



The Preacher's Book List

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“When thou comest, bring with thee...the books, but especially the parchments” (2 Timothy 4:13).

We believe every minister should develop the discipline of reading. But as important as it is to read, it is even more important what you read. John Trapp observed, “As water tastes of the soil it runs through, so does the soul taste of the authors that a man reads.” Choose carefully. Ask for recommendations from those you trust - such as your pastor. Books are powerful influences.

For each of these recommendation categories, there are dozens of good choices and hundreds of poor choices. Remember, the Word of God is the only perfect, errorless book because it is the only book NOT written by a human. The examples listed are only a sampling of many excellent resources. Most of these books are available “used” from online sellers at greatly reduced cost.

This is, by no means, an exhaustive list. Nor can it be construed as a wholesale recommendation of everything every author has written or done. Remember that sometimes the same people serve as both positive and negative examples. (The Bible is full of such people, and all of us have been both at times!) But we trust it will help you begin building your library. Pastor Clarence Sexton also compiled a comprehensive book list, many years ago. You may find it [HERE](#).

Charles Spurgeon was known as a great communicator, but did you know that he was a voracious reader? He made the following suggestions:

Master those books you have. Read them thoroughly. Bathe in them until they saturate you. Read and reread them; masticate them and digest them. Let them go into your very self. Peruse a good book several times and make notes and analysis of it. A student will find that his mental constitution is more affected by one book thoroughly mastered than by twenty books he has merely skimmed. Little learning and much pride come of hasty reading. Some men are disabled from thinking by their putting meditation away for much reading. In reading, let your motto be “much, not many.”

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Bible Reference

Study Bibles

Life Application Bible
Ryrie Study Bible
Scofield Study Bible (Original not “New”)
Thompson Chain Reference Bible
Tim LaHaye Prophecy Study Bible
The Open Bible
The Henry Morris Study Bible

Bible Software Program/Online Resources

E-Sword
Blue Letter Bible
Online Bible
Parsons
Technologies
Power Bible CD

Bible Dictionaries

Smith's Bible Dictionary
Strong's Complete Dictionary of Bible Words
Vines Expository Dictionary (Unabridged)

Topical Bible/Subject-Sorted Scripture Collections:

Naves Topical Bible
New Topical Textbook by R.A. Torrey

Bible Concordances:

Cruden's Complete Concordance
Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
Young's Analytical Concordance

Bible Atlas:

Baker's Bible Atlas

Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts

The New Moody Atlas

Books on Bible Culture and Historical Context:

Manners and Customs of the Bible by James M. Freeman

The Bible Almanac by Packer, Tenney, & White

Unger's Bible Handbook by Merrill F. Unger

Halley's Bible Handbook by Henry H. Halley

A Survey of Israel's History by Leon Wood

Bible Commentaries

Books or sets of books written about books of the Bible such as:

Adam Clark Commentary @

Barnes Notes #

Exploring the Bible series by John Philipps ^

Expositions of Holy Scriptures by Alexander Maclaren #

A Commentary: Critical, Practical, Explanatory by Jamieson, Fausset and Brown # @

Matthew Henry's Commentary # @

The Bible Exposition Commentary (The BE Series) by Warren W. Wiersbe # / ^

The Biblical Illustrator by Edited by Joseph S. Exell. A compilation of many commentators. #

The Enduring Word Commentary by David Guzik @

Thru the Bible by J. Vernon Magee # @

Treasury of David (Psalms) by Charles H. Spurgeon

Romans and Hebrews by William Newell

Word Pictures in the New Testament by A. T. Robertson #

Word Studies in the New Testament by Marvin Vincent #

Wuest Word Studies #

= multivolume set

^ = available by specific books of the Bible

@ = available for free online

Remember, the best commentary on the Bible is The Bible itself - more on Bible commentaries [HERE](#).

Preaching and Teaching

Books on Theology and Biblical Knowledge:

Dispensational Truth, God's Plan and Purpose in the Ages by Clarence Larkin

The "All the...in the Bible" Series by Herbert Lockyer

Dispensationalism Today by Charles Ryrie

Explore the Book by J. Sidlow Baxter

Hell, You Say? by Carl G. Johnson

Reese Chronological Bible by Ed Reese

The Unfolding Drama of Redemption by Graham Scroggie

Books on Bible Doctrine:

Basic Theology by Charles Ryrie

Bible Doctrines, Beliefs That Matter by Mark G. Cambron

Elemental Theology: An Introductory Survey of Conservative Doctrine by Emery H. Bancroft

Great Doctrines of the Bible by William Evans

Systematic Theology by Lewis Sperry Chafer

Books on Bible Prophecy:

Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation by John F. Walvoord

Exploring the Future by John Phillips

God's Prophetic Calendar by Lehman Strauss

Interpretation of Prophecy by Paul Lee Tan

Is This the End? by David Jeremiah

The Rapture Question by John Walvoord

The Greatness of the Kingdom by Alva J. McClain

Things to Come by J. Dwight Pentecost

Read more about books of Bible prophecy [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to study verse by verse through Revelation with Scott Pauley.

