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# PASTORAL THEOLOGY

**Anderson, Leith.**

*A Church for the 21st Century.*

Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers, 1992.

Presents a reconfiguration of the church to meet the changing needs of a young, multi-national population. There's much good in these pages. Notably absent is the place of expository preaching-teaching in this "new" church.

**Anderson, Neil T., and Charles Mylander.**

*Setting Your Church Free: A Biblical Plan to Help Your Church.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1994.

Pastors have been waiting a long time for a book like this one. It addresses the most pressing needs facing the church. The authors challenge, enlighten, and then point the way to renewed vitality in the church through the application and practice of the message of the Gospel.

**Armstrong, John H., ed.**

*The Coming Evangelical Crisis.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1996.

A group of Reformed scholars take a hard look at the present state of affairs in the United States. They first tackle issues relating to the revelation and authority of the Bible. Then, with this as a premise, they apply the truths they have formulated to the worship of the church and the cure of souls. A concluding chapter deals with the way Christians and their churches can recover a sense of relevancy.

**Blaikie, William Garden.**

*The Preachers of Scotland: From the Sixth to the Nineteenth Century.*

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 2001.

We cannot thank the publishers enough for making this work available again (it was first published in 1888). It surveys the great preachers of Scotland and provides numerous insights in the history of the times as well as the challenges of the ministry. C. H. Spurgeon wrote glowingly of the first appearance of this volume: "The [chapters] before us are an able tribute to those who in Scottish pulpits served, not only Scotland, but all our Lord's kingdom on earth."

**Dobson, Lorna.**

*Caring for Your Pastor: Helping God's Servant to Minister With Joy.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2001.

Divided into eight sections, Mrs. Dobson (who is a pastor's wife) sets before her readers wise, candid, practical counsel on how each church member may support his/her pastor so that he can minister with joy. Recommended.

**Exley, Richard, Mark Galli, and John Ortberg.**

*Dangers, Toils, and Snares: Resisting the Hidden Temptations of Ministry.*

Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1994.

More than ever, pastors need moral wisdom and strength. They also need to be people of integrity. In this book three experienced pastors explain how temptation can be met and defeated. They then offer some practical suggestions for fighting laziness, dealing with timidity, overcoming pride, defusing resentment, and handling sexual temptation.

**Kroll, Woodrow Michael.**

*The Vanishing Ministry in the 21st Century: Calling a New Generation to Lifetime Service.*

Revised and updated ed.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.

First published in 1991. Issues a vigorous challenge to younger Christians to devote themselves to a lifetime of service either as missionaries or as pastors. A clarion call to commitment.

**Lutzer, Erwin Wesley.**

*Pastor to Pastor: Tackling Problems in Ministry.* Rev. and expanded ed.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

An excellent book in which this veteran pastor shares his insights about the pressures and problems of the ministry. Highly recommended.

**Pappas, Anthony, and Scott Planting.**

*Mission: The Small Church Reaches Out.*

Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1993.

The authors stress the importance of gaining a clear understanding of mission--its definition and purpose--before using the church's limited resources. They identify four levels of mission (presence, people, pattern, and program), and provide information that will aid pastors of small churches map out their church's strategy. This book also explores the important questions that should be asked and suggests creative alternatives for carrying out their new vision of mission.

**Perkins, John M., and Jo Kadlecek.**

*Resurrecting Hope.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1995.

“This is a courageous book by a courageous individual. Perkins presents us with moving accounts of the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit--a Church reflecting the character of God’s Kingdom.”--Charles W. Colson.

**Reid, Alvin I.**

*Radically Unchurched: Who They Are and How to Reach Them.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.

Here is a “position paper” for our times. It fills a large lacunae in evangelistic literature. Revolutionary. Read it!

## **Homiletics, Sermons, Illustrations**

**Achtemeier, Elizabeth.**

*Preaching from the Minor Prophets: Text and Sermon Suggestions.*

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.

Follows a standard outline when discussing each of the prophets. Lists “recommended” commentaries that are mostly liberal in their orientation. Treats the theology of each canonical book, outlining the prophet’s thought. Concludes with a section on chosen texts.

**Allen, Ronald J.**

*Preaching the Topical Sermon.*

Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992.

A seminal work dealing with the different kinds of topical sermons as well as the stages of their development. Helpful!

**Bewes, Richard.**

*Speaking in Public Effectively.*

Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2002.

“This book ... is direct, persuasive, encouraging, authoritative, full of interesting insights and amusing stories, but above all Biblically based and Christ centered at the same time.”—Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach Goldman Sachs.

**Brand, Chad, and Clark Palmer, eds.**

*Holiday Sermons.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1994.

This is an interesting resource. It contains a potpourri of inspirational insights that pastors who perform must preach on special occasions (Christmas, New Year, Easter, Reformation Sunday, etc.), will find helpful. These “sample” sermons are fresh, interesting, and show how other pulpit masters have handled these situations. Instructive.

**Capon, Robert Farrer.**

*The Foolishness of Preaching: Proclaiming the Gospel Against the Wisdom of the World.*

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.

Challenges preachers to preach faithfully and effectively, and instill in their congregations an expectation being regularly fed through the bold teaching of the Word. Explains that a passion for preaching the good news of salvation is the necessary ingredient for results that last.

**Draper, Edythe.**

*Draper's Book of Quotations for the Christian World.*

Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1992.

Pages 1-665 contains over 12,000 quotations, arranged alphabetically by topic. Pages 666-1406 contain the indexes. This is an invaluable resource for preachers and public speakers.

Recommended.

**Eslinger, Richard L.**

*Pitfalls in Preaching.*

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996.

In each of the five chapters Eslinger discusses what he sees to be the most crucial pitfalls in preaching, and he offers practical strategies for avoiding them. Included in each chapter are highlighted quotations, pertinent references to a wide range of literature, boxed hints and suggestions, and brief bibliographies to promote further study.

**Federer, William J.**

*America's God and Country: Encyclopedia of Quotations.*

Coppell, TX: Fame Publishing, 1994.

A comprehensive, well-documented reference volume highlighting America's noble heritage. Pastors will find this volume extremely useful, especially when delivering graduation addresses or

speaking on special occasions. And others, too, will find it a timely resource for speeches, papers, debates, essays, and editorials.

**Foakes, Mary, and Reginald Foakes.**

*The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations from Shakespeare.*

New York: Columbia U. P., 1998.

The arrangement is alphabetical by topic. Also contains character, play, and keyword indexes. This is a handy resource that will be helpful to preachers and writers who want to illustrate their material—whether spoken or written. Recommended.

**Group Publishing.**

*Quick Children's Sermons: Will My Dog Be In Heaven?*

Loveland, CO: Group, 1997.

Answers the questions kids are asking ... about God, about Jesus, about the Bible, and about life. Clear, challenging, issue-oriented.

**Hinchey, Donald.**

*Six-Minutes for Children.*

Loveland, CO: Group Publishing, 1993.

Divided into three parts "The Creator," "The Christian," and "The church." Hinchey places at the busy pastor's fingertips 52 brief children's messages that explain doctrine in terms the young can understand.

**Hurley, Virgil.**

*Speaker's Sourcebook of New Illustrations.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1995.

Completely indexed and cross-referenced, this compact volume contains about 500 stories drawn from current affairs, missionary experiences, and recent books/magazine/newspaper articles.

**Jones, John Daniel.**

*The Hope of the Gospel: Expository Sermons on Christian Encouragement.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

First published in 1919. Contains 23 sermons covering a variety of themes. Each message is a masterpiece of construction, explaining the text chosen for the occasion before deftly applying its teaching to the needs of the human heart. These printed sermons show Jones' versatility as a preacher and his ability to provide comfort to his hearers.

**Juengst, Sara Covin.**

*Sharing Faith with Children: Rethinking the Children's Sermon.*

Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Know Press, 1994.

Explains the kind of language and imagery that should be used to communicate faith to children. Describes the ways in which theological truths can be translated into terms children can understand.

**Klein, George L., ed.**

*Reclaiming the Prophetic Mantle: Preaching the Old Testament Faithfully.*

Nashville: Broadman Press, 1992.

The majority of Christians today, if questioned about the OT, would probably agree that the God of the OT was malevolent and that only in the NT do we encounter a God who is described as a loving Father. They would be shocked if they were then told that these were the views of Marcion, and that he was judged a heretic by the early church. To open up the OT the editor of this volume invited scholars to submit articles on a variety of OT issues. The purpose was to show the relevance of the message of the OT to life today.

**Larsen, David L.**

*Telling the Old, Old Story: The Art of Narrative Preaching.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2000.

With skill borne of many years of experience, Larsen leads his readers through the steps that a preacher/teacher must take if he is to uncover the true riches of the biblical narrative and present the historic portions of Scripture in living color. Recommended.

**Larsen, David L.**

*The Company of the Preachers: A History of Biblical Preaching from the Old Testament.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

This is a book that needs to be read from cover to cover. It is excellent, and there never has been a time when we have had a greater need for the perspectives and patterns of biblical preaching than those contained in this fine work. It provides a comprehensive look at the history of preaching from its roots in the OT prophets to today. Recommended.

**Larson, David L.**

*The Anatomy of Preaching: Identifying the Issues in Preaching Today.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1999.

First published in 1989. Identifies current issues and charts a reasonable and prudent course for preachers. Points the way to recapturing the excitement of preaching. Excellent.

**Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn.**

*Old Testament Evangelistic Sermons.*

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1995.

Though the author is better known for his devotional expositions of the NT (e.g., Romans, Ephesians), these sermons show his versatility in handling OT themes. They also reveal how his Reformed beliefs found expression in his messages.

**Long, Thomas G., and Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.**

*A Chorus of Witnesses: Models, Sermons for Today's Preacher.*

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1994.

Sermons should be studied by preachers, and this compilation of 36 messages by men and women of Reformed persuasion from throughout the English-speaking world displays many excellencies in form, style, and content. The broad divisions cover "The Sources of the Sermon," "The Aims of the sermon," "The Forms and Dynamics of the Sermon," " and "The Occasions of the Sermon." Only a few of the contributors can be classified as conservative evangelicals. Most would probably be more comfortable being called neo-evangelical. The bibliography (p. 301) is too brief to be of any real significance.

**MacArthur, John F., Jr., et al.**

*Rediscovering Expository Preaching.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1992.

These chapters, by the faculty of the Master's Seminary, revolve around the priority of expository preaching in the ministry. They focus on the preparation of the expositor, the and process and principles of expounding the Biblical text. While the contents varies in quality and relevance, some chapters are exceedingly helpful. This is a handy resource, and its careful reading is encouraged.

**Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble.**

*The Faith Once Delivered.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

Originally published in 1952. Macartney had a knack for making Biblical truths understandable to the masses. These 12 messages cover the essentials of the faith. Reformed/amillennial.

**Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble.**

*The Great Texts of the Bible.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

First published in 1947, this collection of evangelical sermons covers a wide range of theological themes. The treatment of the issues is still pertinent today.

**Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble.**

*The Greatest Words in the Bible and in Human Speech.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

This book originally made its debut in 1938. In it, Biblical insights are mingled with human experience, as Macartney discusses words that “stand for the great desires, fears, hopes. And emotions of the human heart.” Provocative.

**Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble.**

*The Lamb of God.*

Compiled by R. A. Bodey. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1994.

Contains previously unpublished material. The chapters are based primarily on texts from the Book of Revelation. As with all of Macartney's sermons, these are characterized by simplicity and practicality. Pastors will find them insightful.

**Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble.**

*The Parables of the Old Testament.*

New and enlarged ed. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

Macartney writes: “The minister who chooses to preach from the parables of the Old Testament will find that most of the stories are new and fresh ... and he himself will not fail to share in the consequent interest and alertness which such preaching awakens in a congregation.” These messages abound with challenging issues and practical truths.

**Maclaren, Alexander.**

*Sermons for All Seasons: A Year's Ministry.*

Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1995.

Along with C. H. Spurgeon, Maclaren's sermons are still very popular and are read by people throughout the English-speaking world. Each message is replete with spiritual insight backed by sound scholarship. Recommended.

**McDill, Wayne V.**

*The Moment of Truth: A Guide to Effective Sermon Delivery.*

Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1999.



Ably fulfills the subtitle. Deals with the seriousness of preaching. Reiterates God's purpose for preaching and lays stress on the person of the preacher. Also deals with the preachers style and the "how to" of effective delivery. Recommended.

**McDill, Wayne.**

*The Twelve Skills for Great Preaching.*

Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishing, 1994.

The author believes that great delivery without effective content is often only "sound and fury, signifying nothing." To correct this he sets about making his vast experience available to a new generation of preachers by explaining the dynamics of a good sermon. Scholarly thinking is combined with personal insights, with the result that seminarians and pastors now have available to them a valuable set of guidelines . Recommended.

**McGee, John Vernon.**

*Feasting On the Word.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1992.

Fourteen messages on OT and NT themes. Clear, well-illustrated, practical.

**Montoya, Alex.**

*Preaching with Passion.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2000.

Takes readers on a journey in which he describes eight characteristics of passionate preaching: Spiritual power, conviction, compassion, authority, urgency, brokenness, one's whole being, and imagination. Written by one who practices what he teaches.

**Moule, Handley Carr Glyn.**

*Thoughts for Sundays.*

Chattanooga, TN: AMG, 1997.

Combines three books into one volume. As a devotional writer Moule was superb. Now his works live on in volumes like the present one. They continuously point the reader to the Savior, and show pastors something of the diversity and richness of their calling as they "feed the flock of God."

**Nappa, Mike, and Amy Nappa.**

*Bore No More: 70 Creative Ways to Involve Your Audience in Unforgettable Bible Teaching.*

Loveland, CO: Group, 1995.

These five-to-fifteen minute lessons illustrate four Biblical themes: Knowing God, developing Christian relationships, Christian concerns, and special activities for special occasions. Helpful.

**Olford, Stephen F., and David L. Olford.**

*Anointed Expository Preaching.*

Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1998.

The authors first address the life of the preacher. Beginning with the call to preach, this section details the effect of the Scriptures, the Spirit, and the ministry on the preacher. The second section discusses the preparation of the sermon, including selecting and investigating a text. The final section details the delivery of the message, including topics such as application, illustration, and comprehension.

**Perry, Lloyd Merle.**

*Biblical Preaching in Today's World.*

Revised ed. Chicago: Moody Press, 1990.

Encyclopedic in nature, this work by one of the great teachers of homiletics in this century, explains in clear and convincing terms the techniques of homiletics. Perry does not offer shortcuts. Instead, he places before his readers a wealth of important information on the principles of preparing good, Biblically-based messages. Here's a work pastors should read over and over again!

**Phillips, John.**

*One Hundred Sermon Outlines From the New Testament.*

Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1994.

First published in 1979. The table of contents cites each sermon title, and glancing down the list is enough to excite a preacher with the possibility of expounding some interesting NT themes.

Included in this suggestive list are issues that cover "the whole purpose of God" (Acts 20:27).

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**Phillips, John.**

*One Hundred Sermon Outlines from the Old Testament.*

Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1994.

First published in 1979. Here are expository outlines of unusual merit. The contents of these chapters is diverse. Included are Bible characters, historic events, doctrinal issues (e.g., the covenants, atonement), typology (e.g., Tabernacle, feasts of Israel), prayer, miracles, the call to the ministry, and much more. Indexed.

**Pierson, Arthur Tappan.**

*The Heart of the Gospel: Sermons on the Life-Changing Power of the good News.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1996.

First published in 1892. Contains sermons preached at the Metropolitan Tabernacle following the death of C. H. Spurgeon. Excellent examples of evangelical preaching. Recommended.

**Platt, Suzy, ed.**

*Respectfully Quoted: A Dictionary of Quotations.*

New York: Dorset Press, 1992.

For nearly 75 years Members of Congress and their staffs have been calling the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress to verify quotations they wanted to use in public debate. Through the years, this matter of quotation verification took up more and more of people's time as the number increased from the tens to the hundreds and now to the thousands each year. After some 20 years of this reference work, the staff began to detect three kinds of citations that seemed to stand apart from the routine traffic: the hard ones, the repetitive ones, and the impossible ones. The 2100 quotations in this book are the cumulated results of thousands of hours of research. And because many of these quotations are fresh and different, they can be used by pastors to add interest and/or humor to a message or a letter to their congregation.

**Poynter, Dan.**

*The Self-Publishing Manual: How to Write, Print, and Sell Your Own Book.*

8th ed., completely revised. Santa Barbara, CA: Para Publishing, 1995.

A handy, concise, informative Sourcebook. Expertly organized, and filled with important facts. For churches that publish a newsletter or other materials, this book is a must. It contains a wealth of helpful hints. It is also a valuable resource for all who are interested in making printed data available.

**Proctor, Samuel D.**

*"How Shall They Hear?" Effective Preaching for Vital Faith.*

Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1992.

Contains the author's Lyman Beecher Lectures, Yale Divinity School, 1990. Cuts through the verbiage that masks the empty rhetoric of some sermons, and exposes the inadequacies of the preacher. Calls for a new dedication to the task at hand.

**Proctor, Samuel D.**

*The Certain Sound of the Trumpet: Crafting a Sermon of Authority.*

Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1994.

The author, one of the “deans” of preaching in the African American church, has provided a step-by-step guide to the effective instruction of pastors, teachers, and seminarians. He avoids using clichés and emphasizes instead the need for thorough preparation, the development of a dynamic pulpit presence, and bold delivery from the pulpit.

**Rang, Jack C.**

*How To Read the Bible Aloud: Oral Interpretation of Scripture.*

New York: Paulist Press, 1994.

A complete revision of Charlotte I. Lee's Oral Reading of Scripture. Abounds with useful hints/strategies for reading the Bible in public meetings.

**Robinson, Haddon W.**

*Making a Difference in Preaching.*

Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999.

In this collection of his writings Robinson shares his insights and theory of homiletics. Provocative.

**Sargent, Tony.**

*The Sacred Anointing: The Preaching of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones.*

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1994.

This in-depth biographical work on the preaching methods of the late Martyn Lloyd-Jones is a labor of love by one whose own preaching has been deeply affected by his mentor's example. Sargent has thoroughly explored what made Jones' ministry extraordinary. But perhaps Sargent's most important contribution is his examination of the crux of Jones' theology, namely, Jones' doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

**Spurgeon, Charles Haddon.**

*Christ in the Old Testament.*

Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1994.

Contains 60 sermons that foreshadow events in the life and ministry of Christ. Aably expounds each text or passage, drawing from the Scripture truths that readily contribute to the development of a sound Christology.

**Spurgeon, Charles Haddon.**

*Revival Year Sermons: Preached at the Surrey Gardens Music Hall During 1859.*

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 1966.

First reprinted in 1959 on the 100th anniversary. Throughout 1859 Spurgeon preached to an average of 8,000 people. These sermons are fine examples of the preaching of the gospel.

**Spurgeon, Charles Haddon.**

*Spurgeon's Sermons of Soulwinning.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1994.

Thirteen unedited sermons dealing with such issues as “the model soulwinner,” how to bring sinners to the Savior, trawailing for souls, and much more.

**Spurgeon, Charles Haddon.**

*Spurgeon's Sermons on Christmas and Easter.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

Messages for special occasions constitute a particular challenge. Here are a dozen that will handsomely repay a pastor's study.

**Stowell, Joseph M., III.**

*Shepherding the Church: Effective Spiritual Leadership in a Changing Culture.*

Chicago: Moody, 1997.

First published in 1994 under the title *Shepherding the Church into the 21st Century*. “A powerfully argued and seminal book dealing with the most important question facing the church today. I would feel more encouraged if every pastor and lay leader were compelled to read it and absorb its contents.”—Howard G. Hendricks.

**Swindoll, Charles Rozell.**

*The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart and 1,501 Other Stories.*

Nashville: Nelson, 1998.

Swindoll is a genius with a flare for sermon illustration. His unique sense of humor enables him to use material other preachers would have to lay aside. The anecdotes in this book are arranged alphabetically by topic. No index.

**Tidball, Derek.**

*The Message of the Cross: Wisdom Unsearchable, Love Indestructible.*

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2001.

Readers of this book will find that the writer is a careful exegete who is conversant with current theological trends. He reaffirms the traditional evangelical position on the atonement and treats modern criticisms in a well-informed manner. This is a book that deserves careful study.

**Torrance, Thomas Forsyth.**

*Preaching Christ Today: The Gospel and Scientific Thinking.*

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans publishing Co., 1994.

This volume is comprised of two compelling addresses that stress the point that great preachers are also great teachers of Christian doctrine. According to Torrance, great preaching today must not only include a faithful presentation of the Christian gospel, it must also be expressed in ways that can be appreciated within the modern understanding of the created universe upon which God has impressed His Word.

**Turner, Timothy A.**

*Preaching to Programmed People: Effective Communication in a Media-Saturated Society.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

Offers an insightful analysis of television's effects upon the church and family, and provides practical advice for busy pastors on how to communicate in ways that will imprint their words on people's minds.

