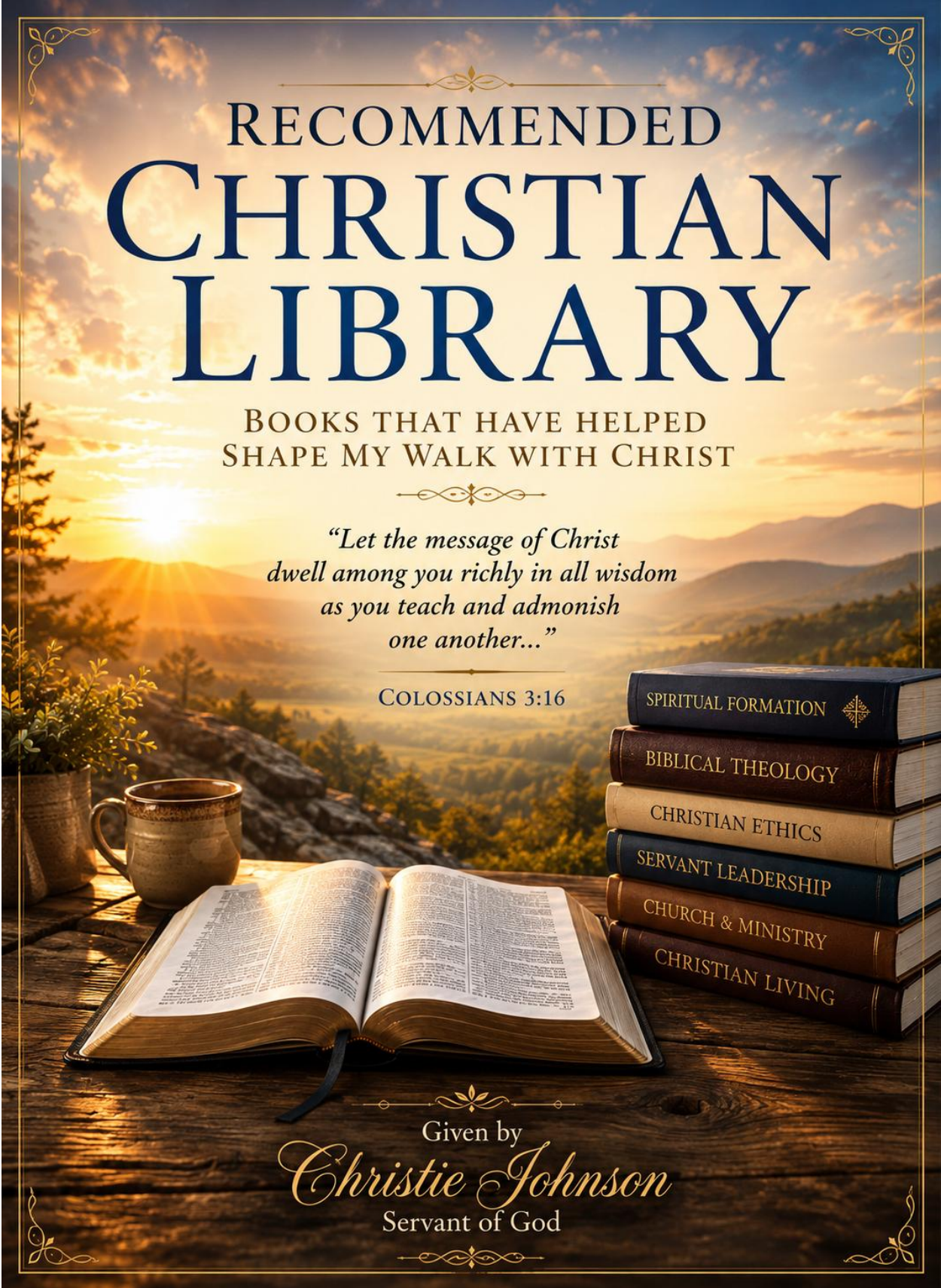




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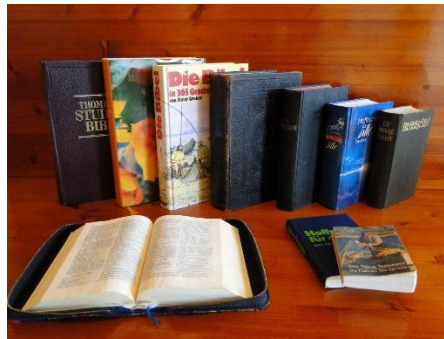
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## Introduction