***NOTE: Any underlined headings also serve as a hyperlink to more information about those resources.**

Books on Preaching:

A Guide to Effective Sermon Delivery by Jerry Vines
A Practical Guide to Sermon Preparation by Jerry Vines
Biblical Preaching by Haddon Robinson
Expository Preaching Without Notes by Charles Kohler
Fire In Your Pulpit by Robert G. Delany
Homiletics From the Heart by John Goetsch
Lectures to My Students by Charles Spurgeon.
Preaching by G. Campbell Morgan
Preaching and Preachers by Martin Lloyd-Jones
Preaching and Teaching with Imagination by Warren W. Wiersbe
Preaching for Impact by Adrian Rogers
Preaching That Pleases God by Tom Farrell
Preaching with Freshness by Bruce Mawhinney
Preaching 101 by Kenneth Kuykendall
Principles of Expository Preaching by Merrill F. Unger
Teaching on Preaching by Jack Hyles
The Moment of Truth by Wayne V. McDill
The Preacher and His Preaching by Alfred P. Gibbs
Variety in Your Preaching by Whitesell/Perry

Books on the Preacher and Ministry:

A Guide to Practical Pastoring by C. Sumner Wemp
Confident Pastoral Leadership by Wiersbe/Sugden
Criswell's Guidebook for Pastors by W. A. Criswell
Lectures to My Students by C. H. Spurgeon
On Being a Servant of God by Warren Wiersbe

Sermon collection books - by topic such as:

Great Preaching on... / Sword of the Lord Publishers
Classic Sermons on... / compiled and edited by Warren Wiersbe

Books on Various Subjects

6 Books to Read on Jesus

The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah by Alfred Edersheim
The Example of Jesus Christ by James Stalker
The Training of the Twelve by A.B. Bruce
The Suffering Saviour by F.W. Krummacher
He Shall Be Called by Robert J. Morgan
Killing Jesus by Stephen Mansfield

5 Books on Revival

Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill
Road To Revival by Vance Havner
Heart-Cry For Revival by Stephen Olford
The Revived Life by Lewis A. Drummond
Revival! A People Saturated With God by Brian H. Edwards

4 Books for Bible Study

How To Master The English Bible
How To Pray and How To Study the Bible by R.A. Torrey
Knowing the Scriptures by A.T. Pierson
The Bible Explorer's Guide by John Philips

7 Books on Prayer

Secrets of The Secret Place by Bob Sorge
With Christ In The School of Prayer by Andrew Murray
The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer by Andrew Murray
Sense and Nonsense About Prayer by Lehman Strauss
Praying the Scriptures by Judson Cornwall
Prayer Secrets by Guy King
Quiet Talks On Prayer by S.D. Gordon
Revival Praying by Scott Pauley

6 Books on the Holy Spirit

He Shall Glorify Me by Oswald Chambers

The Way To Pentecost by Samuel Chadwick

The Holy Spirit: Power From On High by A.B. Simpson

Understanding The Holy Spirit by G. Campbell Morgan and Charles Spurgeon

Secret Power by D.L. Moody

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit by R.A. Torrey

5 Books Every Man Should Read

Point Man by Steve Farrar - Let me say that you should get every book Farrar has written. He is my favorite author when it comes to issues relating to men, husbands, and fathers.

Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes

A Tale of Three Kings by Gene Edwards

Every Man's Battle by Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker

Reclaiming Surrendered Ground by Jim Logan

5 Books on Great Christians

Life Verses by Frank Boreham (This five-volume set is a reprint of Boreham's original books).

They Found The Secret by V. Raymond Edman

50 People Every Christian Should Know by Warren W. Wiersbe

How They Prayed by Edwin and Lillian Harvey (3-volume set)

Men of Purpose by Peter Masters

*Visit the [*Christians You Should Know*](#) page on our website for dozens of short biographies and further recommended reading.

Books to Help with Your Devotions

The Valley of Vision - It is a collection of prayers of the Puritans, men such as Richard Baxter, Isaac Watts, John Bunyan, David Brainerd, and Christmas Evans.

Morning and Evening by Charles Spurgeon

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

My King and His Service by Frances Havergal

Day by Day and Every Day with Jesus by George Duncan

In Tune with Heaven by Vance Havner

100 Devotions for Pastors and Church Leaders by John Phillip

5 Books to Read on Victorious Christian Life

Not I, But Christ by Stephen F. Olford

The Calvary Road by Roy Hession

Relax and Let God... by James E. Duncan, Jr.