**Vos, Geerhardus.**

*Grace and Glory: Sermons Preached in the Chapel of Princeton Theological Seminary.*

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1994.

First published in 1922. These textual sermons cover a variety of themes. W. Graham Scroggie said that "sermons ought to be studied," and these messages fall into the category of those that are deserving of close scrutiny.

**Wiersbe, Warren Wendell.**

*Be Quoted.* Ed. by J. R. Adair.

Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999.

This selection of Wiersbe's wise and witty quotations covers topics ranging from "Arrogance," and "Christlikeness" to "Maturity" and "Worry." This treasury is one which preachers and speakers will turn to often.

**Wiersbe, Warren Wendell.**

*Preaching and Teaching with Imagination: The Quest for a Biblical Ministry,*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1994.

Wiersbe challenges preachers and those who train them to move out of the academy into the marketplace and to start communicating God's truth the way He communicated it to us in His Word. "The imagination of every man and woman has an appetite that must be fed," he writes. This book contains a sumptuous feast of ideas harvested from more than 49 years of studying,

teaching, and preaching the Bible. Wiersbe's innovative concepts will be a constant source of inspiration for preachers everywhere.

**Wiersbe, Warren Wiersbe, comp.**

*Classic Sermons on Spiritual Warfare.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

Contains sermons covering the weapons of our warfare, Satan's devices, and much more. An excellent selection.

**Wilder-Smith, Arthur Ernest.**

*Why Does God Allow It?*

Costa Mesa, CA: TWFT Publishers, 1990.

The author brings his scientific expertise to bear on the tension between good and evil, and explains why a good God allows evil to continue. Clear, logical, convincing.

**Willhite, Keith.**

*Preaching with Relevance: Without Dumbing Down.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2001.

One of the best brief treatments of the art of communication extant. Reduces the techniques of effective preaching down to ten easy-to-understand chapters. Recommended for those entering the ministry as well as veterans who want to give themselves a refresher course.

**Zodhiates, Spiros.**

*Exegetical Preaching.*

4 vols. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1992-94.

Each three-ring binder contains 52 sermons outlines. Unlike other books of this genre, these three-page outlines are "meaty" and do not revolve around alliterated headings. Instead, each is based on an analysis of the Greek text.

## **Pastoral Duties**

**Allen, Blaine.**

*Before You: When Ministry Is Not What You Thought.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2001.

Assesses the primary causes of stress in the ministry and offers counsel on how pastors can avoid “burn out.” Describes the ways in which pastors may determine when not to leave a ministry, and when seeking a change becomes necessary.

**Anderson, Ray Sherman.**

*Ministry on the Fireline: A Practical Theology for an Empowered Church.*

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993.

“The guiding vision of this book is a church liberated from deadening bureaucracies and sterile theological structures, [to fulfill] its mission of world reconciliation through the empowerment of Pentecost presence.... A vibrant reassessment of the vision and mission of the church.”--Gilbert Bilezikian.

**Armerding, Hudson Taylor.**

*The Heart of Godly Leadership.*

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1992.

Does not distinguish between leadership and administration. Tries to integrate Biblical truths with “a proven [secular] standard of excellence.” Contains many helpful insights, but ignores the unique truths to be gleaned from the life of Moses or the Book of Nehemiah.

**Bell, James L.**

*Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Ministry to Baby Boomers--A Generation Adrift.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1993.

“I strongly recommend this highly readable, informative, and useful book which presents a vast amount of valuable material that will be of the greatest assistance to anyone in Christian ministry today. The book is well-researched, thoughtfully presented, and thoroughly challenging.”--Irving Hexham.

**Biebel, David B.**

*How to Help a Heartbroken Friend.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Addresses an important issue of what to do, and what to say, when a friend is going through a difficult time in his/her life. Takes on the significance of a most helpful “spiritual CPR manual.” Highly recommended.

**Brister, C. W.**

*Pastoral Care in the Church.*

3d. Revised and expanded. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1992.



Integrates theology and psychology with the practical aspects of the pastoral ministry. Exhibits exceptional breadth and depth of understanding. Of value to all pastoral care-givers.

**Cheston, Sharon E., and Robert J. Wicks, eds.**

*Essentials for Chaplains.*

Mahawah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1993.

The contributors are all familiar with the unique demands of the chaplaincy. They provide pertinent counsel designed to help those in this mental health field cope with the unique pressures of this aspect of the ministry while at the same time preserving their own mental health. Also of significance are the suggestions they offer chaplains for the reduction of stress while also maintaining the care of those who stand in need of their services. Ecumenical.

**Cionca, John R.**

*Before You Move: A Guide to Making Transitions in Ministry.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004.

Change always presents difficulties, and this work deals clearly and sympathetically with the changes pastors face. Its counsel is important, for it will facilitate the making of decisions as well as provide suggestions that will make the planning of a move go smoothly. Calvin Miller wrote of this work: "Read this book carefully, but never lend it. There may come a needy night when its wisdom will be for you the only light in a passage of darkness."

**Dessauer, John P.**

*Book Publishing: A Basic Introduction.*

New expanded ed. New York: Continuum Publishing Company, 1993.

An essential book that introduces the reader to the realities of the book industry. Gives clear, unambiguous descriptions of the different kinds of markets, trends, and strategies. Of great help to the pastor who publishes a newsletter or sermon in a magazine. book of sermons or biography or hints on running an effective Sunday school.

**Eims, LeRoy.**

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996. *Be the Leader You Were Meant To Be.*

First published in 1975. Probes the Scriptures to find what they teach on the subject of leadership. Looks at the lives of Moses, Abraham, Gideon, Paul, and others to illustrate management principles. Readers will find informative chapters on "The Life of the Leader," "Why Some Leaders Excel," "How to Get More Done," "Surviving Difficulties," "The Leader's Source of Power," and "Meeting the Needs of the Group." Tends to confuse management with leadership. Includes both a personal and group study guide.

**Ezell, Richard.**

*Ministry On the Cutting Edge.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Resources, 1995.

The cover carries the subtitle, "Maintaining Pastoral Effectiveness and Personal Authenticity." The book is designed for those in ministry who find that their enthusiasm is being replaced by discouragements and self-doubt. The information that Ezell presents will help pastors who are caught in this malaise recapture their vision.

**Ezell, Richard.**

*Strengthening the Pastor's Soul.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1995.

The position adopted by the author can be summed up concisely: Effectiveness in ministry has less to do with technique and more to do with personal authenticity. To sharpen the focus the author treats concisely eleven different aspects of a pastor's personal life.

**Ford, Leighton.**

*Transforming Leadership: Jesus' Way of Creating Vision, Shaping Values, and Empowering Change.*

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1991.

"Ford looks at Jesus from the point of view of what he shared with the greatest leaders of mankind and exemplified more than any of them. He wants to discover and pass on the quintessential marks of leadership found in Jesus. For in leadership, as in all else, Jesus is the supreme pattern for human life. This book will concentrate the gaze unflinching on the greatest of all leaders."-- Michael Green.

**Gangel, Kenneth Otto.**

*Ministering to Today's Adults.*

Nashville: Word, 1999.

An important introduction to church work. Very thorough. Treats the fundamentals of adult ministries, how to meet the needs of adults of different ages, the importance of the family in the life of the church, and the value of open interaction. As always, Gangel has produced a work of real value.

**Habecker, Eugene B.**

*Rediscovering the Soul of Leadership.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996.

The need for authentic leaders has never been greater than it is today. Few people, it seems, know what a real leader is like. In this book the author identifies, and then shows how to develop, the specifics that make a person a dynamic leader. This book is must reading for all who aspire to positions of leadership.

**Hawkins, Don.**

*Master Discipleship: Jesus' Prayer and Plan for Every Believer.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Resources, 1995.

A discerning presentation of the dynamics of effective prayer, based on John 17. This discussion is a veritable “seedbed” of ideas for pastors. Recommended.

**Henderson, Robert Thornton.**

*A Door of Hope: Spiritual Conflict in Pastoral Ministry.*

Scottsdale, PA: Herald, 1997.

“Hendersen knows the trials and tribulations of the pastor. He also understands the integrity of the Christian faith. Any minister reading this book will be encouraged and strengthened” by the author’s wise counsel.—William H. Willimon.

**Hocking, David Lee.**

*The Seven Laws of Christian Leadership.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1991.

“Here is a solidly biblical guide for developing and improving leadership qualities. It is a must for pastors, Christian leaders, and for every Christian who longs to be effective in motivating and enabling others.”--Lloyd John Ogilvie.

**Icenogle, Gareth Weldon.**

*Biblical Foundations for Small Groups.: An Integrative Approach.*

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993.

Provides what has been missing in books treating small group ministries. Addresses the how of small groups and explains the ways pastors and Christian workers may tap into the dynamics of such nuclei to the benefit of the participants ... and ultimately, the church. Very helpful.

**James, John Angell.**

*An Earnest Ministry: The Want of the Times.*

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1993.

First published in 1847. James asks and answers the question, “Has the modern evangelical pulpit lost ... its power?” This is a question far too momentous to be asked in a spirit of idle curiosity, or

to be answered in unreflecting and ignorant haste. An affirmative reply involves consequences deeply and painfully affecting the eternal welfare of all who frequent different churches or hear the gospel preached via radio or television. And so, while on the one hand, a negative answer may be given, such a response only perpetuates the status quo. If, however, an affirmative answer is given, then the next question that demands an answer is, "What can be done about it?" And that is the question James sets out to answer. In his book he challenges those in the ministry to return to a truly Biblical ministry.

**Johnson, David W., and Jeff VanVonderen.**

*The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse.*

Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1991.

Have you ever had someone "dump Bible verses on you so as to compel your acquiescence to a course of action you did not feel was appropriate?" Most of us have experienced this kind of manipulation at one time or another. It happens when authority figures use spiritual means to gratify their desires for importance, power, or intimacy. We may not have realized that it constituted an abuse of power, but the result probably left us feeling trapped in either a legalistic situation, or engaged in some form of action that left us feeling guilty, or caused us to perform some duty begrudgingly. In this book the authors--who are pastors--show their readers how to escape from this kind of situation. They expose the falsity of those who would catch us in the net of their self-centered schemes. They also explain how we may avoid being the victim of these subtle schemes. And because pastors are often guilty of inflicting such abuse on others, this book is directed specifically to them.

**Kesler, Jay.**

*Being Holy, Being Human: Dealing with the Incredible Expectations and Pressures of the Ministry.*

Minneapolis: Bethany, 1994.

