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## ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

### Bibles:

#### 1. For Preschoolers:

Beers, Gilbert. The Toddlers Bible. For infants to 3 years old. Very similar to #a, only for even younger children.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Preschoolers' Bible. Victor. This is a great story Bible for preschoolers filled with eye-catching pictures for little children and short entries.

Henley, Karyn. The Beginner's Bible. This is our favorite for ages 4-6. It is well done, goes throughout the whole Bible, contains eye-catching artwork for children, and is good for early grade-schoolers to use in learning how to read and have their own quiet time.

Taylor, Kenneth. My First Bible In Pictures, Another possibility with understandable entries and interest-catching artwork. The pictures are more realistic than the first entry.

#### 2. For children in elementary school (6-12):

Beers, Gilbert. The One Year Bible For Children. This work, written for children ages 5-9, goes through the Bible in one year with readings that summarize the texts and, in many cases, include actual text itself. This colorful resource is a good tool to help children learn not only the Bible content, but also helps them develop the discipline of having their own quiet time.

ESV Children's Bible. Crossway. Here is a Bible in what is arguably the best all-around English version available today with notes and helps specifically designed for children.

#### 3. For jr. & sr. highers (13-18):

The Reformation Study Bible (ESV). Here is by far the best study Bible available today. This excellent and readable version, coupled with book introductions, helpful footnotes, many additional theological articles, and informative charts, will be an invaluable tool for your teens. What is more, they will enjoy this Bible for years to come as an adult.

### Devotional And Discipling Tools:

#### 1. For preschoolers:

See the preschooler story Bibles above. Some of the best devotions for this age are simply reading these stories and familiarizing them with the Bible's content in an age-appropriate way.

Beers, Gilbert. The Toddlers Action Figure And Activity Set, This is for 1-5 year olds. In it you will find fun-filled activities covering 12 stories in The Toddlers Bible.

Jeffery, Peter. Beep. Evangelical Press. Biblical lessons are taught through the escapades of a car purchased and brought home by a family.

Weidmann, Jim, Kirk Weaver, Kurt D. Bruner. Bible Stories For Preschoolers: Family Nights Tool Chest: New Testament. NexGen/Cook. There is also an Old Testament version. Each of these books provide age-appropriate Bible readings and stories with activities that preschoolers find engaging. They are user-friendly and have some age-adjustments which can make these tools work up to about 8 years old. This is part of the Heritage Builder series.

#### 2. For children in elementary school (6-12):

Anderson, Debby. Let's Talk About Heaven. Though this is not a devotional book, it is a book which does an excellent job of helping children think through what heaven might be like and what salvation is. It would be a great book to have for late preschoolers and grade-schoolers to teach about these subjects. It could be read for 5-6 devotional times a year.

Cromarty, Jim. Jim has several titles that would be very helpful to guide families through family devotions for this age. See the Evangelical Press website.

Ferguson, Sinclair. The Big Book Of Questions And Answers and also The Big Book Of Questions And Answers About Jesus. These volumes, contain a question and answer in each reading along with scripture and a reading for parents to cover with their children. Each ends with an activity. The first mentioned volume covers basic doctrinal subjects and the latter covers the life of Jesus out of the Gospels.

Jones, Stan and Brenna. What's The Big Deal? Why God Cares About Sex. NavPress. This may well be the best resource you can acquire for this age group to teach your children the biblical view of sex.

Lane, Christopher. Kingdom Parables. This is a 188 page book meant to be read aloud which is based upon the kingdom parables out of the gospels. It uses animal characters in the stories. It is engaging for children, easy to use for parents. The only disadvantage is the task of children trying to learn from the symbolism. It can be used for late pre-schoolers and those in grade-school up to 8 or 9. It could easily be read by older children to younger children also.

Meade, Starr. Grandpa's Box: Retelling The Biblical Story Of Redemption. P & R. Children will love these stories told by a grandpa to his granddaughter and grandson about the biblical account of redemption from Genesis to Revelation. Each entry ends with a scripture reading and collectively the readings help children understand the scriptures as a whole and how they fit together.

Rollinson, Philip, Mark E. Ross. The Children's Catechism. A wonderful resource for teaching children the basics of the faith. It contains 145 short questions and answers designed to prepare children for the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Summertown Texts; P.O. Box 453; Signal Mountain, Tennessee 37377-0453.

Sproul, R. C. The King Without A Shadow. This book tells of a king who hears of another king--a King so great He casts no shadow. The first king sets out on a search for the Great King, God Himself. In this book children will catch a vision of the holiness of God.

Swindoll, Chuck. Paw Paw Chuck's Big Ideas In The Bible. This book focuses upon a grandpa bear who helps his grandcubs deal with some of the problems they face at school and with friends. The grandpa bear teaches with stories that help drive home biblical truths for kids.

The One Year Book Of Devotions For Kids, Tyndale. This is an excellent resource for children ages 6-12 (and even will be enjoyed by those older) with a devotion for each day of the year. Each devotion contains a contemporary story dealing with children in this age group. It also has a scripture to read and a personal challenge to sum up the devotion. There are now several general volumes available and also one specially done for boys and one specially done for girls.