Abandoned to Christ by L.E. Maxwell

The Indwelling Life of Christ - All of Him in All of Me by Major W. Ian Thomas

5 Books on Witnessing

The Passion for Souls by Oswald J. Smith

How to Work for Christ by R.A. Torrey

With Christ After the Lost by L.R. Scarborough

Following Christ and Fishing For Men by Clarence Sexton

The Soul Winner by Charles Spurgeon

5 Books on Finances

The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

The Grace of Giving by Stephen Olford

The Stewardship of Life by Clarence Sexton

God's Miraculous Plan of Economy by Jack R. Taylor

Faith and Finances by Tim Rosen

6 Books to Read During Difficulties

Though I Walk Through the Valley by Vance Havner

The Treasures of Darkness by Clarence Sexton

Dark Threads the Weaver Needs by Herbert Lockyer

In God's Waiting Room by Lehman Strauss

The Bumps Are What You Climb On by Warren Wiersbe

Suffering Is Never for Nothing by Elizabeth Elliot

5 Books to Read for Answers

Christian Apologetics by Norman Geisler

In Defense of the Faith by Dave Hunt

Beyond Belief to Convictions by Josh McDowell and Bob Hostetler

The New Answers Books by Ken Ham

The Genesis Flood by Henry Morris

5 Books to Read on Church Ministry

An All-Round Ministry by Charles Spurgeon

The Minister As Shepherd by Charles Jefferson

Becoming A First Century Church by Clarence Sexton

On Being A Pastor by Derek J. Prime and Alistair Begg

Pastor to Pastor by Erwin Lutzer

5 Books to Read to Help Young People

Age of Opportunity by Paul David Tripp

Already Gone by Ken Ham and Britt Beemer

The Disconnected Generation by Josh McDowell

Back to the Heart of Youth Work by Dewey M. Bertolini

For Christ and the University by Keith and Gladys Hunt

5 Books to Read on Music

Al Smith's Treasury of Hymn Histories by Alfred B. Smith

A Romance of Song and Soul Winning by Helen C. Alexander and J. Kennedy Maclean

Fanny Crosby by Bernard Ruffin

Amazing Grace by John Pollock

How Sweet The Sound by George Beverly Shea

*Visit the [Hymn History](#) page on our website for many edifying, stirring, and uplifting hymn histories.

5 Books to Read About America

One Nation Under God by David C. Gibbs, Jr

The Bible in America by Steve Green

Our Country's Founders - A Book of Advice for Young People by William J. Bennett

When A Nation Forgets God by Erwin W. Lutzer (Also, read his book, *Hitler's Cross*)

The Constitution of the United States

6 Books on Marriage and Family

The Christian Home by Clarence Sexton

Love Life for Every Married Couple by Ed Wheat

Are We There Yet? by Paul and Terrie Chappell

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Ted Tripp

King Me - What Every Son Wants and Needs From His Father by Steve Farrar

How To Raise Your Children for Christ by Andrew Murray

*Scott also wrote *New Testament Marriage: Lessons from Aquila and Priscilla*. You will find it, along with many other marriage resources, [HERE](#).

5 Books to Read on Powerful Preachers

Hudson Taylor and Maria by J.C. Pollock

A Passion for Souls by Lyle W. Dorsett

Lamplighter and Son by Craig Skinner

In Light of Eternity by Mack Tomlinson

Borden of Yale by Mrs. Howard Taylor

5 Books to Read on Great Leaders

William Wilberforce - A Hero for Humanity by Kevin Belmonte

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris

Churchill: Walking With Destiny by Andrew Roberts

All Things for Good by J. Steven Wilkins

When Character Was King by Peggy Noonan

5 Books to Read on The Book

The Lord Gave the Word by Malcolm H. Watts

Our God-Breathed Book: The Bible by John R. Rice

The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable? by F.F. Bruce

My Plea for the Old Sword by Ian R.K. Paisley

The Bible for Today's World by W.A. Criswell

*We also made "Ten Reasons Why I Believe the Bible is the Word of God" by R.A. Torrey available for free on the website. (Click [HERE](#) to download.)

Books by trustworthy authors such as:

Those authors listed above as well as...

A. W. Tozer
Clovis Chappell
Donald Grey Barnhouse
E. M. Bounds
G. Campbell Morgan
H. A. Ironside
John R. Rice
Lee Roberson
Lehman Strauss
Martyn Lloyd-Jones
Oliver B. Greene
S. D. Gordon
Tom Malone
Vance Havner
...and many many more.

Books by Scott Pauley and Enjoying the Journey

[On Purpose](#) by Stacie Thomas

[New Testament Marriage](#) by Scott Pauley

REST by Scott Pauley and Scott Hooks

[Revival Praying](#) by Scott Pauley

*Study Guide and teaching curriculum available

[The Lord Was With Joseph](#) by Scott Pauley

*Study Guide and teaching curriculum available

[The Need of Our Nation](#) by Scott Pauley

Why God Used D.L.Moody (Enjoying the Journey Classic Reprint)

[The Secret of Guidance](#) by F.B. Meyer (Enjoying the Journey Classic Reprint)

[Indispensable Factors In Revival](#) by Jonathan Goforth (Enjoying the Journey Classic Reprint)

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