Parishioners expect their pastors to be models of godliness; and pastors often expect it of themselves. The truth of the matter is that church leaders are human. They struggle with sin, and even doubt, and are not always equal to the often-conflicting challenges they face. Here is a book that seeks to resolve the tensions.

**London, H. B., Jr., and Neil B. Wiseman.**

*Pastors at Risk: Help for Pastors, Hope for the Church.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1993.

"Candidly and honestly faces the strategic issues and critical problems which make or break the fulfillment intended by God for pastoral leadership."--Gordon E. Kirk.

**London, H. B., Jr., and Neil B. Wiseman.**

*Pastors at Risk: Help for Pastors, Hope for the Church.*

Colorado Springs, CO: Focus on the Family, 1994.

Realism permeates this entire book. It aptly describes the pressures--the push and the pull--that pastors experience as they try to fulfill their responsibilities to families, the community, missions and missionaries, and other organizations. A practical, "no-holds-barred" treatise. A must for elder boards of churches.

**London, H. B., Jr., and Neil B. Wiseman.**

*The Heart of a Great Pastor: How To Grow Strong and Thrive Wherever God Has Planted You.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1994.

A member of the staff of Focus on the Family and a professor of pastoral development team up to write a book of encouragement for pastors. Important facets of this presentation include "Every Assignment Is Holy Ground," "Falling In Love With Your Call Again," and "A Fresh Encounter With God." Most helpful.

**Longenecker, Harold L.**

*Growing Leaders By Design: How To Use Biblical Principles for Leadership Development.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Resources, 1995.

"This book reflects the reality of experience as well as adequate theoretic foundations essential to any leadership study."--Kenneth O. Gangel.

**MacArthur, John F., Jr., et al.**

*Rediscovering Pastoral Ministry: Shaping Contemporary Ministry with Biblical Mandates.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1995.

Chapters have been contributed by the Master's Seminary faculty. The book is divided into four sections with each chapter and section dealing with issues that are of vital importance to every pastor. Important emphases include "The Pastor's Home," "The Character of the Pastor," and "The Pastor's Prayer Life." The contributors also expose the fallacies behind much of contemporary consumerism and show how God's calling, with appropriate prayer and a dedication to Biblical priorities, can lead to success.

**Malphurs, Aubrey.**

*Ministry Nuts and Bolts: What They Don't Teach Pastors in Seminary.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1997.

Discusses four primary concepts: values, mission, vision, and strategy. Will make those who implement these ideas more effective.

**Malphurs, Aubrey.**

*Strategy 2000: Churches Making Disciples for the Next Millennium.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1996.

Provides a step-by-step guide for developing an outreach strategy for Christian organizations. Focuses on the ways churches may train individuals who will have an impact on their world. Excellent!

**Martin, Glen, and Gary McIntosh.**

*The Issachar Factor: Understanding Trends That Confront Your Church and Designing a Strategy for Success.*

Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1994.

Merges leadership skills, church growth techniques, and pastoral theology to provide a provocative guide for pastors of all denominations. While the contents fulfill the subtitle, it is somewhat arrogant to assume a knowledge equal to the title. In spite of this, each chapter is practical in scope and content is most helpful. In the final analysis the guidelines offered by the authors will help pastors gain a better grasp of the nature of the work of the ministry.

**Mayhue, Richard L., and Robert L. Thomas, gen. eds.**

*The Master's Perspective on Pastoral Ministry.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.

Beginning with Warfield's essay on "the Religious Life of Theological Students," this compilation of discourses has been drawn from The Master's Seminary Journal. The coverage is excellent and in the best tradition of evangelical Christendom. Recommended.

**Neuhaus, Richard John.**

*Freedom for Ministry.*

Revised ed. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992.

First published in 1979. Writing out of a wealth of personal experience, Neuhaus begins by taking a look at the church and the religious situation in which we find ourselves. He argues that there is a necessary awkwardness about Christian ministry because we are ambassadors of a "disputed sovereignty." That necessary--and liberating--awkwardness makes its presence felt in the author's subsequent discussion of counseling, psychology, the search for community, and the suspect goal of ministerial success. Neuhaus then goes on to probe the issues surrounding the minister as the leader of worship, followed by two chapters on the art, discipline, and responsibility of being a preacher. The final chapter, on the pursuit of holiness, deals with some of the more common moral dilemmas of ministry, with particular reference to ambition, sexuality, and money.

**Peterson, Eugene, H.**

*Under The Predictable Plant: An Exploration of Vocational Holiness.*

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992.

Clarifies the pastoral vocation by turning to the Biblical book of Jonah, in which he finds a captivating, subversive story that can help pastors recover their “vocational holiness.” Using the story of Jonah, Peterson probes the spiritual dimensions of the pastoral calling as he points the way to reclaiming the ground taken over by those who are trying to enlist pastors in religious careers.

**Poynter, Dan, and Mindy Bingham.**

*Is There a Book Inside You: A Step-by-Step Plan for Writing Your Book.*

Edited by S. Stryker. 3d ed. Santa Barbara, CA: Para Publishing, 1991.

Intelligently compiled and expertly written, this book explains how to write a book. It also gives examples, charts, and tests for the reader to use.

**Poynter, Dan.**

*Publishing Short-Run Books: How to Paste Up and Reproduce Books Instantly Using Your Quick Print Shop.*

5th Revised ed. Santa Barbara, CA: Para Publishing, 1988.

An excellent manual for pastors who publish a newsletter and other materials for use in their church or denomination. Covers all the basic procedures from pasting up camera copy to reproducing quality works.

**Radcliffe, Robert J.**

*Effective Ministry as an Associate Pastor: Making Beautiful Music as a Ministry Team.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

An important book that deals with a forgotten dimension of the ministry. Radcliffe deals with the way an associate pastor can work with the senior pastor and the pastoral staff, build relationships, and organize his job for success.

**Rinehart, Stacy T.**

*Upside Down: The Paradox of Servant Leadership.*

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1998.

“If there were ever a time when leaders need to understand the true meaning of their position and function, it is now. [Rinehart’s] insights on leadership bring fresh clarity to a biblical understanding of the issue. A ‘must read’ for both aspiring and seasoned leaders.”—Joseph M. Stowell.

**Spader, Dann, and Gary Mayes.**

*Growing a Healthy Church.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1991.

Why has the joy gone out of the ministry for many pastors? In this book the authors take a fresh look at the pastoral ministry, reassess strategies for growth, show how to equip a team for evangelism so that they can reach out to the masses. Theirs is an innovative approach that deserves consideration.

**Westing, Harold J.**

*Create and Celebrate Your Church's Uniqueness: How to Design a Church Philosophy of Ministry.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1993.

Growing out of his many years of ministry, Westing guides churches so that they can assess their role within their community, set realistic goals, chart a course for change, establish mission core values, and much more. Recommended!

**Whitehead, James D., and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead.**

*The Promise of Partnership: Leadership and Ministry in an Adult Church.*

San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1991.

The authors write of their work: "The last twenty-five years have released a fierce longing for partnership. Hope for this adult relationship arises at every level in the hierarcal church. Parishoners ask their pastors to approach them as companions in faith, rather than as distant or defensive administrators. Priests look to their bishops for new styles of leadership, more fraternal and less authoritarian. Bishops seek a more collegial relationship with the pope; they seem to be saying, 'We already have a father and he is in heaven. We wish you to be our brother.'"

**Wiersbe, Warren Wendell.**

*In Praise of Plodders! ... and Other Mini-messages of Encouragement to Those Who Minister.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1991.

The author is widely recognized as "a pastor's pastor." In this book he provides his readers 33 brief messages of encouragement and admonition. He also providing them with workable solutions to difficult problems.

**Williams, Earle, and Elspeth Williams.**

*Spiritually Aware Pastoral Care: Amn Introduction and Training Program.*

New York: Paulist Press, 1991.



Written by, and for, Roman Catholics. Sets forth a model for training lay people. Can be used to good advantage by non-conformist churches. Challenging.

**Zuck, Roy B., ed.**

*Vital Ministry Issues: Examining Concerns and Conflicts in Ministry.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Resources, 1994.

Contains 20 chapters that were first published as essays in *Bibliotheca Sacra*. Contributors include J. R. W. Stott, R. C. Ortlund, H. A. Kent, Sr., D. E. Hiebert. Blends scholarship with a real sensitivity to the needs of those in ministry today. Recommended.

## Personal Life

**Akin, H. L. Bert.**

*The Pastor's Complete Guide to Personal Financial Planning.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Provides detailed information on the best way to make the most use of every dollar. Includes counsel on taxes, wills, compensation packages, housing, insurance, retirement, investments, and much more.

**Armstrong, John H.**

*Can Fallen Pastors Be Restored?*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

Confronts the problem of sexual misconduct among pastors and Christian leaders. Describes the church's typical reactions and ways of dealing with the problem. Faces realistically the effects of ministerial immorality on the congregation and the unchurched community. Believes that a fallen minister should not be restored to the pulpit, though he must be reunited with the Lord and his family through confession and forgiveness. Prescriptive. Fails to take into account David's experience (cf. Psalm 51:10-13).

**Barna, George.**

*Today's Pastors: A Revealing Look at What Pastors Are Saying About Themselves, Their Peers and the Pressures They Face.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1993.

Following his extensive research, Barna shares with his readers the insights he has gained about pastors and the pastorate. Included are positive suggestions to help pastors, lay leaders, and church members take the steps necessary to restore visionary leadership to the Church. Practical.

**Briscoe, Jill.**

*Renewal On the Run: Encouragement for Wives Who Are Partners in Ministry.*

Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1992.

Mrs. Briscoe's new book is in some respects a sequel to *Pulling Together When You're Pulled Apart*. It is specifically directed, however, to the needs of pastor's wives. As always, Mrs. Briscoe is right on-target. Her information is challenging, and each chapter ends with recommendations for further growth. Here is a valuable treatise that pastors should read. Their wives should also feel at liberty to discuss the contents with them.

**Eriksen, Gil.**

*When Acceptance Is Denial: A Handbook for People Who Are Confused About Confusion.*

Fort Lauderdale, FL: Gil Eriksen Communications, 1993.

Deals with the techniques of appropriate assertion. A perceptive monograph.

**Flynn, Leslie Bruce.**

*How To Survive the Ministry.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

A valuable case study of the author's forty-year long ministry in the Grace Conservative Baptist Church, Nanuet, NY. Flynn's insights are extremely valuable and readers will find in these pages ample encouragement to help them rise above the hard times. Recommended.

**Proctor, Samuel D., and Gardner C. Taylor.**

*We Have This Ministry: The Heart of the Pastor's Vocation.*

Valley Forge, PA: Judson, 1996.

