press

A well done and clear treatment on the subject. "Re-examines the doctrine of inerrancy and upholds the complete authenticity and supernatural origin of the Bible." —Barbour Recommended.

Additional Recommended Reading:

The Holy Spirit

***THE WORKS OF JOHN OWEN VOLUMES 3 & 4**

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- *Owen, John
- *Banner of Truth

A true Classic. Owen is one of the greatest theologians God has given to His Church. This work is definitely the standard on this subject. Owen exhausts every possible area that deals with the Holy Spirit. Although sometimes heavy reading, this volume is strongly recommended. *Suggestion:* Get these while still in print.

***THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- *Smeaton, George
- *Banner of Truth

Many great teachers in the church have considered this as *the* textbook to study on the Holy Spirit. Smeaton treats first the testimony to the Holy Spirit, as it progressively revealed in Scripture. Secondly, he gives detailed attention to six subjects concerning the Holy Spirit. Finally, there is a historical survey of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit from the Apostolic Age.

***THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- *Vaughan, C. R.
- *Banner of Truth

An outstanding and unusual book on the Holy Spirit. Vaughan first deals with the working of the Holy Spirit and unbelievers, showing how he restrains them, awakens, convicts repentance and faith, and how He regenerates and brings forth fruit as evidence. Then the author addresses 14 little talked about gifts that He gives to every believer. This volume definitely fills a need that few address. Recommended!

***THE OFFICE AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- *Buchanan, James
- *Banner of Truth

Another excellent book on the Holy Spirit. Buchanan deals with: 1) the Spirit's work in the conversion of sinners, 2) illustrates the Spirit's work in the New Testament with a commentary on revivals, and 3) shows the Spirit's work in believers after conversion. Highly recommended!

***THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- *Pink, Arthur W.
- *Baker Book House

One of our favorites on this subject. Pink uses hundreds of Scriptures to describe the work of the Holy Spirit. Pink, in his characteristic style, writes exhaustively

on 32 areas of the Spirit's work. He deals with many areas that none seem to touch. This book is a spiritual feast!

***A THEOLOGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Bruner, Frederick Dale

*Eerdmans

In what is sure to become a classic on the subject of the Holy Spirit and the Pentecostal movement, Bruner has written a masterful book. Its chief attributes are objectivity, clear reasoning and excellent documentation. Every believer would benefit from his excellent study of the Spirit's work. In the first part of the book the author examines the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal experience. Then, in part two he considers the Spirit in the New Testament witness. Much time is spent examining whole portions of the Scriptures. Highly recommended!

***BAPTISM AND FULLNESS**

*Stott, John R. W.

*Inter Varsity Press

A favorite of many, this popular volume gives a clear and concise understanding of the Spirit's experimental working in the believer. Stott examines four areas: 1) The Promise of the Spirit, 2) The Fullness of the Spirit, 3) The Fruit of the Spirit, and 4) The Gifts of the Spirit. Recommended.

***THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Winslow, Octavius

*Banner of Truth

A One of the best devotional books we know of on the Spirit. Winslow will warm and encourage your heart. Read this book for a rich blessing.

***THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Sproul, R. C.

*Tyndale

Written in Sproul's unmistakable and contemporary style, this easy reading book covers everything from the Spirit's part in the Trinity to the fruits of the Spirit in the believer's life. Ideal for the new believer. Recommended.

***KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT**

*Packer, J. I.

*Revell

In this volume, Packer focuses on the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. He does not offer a mere theological study, but gives a rousing call to implement the Spirit's directives in your life. It is Dr. Packer's highest hope that through this book, you may acquire the Spirit-filled character of Ephesians 5:18-21. One of the fairest treatments on the Pentecostal Movement of today. Highly recommended.

***THE SPIRIT OF PROMISE**

*Maclodon, Donald

*Christian Focus Publications

This is a fresh and contemporary look at the work of the Holy Spirit, particularly in the area of baptism, sealing, leading and filling. An excellent book from the reformed tradition. This book will challenge all in their understanding of the Spirit's work today.

Additional Recommended Reading: