

Other Resources

***The Good Book: 40 Chapters that Reveal the Bible's Biggest Ideas*, by Deron Spoo**

A user-friendly guide to the Bible's biggest ideas. This book is a forty-day journey through 40 key chapters of the Bible. A chapter from the Bible accompanies each chapter of the book, helping readers understand the context and content of the Scripture passages in a way that can open the whole Bible. It's useful for both those who already read the Bible regularly as well as to those who are just beginning their Christian journey. This book helps Christians rediscover the basic themes of Scripture and experience these truths in a new way. It encourages Scriptural literacy as it pushes readers to read both one chapter of the book and one chapter of the Bible each day for forty days.

***NIV Study Bible*, by Zondervan**

Dive into a deeper study of God's Word with the comprehensive NIV Study Bible. Maps, charts, and illustrations that bring the stories of the Bible to life. The in-depth notes are coded to highlight items of special interest in the areas of character study, archaeology, and personal application. This NIV Study Bible answers pressing questions about God's Word and how it connects to your life today. It contains over 20,000 study notes and has introductions with outlines for each book of the Bible.

***Kill the Spider: Getting Rid of What's Really Holding You Back*, by Carlos Whittaker**

Are you tired of trying to live for Christ - only to fail time and time again with the same old behaviors? Do you pray for guidance, ask for deliverance, and vow to do better yet fail to progress? As an author, speaker, pastor, and blogger at *Ragamuffin Soul*, Carlos has lived much of his spiritual life in the spotlight. But like any Christian, his faith story has its ups and downs. He spent decades trying to figure out how to be a "better person." Time and time again, he strived for holiness only to get caught in the web of destructive habits, behaviors, and thought patterns. In *Kill the Spider*, Carlos shares personal material ranging from hilarious, self-deprecating stories to passion-filled wisdom - to show others it's not enough to try to "stop sinning". He teaches that knocking out deep-rooted habits and issues comes by treating the issue, not just the symptoms.

***Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life*, by John Townsend & Henry Cloud, et al.**

Does your life feel like it's out of control? Perhaps you feel like you have to say yes to everyone's requests. Maybe you find yourself readily taking responsibility for others' feelings and problems. Or perhaps you focus so much on being loving and unselfish that you've forgotten your own limits and limitations. Learn to set healthy, biblical boundaries with your spouse, children, friends, parents, co-workers, and even yourself. You don't have to let your life spiral out of control. Discover how boundaries make life better today!

***Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the Seven Greatest Challenges That No One Expects and Experiences*, by Carey Nieuwhof**

Pastor & podcaster Carey Nieuwhof wants to help you avoid and overcome life's seven hardest and most crippling challenges: cynicism, compromise, disconnectedness, irrelevance, pride, burnout, and emptiness. If you have yet to confront these obstacles, Carey provides clear tools and guidelines for anticipation and avoidance. On the other hand, if you already feel stuck in a painful experience or are wrestling with one of these challenges, he provides the steps you need to find a way out and a way forward into a more powerful and vibrant future.

***Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*, by Timothy Keller**

Pastor Timothy Keller of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers, he offers a solid platform on which to stand their ground against the backlash to religion created by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics, he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.

Your Life...Well Spent: The Eternal Rewards of Investing Yourself and Your Money in Your Family, by Russ Crosson

When most Christians think about money, they think about what money can do for them now, *here* in this life, but attitudes about money have an eternal aspect. Russ Crosson, investment advisor and CEO of Ronald Blue & Co., shows readers how to manage money with eternity in view. They'll learn the difference between prosperity—the accumulation of goods on this earth, and posterity—the heritage left to the generations that follow. Readers will discover a new way of thinking about money, about their life's work—and about how to get a higher return on life itself.

The Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God, by Brent Curtis and John Eldredge

Guiding readers from a busy, self-indulgent religion to a deeper relationship with God, the authors examine a wide range of obstacles on a pilgrimage of faith and explain how to overcome such challenges to find new intimacy, beauty, and love with God. Authors Brent Curtis and John Eldredge put words to long-forgotten feelings. They voice our unspoken fears about God's goodness and our own emptiness. Without being preachy or cliché, the authors offer a glimpse of God's heart that is tender, risky, and compelling. If you long for something more, then open this profound book.

Healing Is a Choice: 10 Decisions That Will Transform Your Life and 10 Lies That Can Prevent You From Making Them, by Stephen Arterburn

Do you want to get well? You also must choose to let the hurt go and let the healing begin. Everyone, at some level, needs healing. You may have prayed for healing many times, for many years. Perhaps you have lived with your brokenness so long that you have become accustomed to it. Maybe you wonder just when God is going to take all the hurt away. *Healing Is a Choice* outlines ten choices crucial to receiving healing. Embracing these choices means rejecting the lies we often tell ourselves. He can—and will—walk with you. But you must put one foot in front of the other and choose to let the hurt go and let the healing begin.