The Bible is, and always will be, my highest authority for faith, doctrine, and daily living. Every book listed in this resource is offered as a supplemental aid to help believers grow in their understanding of God's Word, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and mature in their walk of faith. No human author is without limitations, so every teaching should always be carefully examined in light of Scripture (*Acts 17:11*).

Throughout my years of ministry preparation, biblical study, and doctoral education, God has used many faithful Christian authors, pastors, theologians, and teachers to strengthen my understanding of His Word and to challenge me toward greater spiritual maturity. While I may not agree with every conclusion found in every resource, each of these books has contributed valuable insight into areas such as biblical theology,



spiritual formation, discipleship, servant leadership, Christian ethics, ministry, and Christian living.

My prayer is that this recommended library will encourage you to become a lifelong student of God's Word. Read prayerfully, think biblically, test everything against Scripture, and allow the Holy Spirit to shape your heart as you continue growing into the likeness of Jesus Christ. May these resources encourage, equip, and strengthen you as you faithfully follow Him.

The following books are organized by subject to help you find resources that best meet your current area of study or spiritual growth.

**Note:** Inclusion in this library does not imply complete agreement with every statement or theological position presented by each author. These books are recommended because they offer valuable biblical insight and have contributed to my own study and spiritual growth. As with all Christian literature, I encourage readers to compare every teaching with the authority of God's Word (*Acts 17:11*).



## **Biblical Theology & Doctrine**

### **Invitation to a Journey — M. Robert Mulholland Jr.**

A foundational guide to spiritual formation that explains how God transforms believers into the image of Christ through lifelong surrender.

### **Renovation of the Heart — Dallas Willard**

Shows how God transforms every part of life—mind, emotions, will, body, relationships, and soul.

### **Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places — Eugene Peterson**

Explores spiritual theology and demonstrates how Christ is present throughout every area of everyday life.

### **Eat This Book — Eugene Peterson**

Encourages Christians to move beyond simply reading Scripture toward truly living and being shaped by God's Word.

### **The Cost of Discipleship — Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

A powerful call to wholehearted obedience to Jesus Christ and authentic discipleship.

**Following Jesus — N. T. Wright**

Provides practical biblical reflections on what it means to faithfully follow Christ today.

**Spirituality of the Psalms — Walter Brueggemann**

Examines how the Psalms shape worship, prayer, suffering, and spiritual growth.

**Theology of the Old Testament — Walter Brueggemann**

An in-depth study of God's covenant relationship with His people throughout the Old Testament.

**The Lost World of Genesis One — John Walton**

Explores Genesis 1 within its ancient Near Eastern context while affirming biblical authority.

**The Doctrine of the Bible — David Dockery**

Introduces the inspiration, authority, and reliability of Scripture.



## **Spiritual Formation**

**Celebration of Discipline — Richard Foster**

Introduces the classic spiritual disciplines that cultivate deeper intimacy with God.

**Desiring the Kingdom — James K. A. Smith**

Shows how worship shapes our hearts, desires, and worldview far more than information alone.

**Becoming the Gospel — Michael Gorman**

Explains Paul's vision of believers participating in Christ's life and mission.

**Inhabiting the Cruciform God — Michael Gorman**

Explores Paul's theology of self-sacrifice, humility, and transformation through Christ.

**The Kingdom Life — Dallas Willard (Editor)**

A collection of essays on discipleship, spiritual formation, and living under God's Kingdom.

**Foundations of Spiritual Formation — Paul Pettit (Editor)**

Examines spiritual formation from biblical, theological, and practical perspectives.



## **Christian Ethics**

### **Christian Ethics: Living a Life That Is Pleasing to God — Wayne Grudem**

A comprehensive biblical guide for applying Scripture to modern ethical questions.

