

Recommended Books

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Note: Almost all of these books are available in our church library. This is certainly not an exhaustive list, but we believe these books will provide you with very helpful instruction and encouragement in these areas. A recommendation of a book does not necessarily communicate complete agreement with everything contained in that book.

Apologetics

- *Making Sense of God* by Timothy Keller
- *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis
- *What's Your Worldview?: An Interactive Approach to Life's Big Questions* by James Anderson

Bible Reading and Study

- *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible* by Robert Plummer
- *ESV Study Bible*
- *Getting the Message: A Plan for Interpreting and Applying the Bible* by Daniel Doriani
- *Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines* by David Mathis
- *MacArthur Study Bible*
- *MacArthur Bible Commentary*
- *One to One Bible Reading* by David Helm

Bible Teaching and Preaching

- *Christ-Centered Preaching* by Bryan Chapell
- *Expositional Preaching: How We Speak God's Word Today* by David Helm
- *The Supremacy of God in Preaching* by John Piper

Biography & Inspiration

- *Confessions* by Augustine
- *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* by Roland Bainton
- *Memoirs of an Ordinary Pastor* by DA Carson
- *To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson* by Courtney Anderson

History of the Church and Its Doctrine

- *Christian History Made Easy* by Timothy Paul Jones
- *Church History in Plain Language* by Bruce Shelley
- *Historical Theology: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine* by Gregg Allison
- *The Unquenchable Flame* by Michael Reeves

Church Leadership

- *Brothers, We are Not Professionals* by John Piper
- *The Christian Ministry* by Charles Bridges
- *The Cross and Christian Ministry* by DA Carson
- *The New Pastor's Handbook: Help and Encouragement for the First Years of Ministry* by Jason Helopoulos

Church Ministry

- *The Deliberate Church* by Mark Dever
- *The Trellis and the Vine* by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne
- *What Is a Healthy Church?* by Mark Dever

Decision Making and God's Will

- *Decisions, Decisions: How (and How Not) to Make Them* by Dave Swavely
- *Found: God's Will* by John MacArthur
- *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung

Discipleship & Counseling

- *Am I Really a Christian?* by Mike McKinley
- *Discipling: How To Help Others Follow Jesus* by Mark Dever
- *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* by Paul David Tripp
- *Unpacking Forgiveness* by Chris Brauns

Evangelism

- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by JI Packer
- *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* by Mark Dever
- *Two Ways to Live* by Matthias Media (various resources)

Family Worship (about)

- *A Neglected Grace: Family Worship in the Christian Home* by Jason Helopoulos
- *Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God* by Bruce Ware
- *Family Worship* by Donald Whitney

Family Worship (for use in)

- *Big Beliefs! Small Devotionals Introducing Your Family to Big Truths* by David Helm
- *Everything a Child Should Know About God* by Kenneth Taylor
- *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- *The Biggest Story* by Kevin DeYoung

Marriage

- *Love That Lasts: When Marriage Meets Grace* by Gary and Betsy Ricucci
- *The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy and Kathy Keller
- *This Momentary Marriage* by John Piper
- *When Sinners Say 'I Do': Discovering the Power of the Gospel in Marriage* by Dave Harvey

Men's Resources

- *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by R Kent Hughes
- *Humility* by CJ Mahaney
- *Thoughts for Young Men* by JC Ryle

Missions

- *A Vision for Missions* by Tom Wells
- *For the Sake of His Name* by David Doran and Pearson Johnson
- *Let the Nations Be Glad* by John Piper
- *Missions* by Andy Johnson

Parenting

- *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens* by Paul David Tripp
- *Give Them Grace: Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus* by Elyse Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson
- *Glimpses of Grace: Treasuring the Gospel in Your Home* by Gloria Furman
- *Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting* by William Farley
- *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp
- *Training Children for Their Good* by Andy Naselli [free pdf article found [here](#)]

Prayer

- *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller
- *Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines* by David Mathis
- *Praying with Paul* by DA Carson
- *Valley of Vision* compiled by Arthur Bennett

Sanctification

- *The Enemy Within: Straight Talk about the Power and Defeat of Sin* by Chris Lundgaard
- *The Hole in Our Holiness* by Kevin DeYoung
- *The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges
- *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges

Sexual Purity

- *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace* by Heath Lambert
- *Is God Antigay?* by Sam Allberry
- *The Purity Principle: God's Safeguards for Life's Dangerous Trails* by Randy Alcorn

Suffering

- *Big God: How to approach SUFFERING, spread the GOSPEL, make DECISIONS and PRAY in the light of a God who really is in the DRIVING SEAT of the world* by Orlando Saer
- *How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering and Evil* by D. A. Carson
- *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* by Timothy Keller **248.8 Kel**
- *Why Does It Have to Hurt? The Meaning of Christian Suffering* by Dan McCartney

The Gospel & The Cross

- *A Gospel Primer for Christians* by Milton Vincent
- *What is the Gospel?* by Greg Gilbert
- *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* by John Murray

Theology

- *Behold Our Sovereign God* by Mitchell Chase
- *Bible Doctrine* by Wayne Grudem
- *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible* by Vaughan Roberts
- *God's Glory in Salvation Through Judgment: A Biblical Theology* by Jim Hamilton
- *Knowing God* by JI Packer
- *The Holiness of God* by RC Sproul

Women's Resources

- *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds* by Jen Wilkin
- *Women Counseling Women: Biblical Answers to Life's Difficult Problems* edited by Elyse Fitzpatrick
- *Women Helping Women: A Biblical Guide to Major Issues Women Face* edited by Elyse Fitzpatrick and Carol Cornish

Work

- *God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life* by Gene Edward Veith Jr.
- *The Gospel at Work: How Working for King Jesus Gives Purpose and Meaning to Our Jobs* by Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert
- *Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work* by Tom Nelson