

## A Resource List for Biblical Studies

We live in a day of information saturation and this is certainly true when it comes to Christian publications. Although we certainly want our people to be a “reading people,” we want them to read with discernment.

This list is not intended to be a comprehensive list of every book worth reading. There are certainly good books that are not on this list. However, this listing is intended to be comprehensive and thorough while not being overwhelming.

We are truly blessed to have so many helpful resources available to us. None of us can afford to buy everything, but as you are able to purchase something we hope this list will assist you in your stewardship.

If you find something and are uncertain of its quality or value and you do not see it on this list, please feel free to ask.

You can always find the most up-to-date version of this list @ [www.digitalexegesis.com/Gospel-LifeRBC\Suggested\\_Book\\_List.pdf](http://www.digitalexegesis.com/Gospel-LifeRBC\Suggested_Book_List.pdf)

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General Category*	Specific Category	Title**	Author(s)
Bible Backgrounds	Old Testament	<i>Encountering the Old Testament</i>	Arnold & Beyer
		<b><i>The IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament</i></b> ***	Matthews, Walton, & Chavalas
	New Testament	<i>Encountering the New Testament</i>	Elwell & Yarbrough
		<b><i>The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament</i></b> ***	Keener
Bible Dictionaries		<b><i>Dictionary of Biblical Imagery</i></b> ***	Ryken, Reid, Penney, Duriez, Longman, & Wilhoit
		<i>IVP's Pocket Dictionaries</i> *** ( <i>History of Theology, Theological Terms, For the Study of New Testament Greek, Biblical Studies, For the Study of Biblical Hebrew, History of the Church, New Religious Movements, North American Denominations, &amp; Ethics</i> )	Various authors
General Introductions	Old Testament	<i>An Introduction to the Old Testament</i>	Dillard & Longman
		<i>Promises Made: The Message of the Old Testament</i>	Dever – This is a series of sermons through the New Testament. One per book, one for the entire OT, and one for the entire Bible!
	New Testament	<i>An Introduction to the New Testament</i>	Carson, Moo, & Morris
		<i>The Message of the New Testament</i>	Dever – This is a series of sermons through the New Testament. One per book and one for the entire NT.
Theology			

\* The resources listed here are primarily of a general level, with a few exceptions. You can always find entire books that focus in on one theological issue, or one book of the Bible (a commentary). To list items like that would make this list too large to be really helpful. Please feel free to ask if you have a need for a more specialized resource.

\*\* For those categories with more than one item of similar use, the title(s) in bold is the preferred option.

\*\*\* These items are also included in *The Essential IVP Reference Collection CD-ROM*. If you are planning to purchase three or more items marked with an \*\*\* it would be better to purchase the CD-ROM, so long as you are comfortable with using computer resources vs. printed books.

		<b>Institutes of the Christian Religion</b>	John Calvin
		<b>Systematic Theology</b>	Wayne Grudem
		<i>A Body of Divinity</i>	Watson
		<i>Systematic Theology (3 Vols.)</i>	Charles Hodge
		<i>The Story of Christian Theology</i>	Olson
		<i>Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God</i>	Packer
		<i>Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility</i>	Carson
		<i>A Biblical Theology of the Doctrines of Sovereign Grace</i>	Zemek
		<i>The Five Point of Calvinism</i>	Steele, Thomas, & Quinn
		<i>The Doctrines of Grace</i>	Boice/Ryken
		<i>The Bible in Translation</i>	Metzger
		<i>The Canon of Scripture</i>	F.F. Bruce
		<i>Post Reformation Reformed Dogmatics (4 Vols. expensive)</i>	Muller
		<i>Zondervan's Counterpoints Series (volumes on: Apologetics, Law and the Gospel, Sanctification, Eternal Security, Hell, Salvation, Creation and Evolution, The Millennium, The Rapture, etc.)</i>	Each volume has multiple authors from differing theological views offering their view of the issue and interacting with all the other views offered.
<b>Hermeneutics (Bible Study Methods)</b>			
		<b>Living by the Book</b>	Hendricks
		<i>How to Interpret the Bible For Yourself</i>	Mayhue
		<i>Methodical Bible Study</i>	Traina
		<i>Basic Biblical Interpretation</i>	Zuck
		<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>	Tate
		<i>Reading the Bible with Heart &amp; Mind</i>	Longman
		<i>Principles of Biblical Interpretation</i>	Berkhof
<b>Church History</b>			
		<b>The History of Christianity</b>	Gonzalez
		<i>IVP's A History of Evangelicalism</i>	Projected to be five volumes, only three completed at this time. <i>The Rise of Evangelicalism</i> by Mark Noll, <i>The Dominance of Evangelicalism</i> by David Bebbington, <i>The Expansion of Evangelicalism</i> by John Wolffe
<b>Church</b>			
		<i>Nine Marks of a Healthy Church</i>	Dever
		<b>The Deliberate Church</b>	Dever
		<i>Elders in Congregational Life</i>	Newton
		<i>Eldership</i>	Strauch
		<i>The New Testament Deacon</i>	Strauch
		<i>Dear Timothy Letters on Pastoral Ministry</i>	Ascol
		<b>Life in the Father's House</b>	Mack
		<i>To Be or not to Be a Church Member</i>	Mack
<b>Philosophy/Apologetics/Worldview</b>			
		<i>Total Truth</i>	Pearcey
		<i>(Re)Thinking Worlview</i>	Betrand
		<i>Renewing Minds</i>	Dockery
		<i>The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment</i>	Challies
		<i>Culture Shift</i>	Mohler
		<i>Unapologetic Apologetics</i>	Dembski
		<i>To Everyone an Answer</i>	Beckwith, Craig, & Moreland
		<i>Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview</i>	Moreland & Craig
		<i>Introduction to Philosophy A</i>	Geisler & Feinberg

