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IMPORTANT INTRODUCTION

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

NKJV

Over a year ago, one of the students who attend our local Associational Bible College Extension shared his wish for someone to come up with a list of books and authors that were the best selection for his library. He did not want to waste money purchasing books that were misleading and of no value. From this conversation the idea was planted that there was a need for this book. The compiler felt that he was not the one who should make up a personal list of books, authors, and websites. He reason that for such a book to be legitimate, many experts in different fields, and/or well known conservative leaders within the Georgia Baptist Convention would fill the position of selected participants in such a venture. The compiler sent his first questionnaire to a chosen group of individuals that covered the last four parts of the book. He selected conservative presidents and professors from Brewton-Parker College, Truett-McConnell Colleges, and Luther Rice Seminary, in addition to well known conservative pastors; some who served in high positions in the Georgia Baptist Convention. Several specialist and consultants with the Georgia Baptist Convention also contributed their knowledge. Contributors were informed that the recommendation should contain helpful information directed not to professors of colleges, but to the average conservative Baptist minister. The compiler was pleased with the response.

After several months of gathering and organizing the volunteered information more information was needed. There after, the compiler sent out an additional questionnaire intended to gather information for the first part of the book. At this time many other contributors were selected to make recommendations. The compiler selected the books and authors in each category that had the greater recommendations by the contributors. As result, not all recommendations were used. Some were excluded because the contributor’s writing was not legible enough for the compiler to read or that the contributor did not provide enough information in his or her recommendations. After all the information was gathered and compiled, several well known trustworthy ministers were asked to review the information so as to guard against liberal or worthless information. The contributors also made additional recommendations. After eleven months the work was completed. The compiler prays that the following information helps our ministers to select the right books and authors that will be a help, not hindrance, to their ministry, and he gives thanks to all who made recommendations.

Those who use this information have the right to make copies and to share with others. You also have the permission to add this list on your website. However, you are not to make changes to this work without written permission. You are asked to share with the compiler any additional books, authors, or websites that you feel are better than those in any of our categories. This is asked because there are plans to update this book each year. One may receive the update by going to www.cobaptist.org and click on “Recommended Baptist Library.” If you wish to contribute click onto the mailbox that is on the website and give me your name, Baptist church you are a member of, and your position. Please, share if you work with the Georgia Baptist Convention or teach at a conservative Bible college of seminary. You may help in another way by sharing with the compiler any book in any of our categories that you find to be the least helpful. You may also share additional websites with us.

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BUILDING YOUR LIBRARY

Following are basic recommendations for building a library. The following books were recommended by many contributors as to what they thought were the best books and authors at the time that the recommendations were made. It is certain that in some categories that some great books or authors were left off. Therefore, one should not judge that the following recommendations are the only books and authors one should consider while building their library.

Recommended Authors

Jay Adams             Daniel L. Akins             Max Anders             Leith Anderson
Gleason Archer        Albert Barnes            Donald Gray Barnhouse  Henry Blackaby
Ken Blanchard         Ron Blue                  James Montgomery Boice  James P. Boyce
Andrew Bonar          Horatius Bonar            E. M. Bounds           James P. Boyce
John A. Broadus        P.F. Bruce               Mac Brunson            Mark I. Bubeck
Larry Burkett         L. Russ Bush              Earl E. Cairns          Ergun Caner
D.A. Carson           B.H. Carroll              Lewis Sperry Chafer     Gary Chapman
Gary Collins           Chuck Colson              Walter Thomas Conner    Mal Couch
Frank Cox             W.A. Criswell             Gaines S. Dobbins       James Dobson
David S. Dockery      James Draper              Alfred Edersheim        John Eldredge
Paul Enns             Frank Gaebelein            James Montgomery Boice  Jerry Falwell
Gordon Fee            Charles L. Feinburg         Kenneth O. Gangel      J.M. Frost
Daniel P. Fuller      Steven Ger                 J. Gerald Harris        Norman Geisler
Timothy George        Hank Hanegraaff            John Gill              Billy Graham
I.M. Haldeman          James C. Hefley            Kenneth Hemphill        R. Laird Harris
O.S. Hawkins           Ed Hindson                Alexander Hislop        William Hendriksen
Carl F.H. Henry        H.A. Ironside             David Jeremiah          Herschel Hobbs
Charles Hodge          Homer A. Kent Jr.            Tim Lahaye              Walter C. Kaiser
Phillip Keller         Landrum P. Leavel          Robert G. Lee           B. R. Lakin
Charles Larkin         Paul Little               Martyn Lloyd-Jones      H.C. Leupold
C.S. Lewis             Brennen Manning           John Maxwell            Herbert Lockyer
John MacArthur         J. Vernon McGee            Alister E. McGrath      Josh McDowell
Robert S. McGee        Dan Mitchell              Albert Mohler            Bruce M. Metzger
Gene Mims              Beth Moore                 G. Campbell Morgan      Douglas Moo
D.L. Moody             J.A. Motyer                Andrew Murray            Leon Morris
Robert H. Mounce       William Newell             R. Stanton Norman       Watchman Nee
Tom J. Nettles         Ron Owens                 J.I. Packer             Lloyd Ogilive
Stephen Olford         Dwight Pentecost            John Phillips           Steve Parr
Paige Patterson        A.T. Pierson               Thom S. Rainer          A.W. Pink
John Piper             John R. Rice               A.T. Robertson          Jerry Rankin
Bob Record             Adrian Rogers              Charles Ryrie           Darrell Robinson
Haddon W. Robinson     W. Graham Scroggie         Gary Smalley           L. R. Scarborough
C.I. Scofield          R.C. Sproul                Charles Spurgeon        Bailey Smith
Henry W. Soltau        Mark Sterling             John R.W. Stott         Charles Stanley
John Stepp             Alan Street               Lee Strobel             Alexander Strauch
Lehman Strauss          Charles A. Tidwell           R.A. Torrey             Chuck Swindoll
Merrill C. Tenny       John Treat                George W. Truett        Elmer Towns
A.W. Tozer             John F. Walvoord            Benjamin Warfield       Merrill P. Unger
Jerry Vines            David F. Wells              J. Robert White         Rick Warren
Dean M. Weaver          H. L. Wilmington          W.P. Wollston           Warren W. Wiersbe
Bruce Wilkinson        Ed Young                  Ravi Zachairias          Leon Woods
H. Norman Wright
Your First Books