Weidmann, Jim. The Heritage Builders Family Night Tool Chest series. NexGen/Cook. This series of user-friendly books helps engage children in learning and applying the Bible to their life in age-appropriate ways. These are wonderful tools for family devotions. Some of the specific titles include: An Introduction To Family Nights Tool Chest; Basic Christian Beliefs; Ten Commandments; Money Matters; Simple Science (includes object lessons based on simple science experiments); and Proverbs (a guide for teaching children Proverbs). If you want your children to have memorable activities during family devotions (such as washing each other's feet to learn humble service), these would be good tools.

### 3. For jr. and sr. highers (13-18):

Answers In Genesis resources (books and DVD's) are very helpful in teaching teens about creation and

helping them develop a biblical worldview. [www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org).

Blanchard, John. Christian Apologetics Series. Evangelical Press. Please visit the Evangelical Press website for the various titles in this series. Any of these works would be extremely helpful to ground teens in the Faith.

Institute For Creation Research resources (any book or DVD's) are helpful in teaching teens about creation and how to deal with evolutionary theory. Their address: P.O. Box 2667; El Cajon, CA. 92021. [www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org).

Jefferey, Peter. [New Christians Start Here](#). Evangelical Press. This is a wonderful tool for helping to ground teens in the basics of the faith, whether they are new believers or have been Christians for a few years. It would be a good help for quiet time or for a parent to go through with their son or daughter during discipling times.

Jones, Stan and Brenna. [Facing The Facts: The Truth About Sex And You](#). NavPress. This may well be the best resource you can acquire for this age group to teach your children the biblical view of sex.

McDowell, Josh, Bob Hostetler. [Powerlink Chronicles](#). These three books are great fiction written about teenagers and for teenagers. Our youth group has used the first two books and read them as a group. They read very well out loud, are very interesting, and could provide great opportunities for growth and discussion. The titles of the books are: [Under Siege](#), [The Love Killer](#), and [Truth Slayers](#).

Rusten, E. Michael, and Sharon. [The One Year Book Of Christian History](#). Tyndale. This is a helpful book for introducing children to the basics of Church history. Many biblical principles are illustrated in the lives of these saints.

Strobel, Lee. [The Case For Creation](#), [The Case For Faith](#), and the [Case For Christ](#) are all wonderful apologetic materials to help ground teens in their Faith.

[The Westminster Shorter Catechism: In Modern English](#). A wonderful resource for helping children continue their maturity in biblical doctrine. It contains 107 questions and answers. Presbyterian And Reformed Publishing; P. O. Box 817; Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865-0817.

#### 4. For Late Teens and Adults.

Barnes, Tom. [Living In The Hope Of Future Glory](#). Evangelical Press. This work demonstrates that man's original purpose and the purpose for which God is restoring him is that of glorifying God. This book will help teens and young adults grasp what our ultimate end in life is to be and the significance of this for work, family, relationships, etc.

Bridges, Jerry. [The Pursuit Of Holiness](#). Navpress. This is a classic work on the importance of holiness and how to pursue it.

\_\_\_\_\_. [The Discipline Of Grace](#). Navpress. In this work Bridges explains the relationship between the grace of Christ working in us as we progress in sanctification and the part that our discipline plays.

\_\_\_\_\_. [The Joy Of Fearing God](#). Navpress. This resource will help develop within your late teen or early adult children a great vision of God and also help them learn to fear Him—and to see the joy in such fear!

Carson, D. A. [A Call To Spiritual Reformation: Priorities From Paul and His Prayers](#). Baker. A must for anyone who desires to learn how to pray from the prayers of the Bible by focusing upon Paul's prayers.

Carson, D. A., ed. Worship By The Book. Zondervan. This is a helpful study of what the scriptures teach about worship.

Champions Of The Faith series. Evangelical Press. Here is a very well done series of biographies by various authors which will not only introduce sons and daughters to faithful saints out of Church history, but will also inspire them with examples of faith, commitment, and courage. This series is mentioned under books for late teens and adults. However, the books could also be read by parents to children who are younger.

Chappell, Bryan. Each For The Other. Baker. A resource that teaches the biblical view of marriage primarily from the viewpoint of Ephesians 5:21-33.

Colson, Chuck, Nancy Pearcey. How Now Shall We Live? Tyndale. This is one of the best books a teen can read on what it means to develop a biblical worldview.

Graham, Clement. Crown Him Lord Of All: Essays On The Life And Witness Of The Free Church Of Scotland. Evangelical Press. Available to readers in Europe only, this work will serve as an introduction to the founding and history of the Free Church of Scotland. It will inspire faith and commitment.

Grudem, Wayne. Bible Doctrine. This is an abridged version of Grudem's Systematic Theology. It is put together for college theology classes, Sunday schools, and small groups. It is a readable and useful tool to introduce teens to the basics of biblical doctrine. This would be a good book for parents and teens to read separately and then come together and discuss.

