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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.

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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.

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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 Gleason Archer Ken Blanchard Andrew Bonar John A. Broadus Larry Burkett D.A. Carson Gary Collins Frank Cox David S. Dockery Paul Enns Gordon Fee Daniel P. Fuller Timothy George I.M. Haldeman O.S. Hawkins Carl F.H. Henry Charles Hodge Phillip Keller Charles Larkin C.S. Lewis John MacArthur Robert S. McGee Gene Mims D.L. Moody Robert H. Mounce Tom J. Nettles Stephen Olford Paige Patterson John Piper Bob Reccord Haddon W. Robinson C.I. Scofield Henry W. Soltau John Stepp Lehman Strauss Merrill C. Tenny A.W. Tozer Jerry Vines Dean M. Weaver Bruce Wilkinson H. Norman Wright

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Leith Anderson Henry Blackaby James P. Boyce James P. Boyce Mark I. Bubeck Ergun Caner Gary Chapman Mal Couch James Dobson John Elderedge Jerry Falwell J.M. Frost Norman Geisler Billy Graham R. Laird Harris William Hendriksen Herschel Hobbs Walter C. Kaiser B. R. Lakin H.C. Leupold Herbert Lockyer Josh McDowell Bruce M. Metzger Douglas Moo Leon Morris Watchman Nee Lloyd Ogilive Steve Parr A.W. Pink Jerry Rankin Darrell Robinson L. R. Scarborough Bailey Smith Charles Stanley Alexander Strauch Chuck Swindoll Elmer Towns Merrill F. Unger Rick Warren Warren W. Wiersbe Leon Woods Spiros Zodhiates

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

Arnold, Bill & Bryant E. Beyer. Encountering the Old Testament. Baker

Elwell, Walter A. & Robert W. Yarbrough. Encountering the New Testament. Baker

Gaebelein, Frank, gen. ed.. The Expositor's Bible Commentary. 12 vols. Zondervan

Tasker, R.V.G. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Multi-volumes. Eerdman

Walvoord, John. The Bible Knowledge Commentary of the Old Testament. Victor

Walvoord, John, & Roy Zuck. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary of the New Testament.* Victor

Weirsbe, Warren. The Be Series. Mult-vols. Victor

Wiseman, P.J. ed. Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. Multi-volumes. Eerdman

Theology Books

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

Chafer, Lewis. Systematic Theology. 8 vols. Zondervan

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

Elwell, Walter, ed.. Evangelical Dictionary of Theology. Baker

Erickson, Millard. Christian Theology. Eerdman

Harris, Laird R. Inspiration and Canonicity of the Bible. Zondervan

Graham, Billy. The Holy Spirit. Word

MacArthur, John. The Theological Word Book. Word

Martin, Frank S. Handbook of Denominations in the United States. Abingdon

Pentecost, J. Dwight. Things to Come. Zondervan

______, 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

Baker, Warren & Eugene Carpenter. *The Complete Word Study Dictionary Old Testament*. AMG Publishers

______, The Complete Word Study Old Testament. AMG Publishers

Brisco, Thomas. Holman Bible Atlas. Broad & Holman

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

Edersheim, Alfred. Sketches of Jewish Social Life. Eerdman

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

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

Henry, Carl F. gen. ed. Baker's Dictionary of Christian Ethics. Baker

Keener, Criag, ed. The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament. InterVarsity

McCarty, C. Barry. A Parliamentary Guide for Church Leaders. Broadman

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

Nave, Orville. Nave's Topical Bible. Hendrickson

Severance, W. Murray. *That's Easy for You to Say: Your Quick Guide to Pronouncing Bible Names*. Broadman & Holman (comes with interactive CD).

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

Walton, John H., Victor H. Matthews, & Mark W. Chavalas. *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament.* InterVarsity

Willmington, H.L. Willmington's Guide Through the Bible. Tyndale

Wilson, Neil S., & Linda K. Taylor. Tyndale Handbook of Bible Charts and Maps. Tyndale

Zodhiates, Spiros. The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament. AMG

_____. The Complete Word Study, New Testament. AMG

Ministry Books

Adam, Jay. The Christian Counselor's Manuel. Zondervan

Brunson, Mac & Ergun Caner. Why Churches Die: Diagnosing Lethal Poisons in the Body of Christ. Broadman