### **Introducing Christian Ethics — David Gushee**

Provides an accessible overview of Christian moral reasoning and faithful discipleship.

### **Christian Ethics for a Digital Society — Keith Ott**

Explores how biblical ethics apply within today's technology-driven culture.

### **Christian Ethics: A New Covenant Model — H. J. Lee**

Examines ethics through the lens of the New Covenant established by Christ.

### **Christian Ethics: A Short Companion — Gilbert Meilaender & Craig Mitchell**

A concise introduction to major themes within Christian ethics.

### **Interpretation of Christian Ethics — H. Richard Niebuhr**

A classic work on the relationship between faith, ethics, and Christian responsibility.

### **The Moral Vision of the New Testament — Richard Hays**

Applies New Testament theology to contemporary ethical issues.

### **Biblical Christian Ethics — David Clyde Jones**

Provides a biblical foundation for Christian decision-making.

### **Issues Facing Christians Today — John Stott**

Addresses practical ethical issues Christians encounter in everyday life.



## **Christian Worldview & Apologetics**

### **Total Truth — Nancy Pearcey**

Demonstrates how every area of life should be viewed through the truth of God's Word.

### **The Universe Next Door — James Sire**

One of the best introductions to understanding competing worldviews.

**Worldviews in Conflict — Ronald Nash**

Explains how Christianity differs from competing philosophical systems.

**Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview — J. P. Moreland & William Lane Craig**

A scholarly defense of the Christian worldview.

**Shaping a Christian Worldview — David Dockery (Editor)**

Focuses on developing a biblical worldview within Christian education.

**Hidden Worldviews — Steve Wilkens & Mark Sanford**

Shows how cultural beliefs subtly shape everyday thinking.



## **Servant Leadership**

**Servant Leadership — Robert Greenleaf**

The classic work introducing servant leadership as leadership through serving others.

**Servant Leadership in Action — Ken Blanchard & Renee Broadwell**

A practical collection of insights from leading servant leadership thinkers.

**Jesus on Leadership — Gene Wilkes**

Examines Christ as the perfect model of servant leadership.

**Leadership in Christian Perspective — Justin Irving & Mark Strauss**

Combines biblical leadership principles with contemporary leadership research.

**Lead: 12 Gospel Principles for Leadership in the Church — Paul David Tripp**

Calls church leaders to pursue humility, dependence upon Christ, and biblical integrity.

**Leadership Strategy of Jesus — Rod Halcomb**

Studies Jesus' intentional leadership model for ministry today.

**Biblical Organizational Leadership — James D. Henson (Editor)**

Applies leadership principles from the Gospel of John to organizations and ministry.

**The Serving Leader — Jennings & Stahl-Wert**

Provides practical habits for serving teams while leading effectively.

**Dare to Serve — Cheryl Bachelder**

A business leadership perspective built upon servant leadership principles.

**Servant Leadership: Attitudes, Skills and Behaviours — L. W. Boone**

Explores servant leadership from both theoretical and practical perspectives.



## **Church & Ministry**

**The Church According to Paul — James Thompson**

Examines Paul's vision of the church as the Body of Christ.

**Doing Church as a Team — Wayne Cordeiro**

Encourages collaborative ministry leadership.

**Teams That Thrive — Ryan Hartwig & Warren Bird**

Provides biblical principles for healthy ministry teams.

**The Five Dysfunctions of a Team — Patrick Lencioni**

A practical leadership book on building trust and healthy teams.

**The Ideal Team Player — Patrick Lencioni**

Explains the essential qualities of humble, hungry, and people-smart team members.



## **Christian Living**

**Integrity — Henry Cloud**

Explains how biblical integrity shapes character, leadership, and relationships.

**Counterfeit Gods — Timothy Keller**

Shows how modern idols compete with our devotion to Christ.



**Workers for Your Joy — David Mathis**

Encourages Christ-centered leadership marked by joy and faithful service.

**Revelation for the Rest of Us — Scot McKnight & Cody Matchett**

A practical approach to understanding Revelation with hope and faithful discipleship.

**The Sabbath as Rest and Hope for the People of God — Guy Waters**

Explores God's gift of Sabbath as spiritual rest and future hope.