		<i>Christian Perspective</i> <b>101 Key Terms in Philosophy and Their Importance for Theology</b>	Clark, Lints, & Smith
Current "Church Trends"		<i>Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church</i> <i>Fool's Gold</i> <i>The Word of God in English</i> <i>The Truth War</i>	Carson MacArthur Ryken MacArthur
Hebrew Language		<b><i>Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS) – The Hebrew Bible</i></b> <b><i>Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar</i></b> <i>Beginning Hebrew</i> <i>An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax</i> <i>A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar</i> <i>The Interlinear Bible: Hebrew-Greek-English (Hendrickson, 2005)</i> <b><i>A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i></b>	German Bible Society Pratico & Van Pelt Futato Waltke & O'Connor van der Merwe, Naude, & Kroeze Jay P. Green Holladay
Greek Language		<b><i>The Greek New Testament (GNT) – UBS 4<sup>th</sup> Edition</i></b> <i>A Reader's Greek New Testament</i> <i>Greek for the Rest of Us</i> <b><i>Basics of Biblical Greek</i></b> <i>Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics</i> <i>The Interlinear Bible: Hebrew-Greek-English (Hendrickson, 2005)</i> <b><i>Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament</i></b>	German Bible Society Zondervan Mounce Mounce Wallace Jay P. Green Gingrich & Danker
Christian Living	Men	<i>Point Man</i> <i>Disciplines of a Godly Man</i> <i>Godly Man's Picture</i> <i>The Complete Husband</i>	Steve Farrar Hughes Watson Priolo
	Woman	<i>Heaven at Home</i> <i>Feminine Appeal</i> <i>Girl Talk</i> <i>Shopping for Time</i> <i>Creative Counterpart</i> <i>A Woman After God's Own Heart</i> <i>The Excellent Wife</i> <i>Attitudes of a Transformed Heart</i> <i>Damsels in Distress</i> <i>Lies Women Believe: And the Truth that Sets Them Free</i> <i>Women Helping Women</i>	Plowman Mahaney Mahaney Mahaney Dillow George Peace Peace Peace DeMoss Fitzpatrick
	Marriage	<b><i>When Sinners Say "I Do"</i></b> <i>Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God</i> <i>Strengthening Your Marriage</i> <i>Intended for Pleasure</i> <i>Love Life</i>	Harvey Mahaney Mack Wheat Wheat

		<i>First Years of Forever</i>	Wheat
		<i>Different By Design</i>	MacArthur
		<i>Preparing for Marriage God's Way</i>	Mack
		<i>The Sweetheart Book</i>	Mack
		<i>Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood</i>	Grudem
	Family/Parenting		
		<i>Your Family God's Way</i>	Mack
		<i>Christian Living in the Home</i>	Adams
		<i>Proverbs for Parenting</i>	Decker
		<i>The Heart of Anger</i>	Priolo
		<i>Teach Them Diligently</i>	Priolo
		<i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i>	Tripp
		<i>Withhold Not Correction</i>	Bruce
		<i>Conduct for the Crayon Crowd</i>	Gerstner
		<i>Age of Opportunity</i>	Tripp
		<i>The Fulfilled Family</i>	MacArthur
		<i>Everyday Talk</i>	Younts
		<i>Teaching Truths, Training Hearts</i>	Nettles
		<i>Character Matters</i>	Yates
		<i>Building a Home Full of Grace</i>	Yates
		<i>Growing Strong Daughters</i>	McMinn
	Children/Teens		
		<i>God's Wisdom for Little Girls</i>	George
		<i>God's Wisdom for Little Boys</i>	George
		<i>God Loves His Precious Children</i>	George
		<i>A Young Woman After God's Own Heart</i>	George
		<i>The Princess and the Kiss</i>	Bishop
		<i>The Squire and the Scroll</i>	Bishop
		<i>Heroes of the Early Church</i>	Newton
		<i>Heroes of the Reformation</i>	Newton
		<i>The Child at Home</i>	Abbott
		<i>Thoughts for Young Men</i>	Ryle
		<i>Young Lady's Guide</i>	Newcomb
		<i>People of the Bible</i> (coloring books)	DayOne Publications
		<i>Animals of the Bible</i> (coloring books)	DayOne Publications
		<i>Places of the Bible</i> (coloring books)	DayOne Publications
		<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i>	C.S. Lewis
	General		
		<i>From Forgiven to Forgiving</i>	Adams
		<i>How to Overcome Evil</i>	Adams
		<i>The War Within</i>	Adams
		<i>The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love, Self-Image</i>	Adams
		<i>In the Arena of the Mind</i>	Vandergriff
		<i>Trusting God</i>	Bridges
		<i>The Twin Pillars of the Christian Life</i>	Mack
		<i>The Fear Factor</i>	Mack
		<i>God's Solutions to Life's Problems</i>	Mack
		<i>A Christian Growth and Discipleship Manual</i>	Mack
		<i>Humility</i>	Mack
		<i>Reaching the Ear of God</i>	Mack
		<i>Anger and Stress Management</i>	Mack
		<i>God's Way</i>	Mack
		<i>Out of the Blues</i>	Mack
		<i>Found: God's Will</i>	MacArthur
		<i>Humility</i>	Mahaney
		<i>Living the Cross Centered Life</i>	Mahaney
		<i>When People Are Big and God is Small</i>	Welch
		<i>Knowing God</i>	Packer