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

Collins, Gary. Christian Counseling. Moody

Gilley, Gary E. This Little Church Went to Market. Xulon Press

Hemphill, Ken, Bill Taylor. Ten Best Practices to Make Your Sunday School Work. Lifeway

Hobbs, J.R.. The Pastor's Manuel. Broadman

MacArthur, John. Rediscovering Pastoral Ministry. Word

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

Vines, Jerry & Jim Shaddix. Power in the Pulpit. Moody

Warren, Rick. Purpose Driven Church. Zondervan

Wells, David F. Above All Earthly Pow'rs. Eerdmans

White, J. Robert. Healthy Kingdom Churches. GBC

Wiersbe, Warren. Real Worship. Oliver Nelson

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. Eerdman

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

Baptist Faith & Message Explained: Studies from Southern Seminary Web site: www.sbts.edu/resourse/other/bfm.pdf

Baptist Press News. A free daily news service of the SBC. 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

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

New Orleans Seminary Journal of Theology. www.baptistcenter.com

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

SBC Life. Monthly magazine of the SBC. Free to ministers. Call 615-782-8668 Web site www.sbclife.org

SBC.Net. The Official Web site of the SBC. Web site: http://sbc.net

The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology. Magazine of Southern Seminary. www.sbts.edu/resources/sbjt.php

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

Free Bible Helps & Programs on Web

www.Crosswalk.com - Encyclopedias. Lexicons, sermon helps. Etc.

<u>www.e-sword.net</u> -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.

<u>www.soniclight.com</u>- 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

<u>www.abideinchrist.com</u> –Sermon Starters, Christian Old Testament and New Testament, Daily Devotions.

www.baptiststart.com - Apologetics

<u>www.biblebb.com</u> – 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

<u>www.thomasnelson.com</u> <u>www.zondervan.com</u>

Used and Out-of-Date Books

www.abebooks.com www.amazon.com/books

www.bakerbookretail.com www.bookFinder.com

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

Barnes, Albert. Barnes Notes on the Old and New Testament. Baker Book House

Calvin, John. Calvin's Commentaries. 22 vols. Hendrickson

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

Clendenen, Ray E., David S. Dockery, and Kenneth A. Mathew Ed. *The New American Commentary*. Broadman & Holman (NAC). Presently, there are thirty-three volumes.

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

MacArthur, John. New Testament Commentaries. Moody. (Multi-volume still being printed).

MacDonald, William. Believer's Bible Commentary. Thomas Nelson (BBC).

Pfeiffer, Charles F. Wycliffe Bible Commentary. Moody Press (WBC).

OLD TESTAMENT

One Volume Commentaries on the Old Testament

Unger, Merrill F. Unger's Commentary on the New Testament. Moody Press

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

Multi-volume Commentary Sets on the Old Testament

Hubbard, Robert L. ed. *The New International Commentary on the Old Testament.* (NICOT). Eerdmans

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.

Keil, C. F. and F. Delitzsh. Keil & Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament. Hendrickson

Wiseman, D. J. ed. *The Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries*. Eerdmans (TOTC). These commentaries are great for a low cost set of commentaries.

SINGLE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis

Davis, John. Paradise to Prison. Baker

Leupold, H.C. Exposition of Genesis. 2 vols. Baker

Morris Leon. The Genesis Record. Baker

Phillips, John. Exploring Genesis. Kregel

Pink, Arthur. Gleanings in Genesis. Moody

Exodus

Cole, R. Alan. Exodus: An Introduction and Commentary. InterVarsity

Davis, John. Moses and the Gods of Egypt. Baker

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

Ross, Allen P. Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus. Baker

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

Thompson, J.A. Deuteronomy: An Introduction and Commentary. TOTC. Eerdmans

Joshua-Judges-Ruth

Cundall, Arthur E. Judges and Ruth. TOTC. Inter-Varsity

Barber, Cyril J. Judges. Loizeaux Brothers

Barber, Cyril J. Ruth. Loizeaux Brothers

Hunter, John E. Judges in a Permissive Society. Zondervan

Pink, Arthur. Gleanings in Joshua. Moody

Wood, Leon. Distressing Days of the Judges. Zondervan

Samuel-Kings-Chronicles

Baldwin, J.G. 1 & 2 Samuel. TOTC. InterVarsity

Barber, J. Cyril The Books of Samuel. Loizeaux Brothers

Sailhamer, J. First and Second Chronicles. Moody Press

Wood, Leon. Israel's Monarchy. Baker

Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther

Barber, Cyril J. Nehemiah and the Dynamics of Effective Leadership. Loizeaux Brothers