This probing treatise assesses all facts of the pastor's life: His calling, skill in teaching, prayers, administration, counseling, and more. A probing discussion.

**Sipe, A. W. Richard.**

*Sex, Priests, and Power: Anatomy of a Crisis.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

A book written by a Roman Catholic and for Roman Catholics. Having earlier penned *A Secret World: Sexuality and the Search for Celibacy*, Sipe is in an excellent position to write on the subject of priestly abuse of power. Provocative. "With objectivity, compassion, and uncompromising honesty, Sipe combines rational discourse with 20th century knowledge of the behavior and life sciences to devastating effect in order to expose and illuminate the root causes of the current crisis in the [Roman] Catholic Church concerning priestly behavior and widespread

abuse of power.... [He] concludes that only by honestly confronting the reality will the Church be able to restore its credibility and begin to resolve the current crisis.”--Herbert A. Hauptmann.

## Pastoral Counseling

### **Araoz, Daniel L. And Marie A. Carrese.**

*Solution-Oriented Brief Therapy for Adjustment Disorders: A Guide for Providers Under Managed Care.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

Provides the clinician with a systematic format that will enable him or her to assess and treat a variety of disorders. The authors have prepared a thoroughly professional, well-organized and reliable work. It deserves careful reading.

### **Aronson, Jodi.**

*Inside Manager Care: Family Therapy in a Changing Environment.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

Within these covers is the kind of information that pastoral counselors and therapists need to know if they are to negotiate successfully the complex terrain of managed care. A most helpful monograph. Recommended.

### **Aronson, Jodi.**

*The Dictionary of Managed Behavioral Health Care.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel, 1997.

Arranged alphabetically by topic, this work covers subjects from “access” to “vendor.” Aronson explains the jargon of the health care profession in understandable terms.

### **Asaad, Ghazi.**

*Understanding Mental Disorders Due to Medical Conditions or Substance Abuse: What Every Therapist Should Know.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1994.

“This is an excellent book.... Asaad has provided both the student and the practitioner with a clear, concise, and readable book on this most important subject. This should be especially useful to psychotherapists, whether or not they have a medical background.”--M. Blumenfield.

**Bagarozzi, Dennis A.**

*The Couple and Family in Managed Care: Assessment, Evaluation, and Treatment.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

“Examines the direct influence of managed care on group treatment, solution-focused treatment, and couple family treatment.”--Donald R. Bardill.

**Benner, David G.**

*Sacred Companions: The Gift of Spiritual Friendship and Direction.*

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2002.

The author sets out to show how vital friendships are if a person is to mature as a Christian. This is no lightweight treatment, but a practical, searching presentation of the ways “sacred companions” can help us become more aware of the presence of God in the circumstances of life.

**Black, Bertram J.**

*The Mentally Ill Child Grows Up: Transitions to the World of Work.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

This book grew out of the author’s experience with emotionally disturbed people. It explains what can be done, how support groups can be formed, and the way to establish realistic goals.

**Bor, Robert, Riva Miller, and Eleanor Goldman.**

*Theory and Practice of HIV Counseling.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

“In this book [the authors] put their profound understanding ... and their skill as counselors at the service of the AIDS patient, his or her family and intimate friends.”--Dore Black.

**Brett, Doris.**

*More Annie Stories: Therapeutic Storytelling Techniques.*

New York: Magination Press, 1992.

Shows how parents and pastoral counselors can use stories to help bring about a change in the lives of the children. “Brett is a gifted storyteller. From her own experiences as a parent, she provides parents, teachers and others in the healing professions with an understandable, straightforward, easy-to-learn format for using storytelling to help children with a variety of problems.... A valuable addition to any library.”--Joyce C. Mills.

**Brown, Emily M.**

*Patterns of Infidelity and Their Treatment.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

“This book is chockfull of useful material. Brown identifies types of affairs, advises how to determine if a client is having an affair, indicates the impact of each type of affair on the therapy and provides the professional [counselor] with a repertoire of skills and strategies to help couples deal with the affair productively. The material is clearly written, providing solid concepts for therapists rather than cookie-cutter solutions.”--John M. Haynes.

**Burt, Mala S., and Roger B. Burt.**

*Step families: The Step by Step Model of Brief Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

The strengths of the model proposed by the Burts lies in its simplicity and flexibility. Whether related to interactions, adjustments, and developmental stages, what this husband-wife team present is designed to facilitate the integration of all members into a new family. All things considered, this is a capable, revealing work.

**Ciarrocchi, Joseph W.**

*The Doubting Disease: Help for Scrupulosity and Religious Compulsions.*

New York: Paulist Press, 1995.

This book is about obsessive-compulsive disorders. Its design is to reveal the inner anguish experienced by scrupulous people. It probes the origin and growth of the problem, and then explains the way to guilt-free and shame-free freedom.

**Collins, Gary R., and Timothy E. Clinton.**

*Baby Boomer Blues.*

Contemporary Christian Counseling. Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1992.

The Library of Congress classification lists the subtitle as “Understanding and Counseling Baby Boomers.” This is an excellent treatment of the problems peculiar to this age group’s aspirations and needs. Interwoven throughout is a discussion of their marital, personal, and spiritual problems, and the best way for pastors and counselors to help them as they rear the next generation. A challenging, eye-opening book.

**Crowder, Adrienne.**

*Opening the Door: A Treatment Model for Therapy with Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

The author has worked extensively with abuse survivors. She provides important case studies and self-care strategies, and includes a comprehensive list of written, video, and training resources. The book concludes with questionnaires used by the author.

**Cynaumon, Greg.**

*Helping Single Parents with Troubled Kids.*

Single Ministry Resources. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1992.

A competent treatment of the problems faced by members of single-parent homes. Explains what individual members can do to help themselves, and the ways the church can be supportive of them. This is an excellent resource for all who are called upon to counsel single parents and/or their children. Recommended.

**Dawson, David, and Harriet L. MacMillan.**

*Relationship Management of the Borderline Patient: From Understanding to Treatment.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

This book will be a godsend to beleaguered psychotherapists and counselors. It provides a healthy dose of practical counsel, and shows why clinicians get into trouble with borderline patients.

**Dengler, Paul, Jody Capehart, and Sandy Dengler.**

*You and Your A.D.D. Child: How to Understand and Help Kids with Attention Deficit Disorder.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995.

Explains A.D.D. in understandable terms. Offers practical insights and suggestions for parents and teachers who struggle with the dynamics of A.D.D. on a daily basis.

**Dillon, David.**

*Short-Term Counseling.*

Contemporary Christian Counseling. Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1992.

HMOs have done away with long-term counseling, and other mental health medical plans are following suit. Here is a book that explains how counselors may maximize the benefits of short-term counseling.

**Dorfman, Rachelle A.**

*Clinical Social Work: Definition, Practice, Vision.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

“Dorfman has once again produced a highly useful contribution to the professional literature. Although her primary target is the social work student, her book will be of great use in general to clinical practitioners.... Her rich, practice-based style will assist the busy practitioner in dealing with the complex exigencies of [his/her] practice in a helpful and authoritative manner that rightly builds strongly on the richness of our professional history.”--Francis J. Turner.

**Duncan, Barry L., Andrew D. Solovey, and Gregory S. Rusk.**

*Changing the Rules: A Client-Directed Approach to Therapy.*

New York: Guilford Press, 1992.

“The common response to difficulties and impasses in therapy is to blame the patient [e.g., for being resistant]. Comforting as this may be, this book suggests how it would be more useful to take clients’ ‘realities’ more seriously, and our own ‘realities’ of theory and technique less seriously with a resulting gain in both focus and flexibility.”--John H. Weakland.

**Earle, Ralph H., Marcus R. Earle, and Kevin Osborn.**

*Sex Addiction: Case Studies and Management.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

Focuses on the models of treatment. “This book is an invaluable resource for anyone who desires a better understanding of sex addiction--its importance, diagnosis, and management.”--Theresa L. Crenshaw.

**Edelwich, Jerry, and Archie Brodsky.**

*Sexual Dilemmas for the Helping Professional.*

Revised and expanded ed. New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

The authors “have a realistic grasp of the issues and refrain from advocating simplistic answers to complex problems .... rules are not presented as dogma, but as helpful guidelines derived from the collective reflection of experienced psychotherapists.... To the authors’ credit, they do not limit their discussion to overt sexual contact within psychotherapy.... It is also to the authors’ credit that they discuss problems which may arise between patients and paraprofessionals.... The stance of the book is humane and ethical.”--Contemporary Psychology.

**Ellis, Albert.**

*Better, Deeper, and More Enduring Brief Therapy: The Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy Approach.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

Represents the culmination of Ellis’ 52 years of research and practice. Will prove helpful to pastoral counselors who wish to test Ellis’ theories and methods. Such honest evaluation will prove to be a rewarding experience.

**Ellison, Craig W.**

*From Stress to Well-Being.*

Contemporary Christian Counseling. Dallas, TX: Word Publishers, 1994.

Provides an overview of the nature of stress, before assessing the ways in which it can become habitual. Warns of the downward path of stress, and shows how changes can be made. Concludes by pointing out the effect of stress on one’s emotions, relationships, and spirituality.

**Ells, Alfred.**

*Restoring Innocence.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991.

Ells explains the purpose of his book: “There seem to be two kinds of people when it comes to sex: Those who want more and those who want less.... Few realize how their sexual practices of today were formed by influences from yesterday.” In a day when incest and sexual abuse are now found to have had a devastating effect upon the victims, this book offers hope of a long-lasting recovery.

**Feldman, Larry B.**

*Integrating Individual and Family Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

Individual and family therapy have developed as separate, and often antagonistic, approaches to clinical work with children, adolescents, and adults. The rigid separation between these modalities has impaired therapists' ability to conduct comprehensive clinical assessments and to intervene in ways that promote both intrapsychic and interpersonal changes. The material in this book is based on an integrative, multilevel conceptualization of individual and family interactional problems; it aims at a clear delineation of all factors that can stimulate and maintain intrapsychic and interpersonal strengths, and it seeks to provide a climate that is conducive to conjoint and individual growth.

**Figley, Charles R., ed.**

*Compassion Fatigue: Coping With Secondary Traumatic Stress Disorder in Those Who Treat the Traumatized.*

New York; Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

Brings into clear focus the extreme psychological vulnerability of crisis workers exposed daily to trauma victims, and the efforts that can be made towards averting undue stress.

**Fintel, William A., and G. R. McDermott.**

*Dear God, It's Cancer: A Medical and Spiritual Guide for Patients and Their Families.* Rev. ed.

Dallas, TX: Word, 1997.

