

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS BY CATEGORY

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Note: Further titles are added to this document on a regular basis.

Bibles

Bible Study

- Commentaries**
- New Testament**
- Old Testament**
- Bible Study Tools**

Biblical Languages & Translation

Christian Students

- Newly converted**
- All disciples**
- Mature believers**
- High School students**
- Campus Leaders**

Church History and Doctrine

- Early Christianity**
- Protestantism**
- Restoration Movement**

Counseling & Psychology

Evidences

- Creation & Evolution**
- Debate Series**
- Helpful Websites for Christian Evidences**

Leadership / Church Building

Marriage, Parenting, Family, Dating & Singleness, Blended Families

- Websites for Parents and Teachers**

Preaching & Teaching

Publishing a Book

Religion and Culture in the Broader Biblical World

Spiritual Life

- Evangelism**
- Wealth, Possessions, & Poverty**

Theology

- Baptism**
- Holy Spirit / Miracles**
- Pacifism / Non-resistance**

World Religions / Worldviews

Worship

Miscellaneous

Other Materials

- Audio Series**
- DVDs**
- USB Drives**

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Newly converted

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The Lion Never Sleeps: Preparing Those You Love for Satan's Attacks, by Mike Taliaferro

A Quick Overview of the Bible: How All the Pieces Fit Together, by Douglas Jacoby

For all disciples

Caring Beyond the Margins: What Every Christian Needs to Know About Homosexuality, by Guy Hammond

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Will the Real Heretics Please Stand Up: A New Look at Today's Evangelical Church in the Light of Early Christianity, by David W. Bercot

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For mature believers

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