Kidner, Derek. Ezra and Nehemiah. TOTC. Inter-Varsity

Whitcomb, John C. Jr. Esther: Triumph of God's Sovereignty. Moody

Williamson, H.G. Ezra and Nehemiah. WBC. Word

Job-Psalms-Proverbs

Alden, Robert L. Proverbs: A commentary on an Ancient Book of Timeless Advise. Word

Anderson, Frances I. Job: An Introduction and Commentary. TOTC. InterVarsity

Boice, James Montgomery. Psalms. 3 vols. Baker

Goldberg, Louise. The Practical Wisdom of Proverbs. Kregel

Leupold, H.C. Exposition of the Psalms. Baker

Perowne, J.J. Stewart. The Book of Psalms. 2 vols. Zondervan

Phillips, John. Exploring Psalms. Loizeaux Brothers

Phillips, John. *Exploring Proverbs*. Loizeaux Brothers

Spurgeon, Charles. Treasury of David. MacDonald

Young, Edward J. Proverbs. Eerdmans

Ecclesiastes- Song of Solomon

Carr, G. Lloyd. The Song of Solomon. TOTC. InterVarsity

Eaton, Michael A. Ecclesiastes. TOTC. InterVarsity

Glickman, S. Criag. Song for Lovers. TOTC. InterVarsity

Kaiser, Walter C. Ecclesiastes: Total Life. Moody

Leupold, H.C. Exposition of Ecclesiastes. Baker

Patterson, Paige. Song of Solomon. Moody Press

Phillips, John. Exploring Song of Solomon. Kregel

Isaiah- Jeremiah-Lamentations

Harrison, R.K. Jeremiah and Lamentations. TOTC. InterVarsity

Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. A Biblical Approach to Personal Suffering (Lamentations). Moody

Leupold, H.C. Exposition of Isaiah. Baker

Morgan, G. Campbell. The Prophecies of Isaiah. Revell

Motyer, J. Alec. *The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction and Commentary.* TOTC. Inter-Varsity

Young, E. J. The Book of Isaiah. 3 vols. Eerdmans

Ezekiel-Daniel

Boice, James Montgomery. Daniel. Baker

Feinburg, C.L. The Prophecy of Ezekiel. Moody

Walvoord, J.F. Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation. Moody

Wood, Leon. A Commentary on Daniel. Zondervan

Young, Edward J. The Prophecy of Daniel. Eerdmans

The Minor Prophets

Boice, James Montgomery. The Minor Prophets. 2 vols. Baker

Feinburg, C.L. The Minor Prophets. Moody

Morgan, G. Campbell. The Minor Prophets. Revell

Phillips, John. Exploring the Minor Prophets. Kregel

Hosea-Joel-Amos-Obadiah-Jonah-Micah

Draper, Jimmy. Jonah: Living in Rebellion. Tyndale

Kidner, Derek. The Message of Hosea: Love to the Loveless. InterVarsity

Morgan, G. Campbell. *Hosea: The Heart of God.* Revell

Price, W.K. The Prophet Joel and the Day of the Lord. Moody

Wolff, H.W. Joel and Amos. Fortress

Wood, Leon. "Hosea" in Expositor's Bible Commentary. Zondervan

Nahum-Habakkuk-Zephaniah

Bruce, F.F. "Habakkuk." In The Minor Prophets. Baker

Meier, Walter A. The Book of Nahum: A Commentary. Baker

Motyer, J. Alec. "Zephaniah" in The Minor Prophets. Baker

Robertson, O.P. The Books of Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah. Eerdmans

Haggai-Zechariah-Malachi

Baron, David. The Visions and Prophecies of Zechariah. Kregel

Feinburg, C.L. God Remembers. Multnomah

Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. Malachai: God's Unchanging Love. Baker

Leupold, H.C. Exposition of Zechariah. Baker

Unger, M.F. Zechariah: prophet of Messiah's Glory. Zondervan

OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE BOOKS

Introductions and Surveys

Archer, Gleason L., Jr. A Survey of Old Testament Introduction. Moody

Harrison, R.K., Introduction to the Old Testament . Eerdmans

Hendriksen, William. Old Testament Survey of the Bible. Baker Books

Hill, Andrew, and John Walton. A Survey of the Old Testament. Zondervan

Howard, David, M. An Introduction to the Old Testament. Moody

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