First published in 1993. Designed to answer questions about cancer—the kinds of cancer and treatment options, why we get cancer, what part this plays in God's plans for His children, and the possibility of healing. An excellent discussion.

**Foster, Timothy D.**



*A Handbook of Christian Counseling.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995.

An updated version of Foster's *Called to Serve* (1986). An excellent resource for pastoral counselors. Recommended.

**Frame, James L.**

*Family-Of-Origin Therapy: An Integrational Approach.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991,

Using case histories as well as data from clinical psychology, Frame explains his new and innovative approach to counseling couples, families together, and siblings. Adequate opportunity is given each participant to share his/her feelings, impressions, and needs. The goal of this new style of counseling is the sound mental/emotional health of each family member.

**Gaddis, Patricia Riddle.**

*Battered But Not Broken: Help for Abused Wives and Their Church Families.*

Valley Forge, PA: Judson, 1996.

This book is for abused victims and their friends. It offers step-by-step intervention techniques and resources for helping victims of domestic violence, and challenges the church to take a stand against the awful wrongs that are being perpetrated upon women and children.

**Ghuman, Harinder S., and Richard M. Sarles, eds.**

*Handbook of Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1994.

What does a pastoral counselor do when it becomes necessary to remove an adolescent from a pathogenic home environment? This book explains what to look for when inpatient hospitalization is needed. It treats general considerations, different therapeutic intervention, special treatment, and finally, special issues.

**Gillespie, Jacquelyn.**

*The Projective Use of Mother-and-Child Drawings: A Manual for Clinicians.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1994.

"Gillespie has produced a gem... perhaps the most refreshing new work on a projective drawing technique in over 50 years. It will be treasured by mental health workers of all persuasions, novices and masters alike."--Leo Weisbender.

**Griffin, William A.**

*Family Therapy: Fundamentals of Theory and Practice.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

“Integrates the common elements of several approaches to therapy into a practical model. As such, it is a valuable and timely addition to the field. It is practical, concise, and useful.”--D. Russell Crane.

**Guernsey, Dennis, and Lucy Guernsey.**

*Birth Marks.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1991.

This is a book about becoming a transitional person--someone who decides that dysfunctional family patterns and destructive behavior will stop with you. Every married person brings a certain amount of “baggage” to their union. These create pockets of problems that surface at the most inappropriate times. How are these traits from the past overcome so that they do not blight one’s marriage and are not passed on to a new generation? That’s the purpose of this book, and it’s a task the Guernseys discharge with uncommon good sense.

**Gurman, Alan S., and David P. Kniskern, eds.**

*Handbook of Family Therapy.* Vol. 2.

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

Another valuable contribution that overflows with the kind of information pastoral counselors will appreciate. Divided into three areas: Historical and Conceptual Foundations of Family Therapy; Models of Family Therapy; and Special Issues and Applications. Makes available the results of a vast amount of research. Useful and relevant. v.2

**Hargrave, Terry D., and William T. Anderson.**

*Finishing Well: Aging and Reparation in the Intergenerational Family.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

Applies the principles of family therapy in the aging process. Discusses intergenerational relations and the special needs of the elderly. This book makes an important contribution by showing how family therapy can be applied to the challenges facing the elderly and their families.

**Hart, Archibald D., Gary L. Gulbranson, and Jim Smith.**

*Mastering Pastoral Counseling.*

Portland, OR: Multnomah Press, 1992.

An elemental work. Covers some of the basic issues. The discussions by contributors are generally helpful, but the book falls far short of what is needed.

**Hart, Thomas.**

*Hidden Springs: The Spiritual Dimension of Therapy.*

New York: Paulist Press, 1994.

The author believes that the problems people bring to therapy have a spiritual dimension. He sets out to show how much richer the counseling process can be when both theological and psychological dimensions are integrated. The book is divided into two parts: Theoretical considerations, and Case studies. Insightful.

**Haynes-Seman, Clare, and David Baumgarten.**

*Children Speak for Themselves: Using the Kempe Interactional Assessment to Evaluate Allegations of Parent-Child Sexual Abuse.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publications, 1994.

Provides clinicians, attorneys, and other professionals involved in decision-making with a reliable clinical procedure that can also help to uncover more covert information and verify whether abuse has occurred and by whom.

**Hilgard, Ernest R., and Josephine R. Hilgard.**

*Hypnosis in the Relief of Pain.* Revised ed.

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1994.

Described by D. W. MacKinnon as “An excellent work, written with admirable clarity and cautiously balanced scientific judgment.” Helps to clarify issues for Christians who have doubts about its viability.

**Hunter, Marlene Elva.**

*Making Peace With Chronic Pain: A Whole-Life Strategy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

The author, an M.D., discusses the different kinds of pain--acute, persistent, chronic--and what the sufferer can do about the way he or she feels. Hunter advocates the need to identify “Pain triggers” and the “Pain players,” and then develop a plan whereby pain can be reduced. She also treats the role of medication and the possibility of “lifestyle changes.” All things considered, this is a potentially helpful book.

**Johnson, Susan M.**

*Creating Connection: The Practice of Emotionally Focused Marital Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

The author offers a clear, cogent description of the process of emotionally focused marital therapy. She explains her technique and her primarily behavioral approach.

**Johnson, Susan M., and Leslie S. Greenberg, eds.**

*The Heart of the Matter: Perspectives on Emotion in Marital Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1994.

This is a most insightful and helpful volume. It seeks to correct the imbalance between systems theory and couples theory, while all the while dealing with the behavioral exchanges that take place along the way to the renewal of intimate relationships.

**Kaplan, Helen Singer.**

*The Sexual Desire Disorders: Dysfunctional Regulation of Sexual Motivation.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

Kaplan has been a leader in sexual disorders for more than a generation. She has earned the right to be heard. Now, in this book, she explores the exciting and effective field of integrated sex therapy. The model she has developed is comprehensive, and includes the effects of aging so that the discussion of sexual desire disorders is as complete as any modern work can be.

**Kaufman, Bobbie, and Agnes Wohl.**

*Casualties of Childhood: A Developmental Perspective on Sexual Abuse Using Projective Drawings.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

“This important book will be a source of enlightenment for all interested professionals.... [It is] a successful integration of psychodynamic theory and clinical practice, and on their powerful use of art therapy techniques to delineate the continuing impact on sexual abuse on its young victims.”-- Spencer Eth.

**Kay, Stanley R.**

*Positive and Negative Syndromes in Schizophrenia: Assessment and Research.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

This book was published posthumously. It contains Kay's most recent and creative thinking on the subject of schizophrenia. With clear examples and the use of the PANSS Interview Guide he presents his assessment of the kind of treatment that can best benefit those afflicted with schizophrenia. Here is a book pastoral counselors would do well to master, if only to know what to look for and the best kind of therapist to whom to refer the member of their congregation.

**Kershaw, Carol J.**

*The Couple's Hypnotic Dance: Creating Ericksonian Strategies in Marital Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

Takes the basic principle of entrancement and develops it into a potent theory for shaping the underlying forces of marital therapy that will help therapists work with each couple. “This is a clearly conceived, well-articulated, beautifully written book!”--J. C. Zinker.

**Kettler, Steven C., comp.**

*Biblical Counsel.*

Resources for Renewal. Newark, Delaware: Lettermen and Associates, 1993.

Eleven chapters (pp. 3--669) cover recommended book in the areas of Biblical counseling, commentaries, works for and by women, reference tools, and much more. Eight appendixes (pp. 673--714) treat everything from Acronyms through Christian action. This book is replete with author, title, Scripture, and subject indexes. It is a most extensive compilation.

**Kirschner, Sam, Diana Adile Kirschner, and Richard L. Rappaport.**

*Working with Adult Incest Survivors: The Healing Journey.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

Perhaps the greatest value of the authors' highly evolved therapeutic method lies in their vision that extends well beyond the retrieval process to a place where an incest survivor can ultimately make peace with his or her malignant past and actively create a satisfying present and future.

**Kopp, Richard R.**

*Metaphor Therapy: Using Client-Generated Metaphors in Psychotherapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

"Metaphor is a decidedly under used intervention in psychotherapy. In this clear and eminently readable volume, Kopp demonstrates the therapeutic power of metaphor and describes its use in major therapy schools."--Jeffrey K. Zeig.

**Krasner, Barbara R., and Austin J. Joyce.**

*Truth, Trust, and Relationships: Healing Interventions in Contextual Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

"Brings to contextual therapy a new emphasis on 'direct-address' as the cornerstone that helps to catalyze ethical imagination and initiate the process of dialogue."--Maurice Friedman.

**Krippner, Stanley, and Susan Marie Powers, eds.**

*Broken Images, Broken Selves.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel, 1997.

"Calmly and competently describes the phenomena of dissociation in a great variety of cultures, historical times, and human circumstances. It is an excellent, gently provocative work that invites the reader to think about dissociation in novel, productive ways."—Erika Fromm.

**Kubetin, Cynthia, and James Mallory.**

*Beyond the Darkness.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1992.

In this book Cindy Kubetin draws from personal experience and the tragedy of many others who have also suffered from sexual abuse. Now, with psychiatrist James Mallory, she tells her story. It is one of encouragement and hope to those who have similarly been the victims of predators and who have suffered years of pain and suffering.

**Kuehlwein, Kevin T., and Hugh Rosen, eds.**

*Cognitive Therapies in Action: Evolving Innovative Practice.*

San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1993.

“[This book] is a valuable collection of some of the most innovative applications of cognitive therapy. I highly recommend it.”--Michael Mahoney.

**L'Abate, Luciano, and Dennis A. Bagarozzi.**

*Sourcebook of Marriage and Family Evaluation.*

New York: Brunner/mazel Publishers, 1992.

An indispensable resource providing prompt access to the latest tests covering marital interaction, sexual functioning, nonbehavioral measures of behavioral quality, and more. Each test is evaluated for its efficiency. Very helpful.

**Lachkar, Joan.**

*The Narcissistic/Borderline Couple: A Psychoanalytic Perspective on Marital Treatment.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

“[The author] succeeds in building a unified theory of marital conflict that brings together the most recent advances in psychoanalytic concepts.... [She] offers an inside view of what happens when two pathologies meet. The two pathologies enter into a “dance” that fulfills each other’s unconscious and conscious needs. Marital conflict is discussed with emphasis on both intrapsychic as well as interpersonal experience. The book offers valuable theoretical and clinical recommendation to both the beginner and the experienced therapist who works with narcissistic/ borderline couples.”--Samuel Eisenstein.