		<i>War of Words</i>	Tripp
		<i>Lost in the Middle</i>	Tripp
		<i>Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands</i>	Tripp
		<i>Speaking Truth in Love</i>	Powlison
		<i>Seeing with New Eyes</i>	Powlison
		<i>From Grief to Glory</i>	Bruce
		<i>A Grief Sanctified</i>	Packer
		<i>Sex and the Supremacy of Christ</i>	Piper
<b>Older Authors</b>			
		<i>A Pilgrims Progress</i>	Bunyan
		<i>Anything by J.C. Ryle</i>	
		<i>Anything by Richard Baxter</i>	
		<i>Anything by C.H. Spurgeon</i>	
		<i>Anything by Jonathan Edwards</i>	
<b>Counseling</b>			
		<i>Competent to Counsel</i>	Adams
		<i>The Christian Counselor's Manual</i>	Adams
		<i>Ready to Restore</i>	Adams
		<i>How to Help People Change</i>	Adams
		<i>A Theology of Christian Counseling</i>	Adams
		<i>A Christian Counselor's Casebook</i>	Adams
		<i>Essays on Counseling</i>	Adams
		<i>Critical Strategies of Biblical Counseling</i>	Adams
		<i>The Practical Encyclopedia of Christian Counseling</i>	Adams
		<i>The Christian Counselor's Medical Desk Reference</i>	Smith
		<i>An Introduction to Biblical Counseling</i>	MacArthur & Mack
		<i>A Homework Manual for Biblical Living (2 vols.)</i>	Mack
		<i>Quick Scripture Reference for Counseling</i>	Kruis
		<i>Blame it on the Brain</i>	Welch
		<i>Depression</i>	Welch
		<i>Why Christian's Can't Trust Psychology</i>	Bulkley
<b>Study Bibles</b>			
		<i>The MacArthur Study Bible</i>	
		<i>The Reformation Study Bible</i>	
		<i>The NET Bible</i>	
		<i>The Nelson Study Bible</i>	
		<i>The Literary Study Bible</i>	
<b>Software Programs</b>			
		<i>E-Sword</i>	Free from <a href="http://www.e-sword.net">www.e-sword.net</a>
		<i>BibleWorks</i>	<a href="http://www.bibleworks.com">www.bibleworks.com</a>
		<i>The Journal of Biblical Counseling</i>	<a href="http://www.ccef.org">www.ccef.org</a>
		<i>Christian Classics Ethereal Library</i>	<a href="http://www.ccel.org">www.ccel.org</a>
		<i>Theological Journal Library (Logos/Libronix Module – <a href="http://www.logos.com">www.logos.com</a>)</i>	<a href="http://www.galaxie.com">www.galaxie.com</a>
		<i>New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis</i>	<a href="http://www.zondervan.com">www.zondervan.com</a>
		<i>New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology</i>	<a href="http://www.zondervan.com">www.zondervan.com</a>
		<i>The Essential IVP Reference Collection (Logos/Libronix Module – <a href="http://www.logos.com">www.logos.com</a>)</i>	<a href="http://www.ivpress.com">www.ivpress.com</a>
		<i>Mastering New Testament Greek CD-ROM: An Interactive Guide for Beginners</i>	<a href="http://www.bakeracademic.com">Baker Academic</a>
		<i>Hebrew Tutor CD-ROM</i>	<a href="http://www.parsonstechnology.com">Parsons Technology</a>

“When I get a little money I buy books; and if any is left I buy food and clothes.” – Erasmus