



Reading List

Downtown Cornerstone Resources
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Disclaimer: Read critically. While we do not necessarily fully endorse everything in every book listed here, every book listed has something to offer. What follows is not exhaustive, but my hope is that these books serve as tools in cultivating us as a God-saturated, Gospel-centered, and Christ-exalting people. Enjoy. - Pastor Adam

On Reading

How to Read a Book, Mortimer Adler
How to Read Slowly, James Sire
The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction, Alan Jacobs

On the Mind

Love Your God with All Your Mind, JP Moreland
No Place for Truth, David Wells
Habits of the Mind, James Sire
Think, John Piper
Pastor as Scholar; Scholar as Pastor, Piper & Carson
Your Mind Matters, John Stott
Scandal of the Evangelical Mind, Mark Noll

Christian Classics

Confessions, Augustine
City of God, Augustine
On the Trinity, Augustine
Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan
Institutes of the Christian Religion, John Calvin
The Weight of Glory, CS Lewis
Mere Christianity, CS Lewis
Religious Affections, Jonathan Edwards
Foxes Book of Martyrs

Early Church (100-451)

On the Incarnation, Athanasius
Heresies, Harold Brown

Middle Ages (1050-1500)

Summa of the Summa: The Essential Philosophical Passages of St Thomas Aquinas Summa Theologica Edited and Explained for Beginners, Peter Kreeft
Angels in the Architecture, Douglas Jones

Reformation (1500-1750)

Lectures on Galatians, Martin Luther
Commentary on Romans, Martin Luther
The Bondage of the Will, Martin Luther
What is Reformed Theology? RC Sproul
Christianity for Modern Pagans, Peter Kreeft

On the Puritans

Worldly Saints, Leland Ryken
A Quest for Godliness, JI Packer
The Puritans, Martyn Lloyd-Jones
Valley of Vision, ed. Arthur Bennet

18th Century

Freedom of the Will, Jonathan Edwards
Mortification of Sin, John Owen
Edifying Discourses, Soren Kierkegaard

Church History

Christian Theology and Introduction, Alister McGrath
Church History in Plain Language, Bruce Shelley
How the Irish Saved Civilization, Thomas Cahill

Biography

Calvin, Bruce Gordon
Through the Gates of Splendor, Elisabeth Elliot
The Hiding Place, Corrie Ten Boom
Luther's Theology of the Cross, Alister McGrath
Legacy of Sovereign Joy, John Piper
Roots of Endurance, John Piper
Jonathan Edwards, Andrew Murray
George Whitefield, Andrew Dallimore (2 volumes)
Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Iain Murray (2 volumes)
Francis Schaeffer, Colin Duriez
Memoirs of an Ordinary Pastor, DA Carson
Life of St Patrick and His Place in History, John Bury
Revival & Revivalism, Iain Murray
The Forgotten Spurgeon, Iain Murray
A Chance to Die: Amy Carmichael, Elisabeth Elliot

Scripture & Hermeneutics

The Canon of Scripture, FF Bruce
The Origin of the Bible, ed. Philip Comfort
Getting the Message, Daniel Doriani
Is There Meaning in the Text, Kevin Vanhoozer
Exegetical Fallacies, DA Carson
NT Documents: Are They Reliable? FF Bruce
Grasping God's Word, Duvall & Hays
Knowing Scripture, RC Sproul

Biblical Theology

Biblical Theology, by Geerhardus Vos
God's Big Picture, Vaughn Roberts

Historical Theology

Historical Theology, Gregg Allison
Historical Theology: An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought, Alister McGrath

Systematic Theology

Systematic Theology, Wayne Grudem
Systematic Theology, Berkhof

On the Trinity

Father, Son & Holy Spirit, Bruce Ware
Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective, Sanders & Issler
The Forgotten Trinity, James White