**Landau-Stanton, Judith, and Colleen D. Clements.**

*AIDS, Health, and Mental Health: A Primary Sourcebook.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

This treatise demonstrates the proven value of applying an integrative systems approach to every aspect of managing--and hopefully, one day, overcoming--AIDS. Thorough, reliable.

**Lankton, Stephen R., and Jeffrey K. Zeig, eds.**

*Difficult Contexts for Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

Contains provocative chapters on the use of hypnosis with cancer patients (for the control of pain), the social nature of the unconscious mind, and much more. Allows readers to peer behind the curtains and see the potential of different kinds of therapies.

**Lendrum, Susan, and Gabrielle Syme.**

*Gift of Tears: A Practical Approach to Loss and Bereavement Counselling.*

London: Travistock/Routledge, 1992.

Designed to help those in the helping relationship, whether the one who has suffered loss is a neighbor or a patient or a counselee. Contains a valuable discussion. Deserves a place in every preacher's library.

**Levicoff, Steve.**

*Christian Counseling and the Law.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1991.

"I am most grateful to Steve Levicoff for the way in which he has helped the Christian community decipher the legal boundaries that apply to Christian ministries.... He specifically spells out what constitutes confidentiality, when to defer to medical personnel, when to involve the family, and many other pertinent issues. After reading this book the Christian counselor should have a clear direction in those delicate issues that require a careful understanding of the counselee's rights and the counselor's responsibilities."--Les Carter.

**Lewis, Jerry M., III, and M. J. Blotsky.**

*Child Therapy: Concepts, Strategies and Decision Making.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel, 1997.

This timely, wide-ranging book should be required reading for students who are interested in child psychology and intent upon becoming child therapists. The chapters here will help all counselors keep abreast of the latest trends and techniques.

**Liebert, Elizabeth Ann.**

*Changing Life Patterns: Adult Development in Spiritual Direction.*

New York: Paulist, 1992.

The author believes that we are experiencing a renaissance in spiritual values. She writes to help her readers understand what is taking place so that they may integrate theological and psychological truths. Her writing is clear and factual, and she develops each chapter with her "big

picture” of a contemporary renaissance in mind. She also describes the various stages adults negotiate as they advance in age and experience. If there are any weaknesses in this book it is that the author is at times overly optimistic, and that the data she has amassed is not applied to different personality types.

**Linesch, Debra, ed.**

*Art Therapy With Families in Crisis: Overcoming Resistance Through Nonverbal Expression.*  
New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

Contains five chapters with each one treating a specific aspect of art therapy. The discussion of the contributors in which they describe their use art to break down reluctance on the part of a counselee and expose the real problems is lucid and informative. Pastoral counselors will find this a handy resource.

**Littlewood, Jane Lesley.**

*Aspects of Grief: Bereavement in Adult Life.*  
London: Routledge, 1992.

Here is an in-depth study of the many aspects of bereavement and the grieving process. Covers common ground, but also treats the importance of support groups and networks, both familial and professional. Helpful.

**Lovern, John D.**

*Pathways to Reality: Erickson-Inspired Treatment Approaches to Chemical Dependency.*  
New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

As chemical dependency has grown and spread with frightening speed throughout every level of society, the necessity of finding effective treatment methods has become increasingly pressing. In this volume Lovern builds a bridge between the many professionals in the addiction treatment community and the growing number of psychotherapists who are successfully using Erickson's techniques in their work. In this book therapists will find numerous outlines of specific treatment strategies aimed at overcoming resistance strategies and other defenses, and the description of techniques that may be employed with individual or groups. And these are only two of the benefits of this book.

**Luquet, Wade.**

*Short-Term Couples Therapy: The Imago Model in Action.*  
New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

Why do some romances turn sour and head toward divorce? How many marriages become the substance dreams are made of? Luquet--a gifted writer---has puzzled over these problems, and also wrestled with the challenge of trying to help couples when few can afford long-term therapy.



In this book explains how love may endure, and how focused short-term therapy may turn marriages around. Her insights are well-articulated and practical.

**MacArthur, John F., Jr., and Wayne A. Mack, eds.**

*Introduction to Biblical Counseling.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishers, 1994.

Lovers of Jay Adams, and those who espouse nouthetic counseling, will welcome this book. Its goal is to provide an alternative to secular psychology on the one hand and Christian psychology on the other. Both approaches are rejected out of hand. The assumption of the contributors is that only their approach is "Biblical." Such reasoning is fallacious. Most of the contributors lack sound training. Each chapter has been written from a closed Reformed point of view. Other modalities are assessed in this light of this commitment, and condemned. True integration of psychology and theology is believed to be impossible unless one accepts Jay Adams' approach. The result is a disappointing, overly simplistic approach to counseling that provides a contemporary illustration of what the apostle Paul warned against when he told the Corinthians not to commend themselves by measuring themselves by themselves or compare themselves with themselves (2 Cor. 10:12).

**Masterson, James F.**

*The Emerging Self: A Developmental, Self, and Object Relations Approach to the Treatment of Closet Narcissism Disorder of the Self.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

Offers a clear, down-to-earth, hands-on presentation of the treatment of closet narcissism that will be of interest to all therapists, teachers, and pastoral counselors. Assists those in the helping professions identify and deal with the emotions that lie at the center of the narcissistic temperament. Also illustrates the variations in countertransference that occur as a result of projective identification.

**Masterson, James F., Marian Tolpin, and Peter E. Sifneos.**

*Comparing Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies: Development, Self and Object Relations; Self Psychology; [and] Short-term Dynamic.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

Not only provides a remarkably candid and revealing picture of these three widely accepted theories, but also of their clinical consequences. Succeeds in bringing out the differences in both theory and technique. Each of the contributors is an expert in his or her field, and each has skillfully defended the approach they developed and then refined. This book can aid the aspiring counselor in his/her approach to an eclectic model.

**McGee, Robert, and Pat Springer.**

*Getting Unstuck.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1992.

This is part of the growing “Rapha” corpus of self-help books. From the Foreword by Archibald D. Hart to the last page, this work gives evidence of being carefully thought out and ably brought to completion. The treatment offered is progressive; the counsel achieves a healthy balance between extremes; and suggestions for growth are reasonable.. There is no index.

**Miller, William R., and Stephen Rollnick.**

*Motivational Interviewing: Preparing People to Change Addictive Behavior.*

New York: Guilford Press, 1991.

“[The authors] have produced a landmark guide for effective counseling of clients with such maladaptive behaviors as excessive alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, compulsive gambling, and sex abuse.... The whole book is compassionate and humane in its approach and is replete with specific, interestingly written accounts of actual sessions.... This work is likely to make a material contribution toward more realistic, nondogmatic styles in the treatment of behavioral problems.”-  
-Don Calahan.

**Minirth, Frank B., and Sandy Dengler.**

*The Headache Book.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1994.

A sane approach to a problem that is experienced by all of us at one time or another. Treats the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual causes of headaches. Presents an eight-step plan for relieving the suffering and restructuring one's life. Recommended.

**Mosgofian, Peter T., and George W. Ohlschlager.**

*Sexual Misconduct in Counseling and Ministry.*

Contemporary Christian Counseling. Dallas, TX: Word Books, 1994.

The authors have endeavored to write a book that exposes the breadth of the problem of sexual exploitation in counseling and ministry. Issues covered include the sexual revolution, forbidden sex between adults, child sexual abuse, policies and practices within the church, and the law and sexual misconduct. This is a timely and necessary monograph. Its warnings need to be heeded.

**Muslin, Hyman L.**

*The Psychotherapy of the Elderly Self.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

People grow old. It is a fact of life. But what are the needs of the elderly? By the time we gain a knowledge of old age experientially, it's too late for us to do much about it. That is why Muslin's

book is so helpful. He challenges his colleagues in the helping professions (including pastoral counselors) to adopt a new and improved method of dealing with those in the supposedly “golden years” of life. In the process he makes available to all readers, and especially those in ministry, the benefit of his vast experience.

**Nace, Edgar P.**

*Achievement and Addiction: A Guide to the Treatment of Professionals.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

“This book will become the standard text for anyone interested in the challenge and rewards of working with mental health professionals. It will improve the depth of understanding, the timing, and the descriptive, interpretative and technical skills of both beginner and expert.”--Richard J. Frances.

**Nadeau, Kathleen G.**

*Adventures in Fast Forward: Life, Love, and Work with the ADD Adult.*

New York: Brunner/mazel Publishers, 1996.

At one time it was thought that children who were “hyperactive” would outgrow it as they got older. More recently, however, the psychological community has learned that millions of these children don’t outgrow it and often become adults with ADD. When ADD is recognized in adults, they are able to explain and, therefore, deal with the myriad personality traits that influence virtually every aspect of their daily lives. The inattentiveness that signals ADD in children often translates into a degree of disorganization, irresponsibility and lack of motivation in ADD adults. Once diagnosed, however, the ADD adult can take steps that will absolutely change his life.

**Nadeau, Kathleen G., ed.**

*A Comprehensive Guide to Attention Deficit Disorder in Adults: Research, Diagnosis, and Treatment.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

A comprehensive, well-referenced book that will be of enormous help to pastoral counselors in diagnosing the disorder and making a wise referral.

**Ney, Philip G., and Anna Peters.**

*Ending the Cycle of Abuse: The Stories of Women Abused as Children and the Group Therapy Techniques That Helped Them Heal.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

This exceptional volume will give its readers a deeper understanding of child abuse and its effects on the developing child. For therapists who work with abuse victims, it sets forth a time-tested technique for providing significant help to a severely disturbed and growing population. For

victims of abuse, it offers the immense relief of self-recognition and the gift of hope. An excellent discussion.

**Ney, Tara, ed.**

*True and False Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse: Assessment and Case Management.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

No other resource exists that so comprehensively addresses the multidisciplinary nature of the problem of childhood sexual abuse, or the diversity of the approaches presently available. This book offers those in the helping professions the most current research at hand coupled with the hard-earned wisdom of some of the most respected professionals in the field.

**Ohlschlager, George, and Peter Mosgofian.**

*Law for the Christian Counselor.*

Contemporary Christian Counseling. Dallas, TX: Word Books, 1992.

The increased incidence of litigation involving Christian churches and pastoral counselors has made books of this genre a necessity. This book has been excellently produced. It covers all the bases from the acknowledgment of the legitimacy of pastoral counseling to the change in attitude should a counselee or his/her family decide to sue. Of particular interest is the authors' emphasis on competent counseling, the importance of referrals, and church leadership involving the proper discipline of its members. Recommended.

**Parrott, Leslie L., and Les Parrott III.**

*The Career Counselor: Guidance for Planning Careers and Managing Career Crisis.*

Dallas, TX: Word Books, 1995.