The following is a list of recommendations from the contributors of the first seventy books, or sets, that a new minister with limited ministry background should begin with the building of his library. The following chapters will be recommendations for additional books in each category.

Commentaries


Theology Books

Bruce, F.F. *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* InterVarsity
Criswell, W.A. *Why I Preach that the Bible is Literally True*. Broadman
Dockery, David S. *The Doctrine of the Bible*. Lifeway
Draper, James T. *Biblical Authority*. Broadman
Erickson, Millard. *Christian Theology*. Eerdman
Harris, Laird R. *Inspiration and Canonicity of the Bible*. Zondervan
Graham, Billy. *The Holy Spirit*. Word
Martin, Frank S. *Handbook of Denominations in the United States*. Abingdon
______, *The Words and Works of Jesus Christ*. Zondervan
Robinson, Darrell W. *Total Church Life*. Broadman
Ryrie, Charles. *Basic Theology*. Victor
Scofield, C.I. *Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*. Eagle Books
Walvoord, John F. *The Holy Spirit*. Zondervan

______. *What We Believe*. Moody

**Reference Books**

Baker, Robert. *A Summery of the Christian Church*. Broadman


Brisco, Thomas. *Holman Bible Atlas*. Broad & Holman

Butler, Trent, ed.. *Holman Bible Dictionary*. Broadman & Holman

Edersheim, Alfred. *Sketches of Jewish Social Life*. Eerdmann

Evans, Craig A. *The Bible Knowledge Background Commentary*. Cook Communications Ministries

Haldeman, I.M. *The Tabernacle, Priesthood, and Offering*. Revell


Merrill, Eugene H.. *The Bible Knowledge Word Study*. Cook Communications Ministries

Nave, Orville. *Nave’s Topical Bible*. Hendrickson


Strong, James, ed.. *The New Exhaustive Concordance*. Nelson


Willmington, H.L. *Willmington’s Guide Through the Bible*. Tyndale


**Ministry Books**


Campbell, Barry. *Toolbox for Busy Pastors*. Lifeway

Collins, Gary. *Christian Counseling*. Moody
Gilley, Gary E. *This Little Church Went to Market.* Xulon Press


Mims, Gene. *The Kingdom Focus Church.* Broadman

Montoya, Alex. *Preaching With Passion.* Kregel

Owen, Ron. *Return to Worship.* Broadman

Parr, Steve. *Key Strategies for a Healthy Church.* GBC

Sande, Ken. *The Peacemaker.* Baker

Street, Alan. *Giving the Invitation.* Zondervan


Warren, Rick. *Purpose Driven Church.* Zondervan

Wells, David F. *Above All Earthly Pow’rs.* Eerdmans

White, J. Robert. *Healthy Kingdom Churches.* GBC


**Great Christian Reading**

Cummins, David & E. Wayne Thompson. *The Day in Baptist History: Daily Devotions.* BJU

Packer, J.I.. *Knowing God.* InterVarsity

Sheldon, Charles. *In His Steps.* Zondervan

Stott, John R.W.. *Basic Christianity.* Eerdmans

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy.* Harper

Winslow, Octavius. *Personal Declension and revival of the Soul.* The Banner of Truth Trust

**Magazines, Newspapers, and other Reading Materials**

*Baptist2 Baptist.* A free news service of the SBC. [www.baptist2baptist.net](http://www.baptist2baptist.net)

*Baptist Faith & Message Explained:* Studies from Southern Seminary
Web site: [www.sbts.edu/resourse/other/bfm.pdf](http://www.sbts.edu/resourse/other/bfm.pdf)

*Baptist Press News.* A free daily news service of the SBC. [www.bpnews.org](http://www.bpnews.org)