On Christ

The Person of Christ, Donald MacLeod
The Glory of Christ, John Owen
King's Cross, Tim Keller
Love Walked Among Us, Paul Miller
The Challenge of Jesus, NT Wright

On God's Sovereignty

The Sovereignty of God, AW Pink
Still Sovereign, Schreiner & Ware
Chosen by God, Sproul
Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, JI Packer

Attributes of God

The Doctrine of God, Bavinck
Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God, Carson
Existence and Attributes of God, Stephen Charnock
Knowing God, JI Packer
The Holiness of God, RC Sproul
The Doctrine of God, John Frame
The Attributes of God, Pink

On the Gospel

The Cross of Christ, John Stott
What is the Gospel? Greg Gilbert
The Great Exchange, Jerry Bridges
Prodigal God, Tim Keller
Counterfeit Gods, Tim Keller
Putting Amazing Back into Grace, Horton
Redemption: Accomplished and Applied, Murray
Death of Death in the Death of Christ, John Owen
The Gospel-Driven Life, Michael Horton

On the Church

What is a Healthy Church? Mark Dever
The Living Church, John Stott
Total Church, Timmis & Chester
The Church and the Surprising Offense of God's Love, Jonathan Leeman
Letters to a Diminished Church, Dorothy Sayers

Outgrowing the Ingrown Church, John Miller
Deep Church, Jim Belcher
The Trellis and the Vine, Marshall & Payne
Why Men Hate Going to Church, Murrow
Why We Love the Church, DeYoung & Kluck

Missiology

The Gospel in a Pluralist Society, Leslie Newbigin
The Open Secret, Leslie Newbigin
Church Between Gospel and Culture, Hunsberger
The Celtic Way of Evangelism, George Hunter
Let the Nations Be Glad, John Piper
The Tangible Kingdom, Hugh Halter & Matt Smay

Culture

All God's Children and Blue Suede Shoes, Ken Myers
Where in the World is the Church?, Michael Horton
How Should We Then Live, Francis Schaeffer
Amusing Ourselves to Death, Neil Postman
Culture Making, Andy Crouch
To Change the World, James Davison Hunter

Apologetics

The Reason for God, Tim Keller
The God Who is There, Francis Schaeffer
Apologetics to the Glory of God, John Frame
Proper Confidence, Leslie Newbigin
Scaling the Secular City, JP Moreland
Mere Christianity, CS Lewis
Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics
Reasonable Faith, William Lane Craig
Can Man Live Without God? Ravi Zacharias

Spiritual Growth & Counseling

You Can Change, Tim Chester
Living the Cross Centered Life, CJ Mahaney
Battling Unbelief, John Piper
The Enemy Within, Kris Lundgaard
Sin and Temptation, John Owen
Tempted & Tried, Russell Moore
Humility, CJ Mahaney
Holiness, RC Ryle
The Sermon on the Mount, Martyn Lloyd-Jones
Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave, Ed Welch
When People are Big and God is Small, Ed Welch
Respectable Sins, Jerry Bridges
We Become What We Worship, Beale
Dynamics of Spiritual Life, Richard Lovelace
When the Darkness Will Not Lift, John Piper
Spiritual Depression, Martyn Lloyd-Jones
A Christian Directory, Richard Baxter
Redemption, Mike Wilkerson
Rid of My Disgrace, Holcomb

Spiritual Disciplines

Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster
Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, Whitney
10 Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health, “
The Divine Conspiracy, Dallas Willard
Spirit of the Disciplines, Dallas Willard
Disciplines of a Godly Man, Kent Hughes

Prayer & Fasting

A Praying Life, Paul Miller
A Simple Way to Pray, Martin Luther
Hunger for God, John Piper

Devotional

Morning & Evening, Charles Spurgeon
For the Love of God (2 volumes), DA Carson
Godward Life (2 volumes), John Piper
The Pleasures of God, John Piper
Pursuit of Holiness, AW Tozer
The Imitation of Christ, Thomas A'Kempis
Practicing the Presence of God, Brother Lawrence
The Dark Night of the Soul, St John of the Cross
Three Philosophies of Life, Peter Kreeft