Masters, Peter. The Lord's Pattern For Prayer. Evangelical Press. A gem which gives guidance in prayer from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Piper, John. Desiring God: Meditations Of A Christian Hedonist. Portland, Ore.: Multnomah, 1986. This is a classic book which helps the reader catch a vision of the greatness of God and to glorify God by enjoying him. The book fleshes out why God desires us to enjoy him, that this is a biblical concept, and also how a person enjoys God.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Pleasures Of God: Meditations On God's Delight In Being God. Portland, Ore.: Multnomah, 1991. This is another classic book which helps the reader catch a vision of the greatness of God and the fact that God takes great pleasure in all that glorifies him. Such key topics as God's sovereignty, election, prayer, redemption, and creation are covered in such a way that the reader is moved to worship the greatness of God over and over. Few books overflow with the majesty of God directly from the scriptures as does this one!

\_\_\_\_\_. Let The Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy Of God In Missions. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993. Another classic. This time Piper helps the reader catch a glimpse of God's glory in missions and how his name is honored as the gospel is proclaimed and the elect drawn to him. This book will help you build a biblical foundation for evangelism and missions which includes not just the motivation of love for the lost, but also, and ultimately, the motivation of God's glory.

\_\_\_\_\_. A Godward Life and A Godward Life, Part 2. Both from Multnomah. Both books comprise a collection of John Piper's newsletter articles from his own congregation. They work very well for family devotional readings.

Piper, John, Wayne Grudem, ed's. Recovering Biblical Manhood And Womanhood. Wheaton, Il.: Crossway, 1991. This book provides a treasure house of biblical teaching on the role of men and women and how they relate to each other. It is a great resource to guide parents in how to give solid biblical foundations to children on what it means to be a man and woman. Showing the fallacy of the

egalitarian position, it is a strong defense of Biblical Complimentarianism.

Selvaggio, Anthony. What The Bible Teaches About Marriage. Evangelical Press. A resource that teaches the biblical view of marriage based primarily on the Song Of Solomon.

Tabletalk. This adult devotional magazine is also appropriate for late teens. More theologically demanding than the previously mentioned magazine. Very good. Tabletalk; P.O. 547500; Orlando, Fl. 32854; 1-800-435-4343. www.ligonier.org.

Whitney, Donald S. Spiritual Disciplines For The Christian Life. NavPress. Herein is a biblical rich, practical, yet readable introduction to things such as Bible intake, prayer, worship, stewardship, journaling, evangelism, and learning for our teens. It is an excellent book to use in discipling times with teens for all these subjects.

Additional Books To Help Parents (In Addition To Many Just Mentioned):

Adams, Jay E. Competent To Counsel. Phillipsburg, N.J.: Presbyterian And Reformed. 1970. This book will introduce the parent to biblical counseling thought and methodology. This is important for parents so that they can realize that, as a believer, they are able with God's Word and by the power of his Spirit to give help and guidance to their sons and daughters. It will also help direct them away from the plethora of counseling, family, and self-help books on the market that assert they are biblical, but differ greatly from biblical priorities and methodologies.

Glaspey, Terry W. Children Of A Greater God. Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House, 1995. This book is designed to teach parents how to nurture moral values within our children by "training their passions so that they become passionate for that which is good," "helping them catch a vision for the richness and fullness of the Christian life," "cultivating their appreciation for our Christian heritage in the arts and literature," and much more.

Henrichsen, Walter A. How To Disciple Your Children. 2nd printing. Wheaton: Victor, 1981. Henrichsen draws off of his 20 years with **Navigators** and years of being involved in discipling others to set forth guidelines on how to disciple children.

Jones, Stanton, Brenna. How And When To Tell Your Kids About Sex. NavPress. The title is self-explanatory.

Lane, Timothy S., Paul David Tripp. How People Change. This biblical treatment of how people mature in Christ is a very helpful resource for parents to read that will provide a strong and substantive foundation for their discipling of their children. Available from the Christian Counseling And Educational Foundation: www.ccef.org.

Nelson, Steve. Premeditated Parenting. A Great Commission Northwest Book. 2006. Visit [www.premeditatedparenting.net](http://www.premeditatedparenting.net). A biblical and very practical look at parenting, this may very well be one of the best books written on the subject.

Packer, J. I. Knowing God. revised. Downers Grove, Il.:InterVarsity Press, 1993. This is a classic book which will help build your knowledge of God and the scriptures. This is a must book for any believer who has a hunger to grow and to teach his children the great truths of God's Word.

Tripp, Tedd. Shepherding A Child's Heart. Wapwallopen, Pa.: Shepherd Press, 1996. To order: 1-800-338-1445. This is a very helpful tool designed to teach parents how to train and discipline your children at the level of the heart and not just behaviors.

Vincent, Thomas. The Shorter Catechism Explained From Scripture. Carlisle, Pa.: The Banner Of Truth Trust. 1980, repr. This book will help ground you in the Word of God and will also provide a

resource for teaching children from The Westminster Shorter Catechism.

Wilson, Douglas. Recovering The Lost Tools Of Learning: An Approach To Distinctively Christian Education. Wheaton: Crossway, 1991. This book will help you build a solid Christian approach to how your children should be educated. It will take you beyond the scope of this present book into academic training.