*Biblical Illustrator.* Dated magazine from LifeWay. Address: 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37234-0113 E-mail for subscription to subscribe@lifeway.com

*The Christian Index.* Address. 2930 Flowers Road South, Atlanta, GA 30341-5562 Web site. [www.christianindex.org](http://www.christianindex.org)
Church Administration. Dated magazine from LifeWay. Address: 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, TN 37234-0113. E-mail for subscription to subscribe@lifeway.com

The Cooperative Program. Information concerning the Cooperative Program. www.cpmissions.net

In All Things. Prayer magazine of the SBC. Web site: www.sbcpray.net/home.asp

In Touch. Articles by Dr. Charles Stanley. Web site: www.intouch.org

Let’s Worship. Dated magazine from LifeWay. Address: 127 Ninth Ave., Nashville TN 37234-0113. E-Mail for subscription to subscribe@lifeway.com

Missouri Baptist Laymen Association. A magazine that keeps people informed as to the division that the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship causes in the SBC. www.mbla.org


The Pathway. Missouri Baptist Convention State Paper that has excellent articles and reveals the hardship that the CBF caused in Missouri. www.mbcpathway.com

Proclaim. The Journal for Biblical Preaching. Dated magazine from LifeWay. 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, TN 37234-0113. E-mail for subscription to subscribe@lifeway.com


The Tie. Southern Seminary magazine. www.sbts.edu/resources/ssmag.php

Free Bible Helps & Programs on Web


www.e-sword.net - Free Bible Program filled with many resources. Click on “downloads,” then click onto “e-swordv7.10 application installation. Then chose from the many translations, dictionaries, commentaries, and etc.

www.lifeway.com - Then click onto search tools or downloads.

www.soniclight.com - Professors from Dallas Seminary lessons on theology and Scripture can be downloaded or the student may listen to the audio of a class that was previous taught.

www.cobaptist.org – Click onto web library link.

Sermons, Lessons, and Illustrations


www.baptiststart.com – Apologetics

www.biblebb.com – A great website with sermons from John MacArthur, John Wesley and others.
www.icr.org – Institute for Creation Research

www.pastorlife.com  Highly recommended Georgia Baptist Convention website for sermons

www.preachingplus.com – Sermon Helps

http://pbc.org/dp/stedman - Ray Stedman Library

www.wacriswell.com – W. A. Criswell’s Sermons

Purchasing New Resources

www.amazon.com  www.bakerbookretail.com
www.broadmanholman.com  www.cheapbookprice.com
www.christianbooks.com  www.gospelchapel.com
www.half.ebay.com  www.kregel.com
www.lifeway.com  www.namb.net/catalog
www.regalbooks.com  www.scripturetruth.com
www.thomasnelson.com  www.zondervan.com

Used and Out-of-Date Books

www.abebooks.com  www.amazon.com/books
www.ecampus.com  www.evangelicalbooks.com
www.heritagebooks.org  www.kregel.com
www.usedbookcentral.com  www.wayoflife.com

The following four sections are additional recommendations of commentaries, theology, resources, and Christian ministries given by over twenty-five contributors. It is by no means a complete list. The contributors selected what they felt to be the best books to be used in ministry. They were selected to help ministers, not theologians.
COMMENTARIES

THE BIBLE AS A WHOLE

One Volume Commentary on the New and Old Testament.

Henry, Matthew. *Matthew Henry Bible Commentary.* Zondervan

Radmacher, Earl D. ed. *Nelson’s new Illustrated Bible Commentary.* Thomas Nelson

Multi-volume Sets on the New and Old Testament


Carroll, B. H. *An Interpretation of the English Bible.* 6 vols. Baker


Gaebelein, Frank E. *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary.* Zondervan (EBC). 12 VOLS.

Henry, Matthew. *Matthew Henry Bible Commentaries.* Zondervan

Jamieson, Robert. *Jamieson-Faussett-Brown Commentary.* Baker


OLD TESTAMENT

One Volume Commentaries on the Old Testament


Walvoord, John and Roy Zuck. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary.* Victor Books

Multi-volume Commentary Sets on the Old Testament


At this time this set contains nineteen volumes. This is a highly academic commentary set that is sold by single volumes. Each volume is recommended for each Old Testament book of the Bible.


SINGLE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis
Davis, John. *Paradise to Prison*. Baker
Pink, Arthur. *Gleanings in Genesis*. Moody

Exodus
Pink, Arthur. *Gleanings in Exodus*. Moody

Leviticus
Bonar, Andrew, *A Commentary on the Book of Leviticus*. Baker
Harrison, R.K. *Leviticus: An Old Testament Commentary*. InterVarsity

Numbers
Bush, George. *Notes, Critical and practical Notes on the Book of Numbers*. Kregel
Cole, Dennis R. *Numbers*. NAC. Broadman
Harrison, R.K. *Numbers: Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary*. Baker

Deuteronomy
Merrill, Eugene Hall. *Deuteronomy*. NAC. Broadman
Shultz, S. *Deuteronomy: The Gospel of Love*. Moody
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