Christian Life

Desiring God, John Piper
Future Grace, John Piper
Orthodoxy, GK Chesterton
The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
When I Don't Desire God, John Piper
Don't Waste Your Life, John Piper
Pleasures Evermore, Sam Storms
A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, Peterson
The Busy Christians Guide, Tim Chester
Christian in Complete Armour, William Gurnall
Surprised by Hope, NT Wright
Simply Human, NT Wright

Marriage & Gender

Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God, CJ Mahaney
Love the Lasts, Gary & Betsy Ricucci
God, Family & Marriage, Andreas Kostenberger
This Momentary Marriage, John Piper
Fidelity, Douglas Wilson (Men)
Intimate Issues, Linda Dillow (Women)
Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood,
Wayne Grudem and John Piper

Parenting & Family

Give them Grace, Elyse Fitzpatrick
Shepherding a Child's Heart, Ted Tripp
Future Men, Douglas Wilson
The Fruit of Her Hands (Women)
Training Hearts, Teaching Minds, Meade

Women's Spirituality

Feminine Appeal, Carolyn Mahaney
Fearless Feminine, Jani Ortlund
Becoming a Titus 2 Woman, Martha Peace
Praise Her in the Gates, Douglas Wilson
Practical Theology for Women, Wendy Alsup

The Pastorate and Pastoral Care

The Reformed Pastor, Richard Baxter
Brothers, We Are Not Professionals, John Piper
The Cross and Christian Ministry, DA Carson
The Shepherd Leader, Timothy Witmer
Biblical Eldership, Alexander Strauch
The Contemplative Pastor, Eugene Peterson
Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Work, Peterson
Pastoral Counseling, John McAuthor
Rediscovering Pastoral Ministry, John McAuthor

Preaching

Supremacy of God in Preaching, John Piper
Preaching and Preachers, Martyn Lloyd-Jones
Christ Centered Preaching, Bryan Chapell
Between Two Worlds, John Stott
Lectures to My Students, Charles Spurgeon
Preaching Christ from the Old Testament, Greidanus
Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture,
Goldsworthy
Preaching Christ in All of Scripture, Ed Clowney

Leadership

Making of a Leader, Bobby Clinton
Leaders that Last, Dave Kraft
Spiritual Leadership, J. Oswald Sanders.

Worship

Worship Matters, Bob Kauflin
Unceasing Worship, Harold Best
Christ-Centered Worship, Bryan Chapell
Worship by the Book, ed. DA Carson

Church Planting

Church Planter, Darren Patrick
Planting Missional Churches, Ed Stetzer
First Steps, Gary Rohrmeyer
Discovering Church Planting, JR Payne
Beyond Church Planting, Logan & Cole
Redeemer Church Planting Manual
GCA Church Planting Manual

On the City

A Theology as Big as a the City, Ray Bakke
The City, Joel Kotkin
Journey to the Center of the City, Randy White
The Urban Christian, Ray Bakke

Mercy & Justice

Generous Justice, Tim Keller

Ministries of Mercy, Tim Keller

Justice, Mercy and Humility, ed. Tim Chester

On Literature

Great Books of the Christian Tradition, Terry Glaspey

Invitation to the Classics, Louise Cowan

The Classics in Christian Perspective, Leland Ryken

On the Arts

State of the Arts, Gene Veith

Reviewing the Movies, Fraser & Neal

Art and the Bible, Francis Schaeffer

Thinking Christianly About the Arts, Leland Ryken

The Practice of Faith in Literature and Writing, Ryken

"Every age has its own outlook. It is specially good at seeing certain truths and specially liable to make certain mistakes. We all, therefore, need the books that will correct the characteristic mistakes of our own period. And that means the old books."

- CS Lewis, *Introduction to On the Incarnation*, Athanasius.