A detailed discussion of the issues contained in the subtitle. Begins with a broad overview, followed by a clear delineation of specific struggles. Concludes with a presentation of special issues. Helpful. Deserves widespread reading.

**Pillari, Vimala.**

*Scapegoating in Families: Intergenerational Patterns of Physical and Emotional Abuse.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

Here is a fascinating and compelling volume not only for therapists who treat these victims, but for all therapists who need to be aware of common intergenerational patterns. "[The author] focuses on the intrapsychic as well as the interpersonal processes that come into play by drawing on insights derived from psychoanalysis and systems theory. At the same time, she reveals herself as a skillful and dedicated therapist. Last, but not least, she provides us with a concise introduction into the fundamentals of an Intergenerational view of families and the treatment problems revealed by such an approach."--Helm Stierlin.

**Poynter, William L.**

*The Preferred Provider's Handbook: Building a Successful Private Therapy Practice in the Manager Care Marketplace.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1994.

A revolution has been taking place in behavioral health financing and only those practitioners who know how to successfully market themselves to managed care organizations are likely to maintain their hold in this rapidly changing system. Poynter's presentation of this dilemma is realistic, clear, insightful, and highly practical. "A super resource for the changing mental health environment."--Simon H. Budman.

**Quinn, Patricia O.**

*Attention Deficit Disorder: Diagnosis and Treatment from Infancy to Adulthood.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel, 1997.

Examines ADD and its impact over the life-span. Most of the literature focuses on children. This one is more broadly based, looks beyond the traditionally narrow approach to consider the issues from childhood to adulthood.

**Rapee, Ronald M., and David H. Barlow, eds.**

*Chronic Anxiety: Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Mixed Anxiety-Depression.*

New York: Guilford Press, 1991.

"Drs. Rapee and Barlow have contributed immeasurably in the past to both scientific and clinical understanding of anxiety disorders. Once again in this book they have successfully brought together many disciplines and points of view to present a cohesive, illuminating, and important description of chronic anxiety. The book is eminently readable and informative and will appeal to both the specialist in the field of anxiety disorder research as well as to clinicians and patients with anxiety disorder who want to understand the most current recommendations for treatment."--Jack M. Gorman.

**Rapoport, Judith L., and Deborah R. Ismond.**

*DSM--IV Training Guide for Diagnosis of Childhood Disorders.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1996.

An up-to-date handbook that clarifies and expands upon the definitions used in the classification and diagnosis of childhood disorders. Excellent! Recommended for all who are involved in the helping professions.

**Roberto, Laura Giat.**

*Transgenerational Families Therapies.*

New York: Guilford Press, 1992.

“Roberto ... clearly describes the original methodologies, then launches into an elegant elaboration of the multigenerational field that will be the focus of the next generation of professionals.... [She] adds to the perspective of the field by presenting her evolving methodology to the transgenerational process in both functional and dysfunctional families.... An excellent case story supports her formulation.... The reader and the teacher of family therapy will find textual detail and a solid basis for advanced thinking and professional growth.”--Carl Whitaker.

**Rodin, Gary, John Craven, and Christine Littlefield.**

*Depression in the Medically Ill: An Integrated Approach.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

This is a compelling and comprehensive addition to the literature, offering a synthesis of vast research on the subject. The discussion is organized along conceptual lines, providing a balanced perspective regarding psychosocial and somatic contributions to depression. At the core are five main issues: The prevalence and consequences of mood disorders; methodological questions related to assessment and diagnosis of depression; psychological, social, and biological factors that may be associated with depression; psychotherapeutic approaches to the prevention and treatment of depressive disorders; and the efficacy of certain treatment procedures.

**Saitoh, Satoru, Peter Steinglass, and Marc A. Schuckit, eds.**

*Alcoholism and the Family,*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1989.

Contains papers presented at the Fourth International Symposium of the Psychiatric Research Institute, Tokyo. Covers matters of genetics, mental health, the effect of alcoholism on family dynamics, and therapeutic approaches to treatment.

**Sherman, Robert, Paul Oresky, and Yvonne Rountree.**

*Solving Problems in Couples and Family Therapy: Techniques and Tactics.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

“Never have I seen so much material so well researched, so clearly stated and described.... Every therapist--neophyte or experienced practitioner--will find here something that he or she needs, has been looking for, is puzzled by, has heard of, has wondered about, or indeed, has never imagined.”--Olga Silverstein.

**Shor, Joel.**

*Work, Love, Play: Self Repair in the Psychoanalytic Dialogue.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

This book made its debut in 1990 when it was published in California by Double Helix Press. The author adopts a strong humanistic approach to counseling; tackles types of resistance, and appears to accept Freud's counsel for the good life. Of particular note is the author's explanation of ethical issues.

**Smaldino, Angelo, ed.**

*Psychoanalytic Approaches to Addiction.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1991.

“One of the many lessons we learn from the pages of this monograph is that it is a trying, tedious, and tumultuous ordeal for both therapist and patient to help the latter move toward gratifying him- or herself in live interpersonal relationships, rather than depend on any of the addictions noted in the papers presented here. The addictive personality is frequently a very infantile personality. Consequently, he or she provokes many strong countertransference reactions. As we note, the patient under discussion can induce in the therapist rage, helplessness, depression, and withdrawal. Of course, these are emotional states of many addicts who, in their unique way, are trying to find a partner to help them cope with their maladaptive lifestyle.”--Herbert S. Streaan.

**Snider, Clifton.**

*The Stuff That Dreams Are Made On: A Jungian Interpretation of Literature.*

Wilmette, IL: Chiron Publications, 1991.

Introduces readers to the Jungian theory and its literary application. Uses examples like Merlin in the story of King Arthur, Oscar Wilde's Dorian Gray, androgynous elements in the writings of Virginia Wold, and much more. Challenging.

**Solomon, Neil, and Marc Lipton.**

*Chronic Fatigue and Other Ailments.*

New York: Wynwood Press, 1991.

Formerly published under the title, Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired. After tracking hundreds of patients who had been told “it's all in your head,” these doctors discovered a biochemical phenomenon they call Profound Sensitivity Syndrome, or PS2. In this book they discuss their findings and outline an effective treatment program. “You have identified an important problem, one which is being insufficiently or at least inartistically addresses by the patient. The combination of your careful analysis and particularized suggestions has produced a work of uncommon value.”--Norman Cousins.

**Sorenson, James L., et al.**

*Preventing AIDS in Drug Users and Their Sexual Partners.*

New York: Guilford Press, 1991.

“An important resource and an effective tool for the increasing population of clinicians, teachers, and counselors who share responsibilities for AIDS awareness and education.”--Richard Keeling.

**Spence, Susan H.**

*Psychosexual Therapy: A Cognitive-Behavioral Approach.*

London: Chapman and Hall, 1991.

Sexual problems are approached from a psychological perspective with stress being placed on the enhancement of individual relationships. The variety of difficulties encountered by a counselor is sometimes intimidating. To address these issues, Spence organizes her material into nine different categories. The discussions are helpful, and this book is to be recommended to pastoral counselors everywhere.

**Sperling, Michael B., and William H. Berman, eds.**

*Attachment in Adults: Clinical and Developmental Perspectives.*

New York: Guilford Press, 1994.

“This book is a wide-ranging and provocative volume that extends various facets of the attachment theory and research to adult relationships and psychotherapy. Especially valuable is the integration of Bowlby’s theorizing on loss into a deeper understanding of insecure attachment and therapeutic change.”--Inge Bretherton.

**Sperry, Len.**

*Handbook of Diagnosis and Treatment of the DSM-IV Personality Disorders.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

This is more than a review or an overview of knowledge about personality disorders. It offers comprehensive analysis and instruction that should be available to every mental health clinician who works with people having personality disorders.

**Splinter, John P.**

*The Healing Path: A Guide for Women Rebuilding Their Lives After Sexual Abuse.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Six women who have gone the “journey” from self-recrimination to self-respect tell their personal stories. They show that for those willing to bring the past to the light there is hope, healing, and eventual wholeness.

**Sprang, Ginny, and John S. McNeil.**

*The Many Faces of Bereavement: The Nature and Treatment of Natural, Traumatic, and Stigmatized Grief.*



New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

Ably supplements other works on grief resolution. Enhances the counselor's understanding of grief following a murder, a drunk driving fatality, a community disaster, an AIDS-related death or suicide. Lacks a spiritual dimension.

**Steere, David A.**

*Spiritual Presence in Psychotherapy: A Guide for Caregivers.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel, 1997.

“The book is authoritative, well-researched, and abounds in wisdom. It accurately portrays the deeper meanings of both spiritual presence and psychotherapy and shows interactions. This is a pioneer volume, the first of its kind. It should be a standard text for years to come.”—Wayne E. Oates.

**Stout, Martha.**

*Without Child: A Compassionate Look at Infertility.*

Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1990.

“Deep grief can be met by deep love. The love of Jesus. Stout tells us how to face, cope with, and overcome the sorrow of infertility. An excellent book.”--Jill Briscoe.

**Strean, Herbert S.**

*Therapists Who Have Sex With Their Patients.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1993.

“Strean has broken new ground in our understanding of the problem of sexual misconduct. He provides the reader with detailed psychoanalytical case studies of therapists who have become sexually involved with their patients.”--Glen O. Gabbard.

**Tate, Philip.**

*Alcohol: How To Give It Up and Be Glad You Did. A Sensible Approach.*

Altamonte Springs, FL: Rational Self-Help Press, 1992.

Many people are seeking alternatives to Alcoholics Anonymous, and more are becoming available. A new book, based upon the principles of Rational-Emotive Therapy, presents a common sense approach to quitting alcohol and living better in abstinence. It offers self-help for many problems that are shared by recovering people. First, it helps get rid of psychological barriers to quitting alcohol and other drugs. Then it shows how to live better in sobriety by eliminating emotional problems and establishing long term goals for recovery.

**Trent, Alan, and Patricia Hatfield Trent.**

*Barren Couples, Broken Hearts.*

San Bernardino, CA: Here's Life Publishers, 1991.

"The Trents have expended tremendous effort and discipline in the creation of this book. They have thoroughly researched the options for parenthood and have presented the material in an exceptionally readable manner. They take a highly emotional issue, that of an unfulfilled desire for children, and treat it in a gentle and wise way without gushing with frothy sentimentality."-- Wayne E. Oates.

**Van Stone, Doris and Erwin W. Lutzer.**

*No Place to Cry: The Hurt and Healing of Sexual Abuse.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1990.

Dorie's testimony is confirmation of God's power to heal the deepest hurts. As Kay Arthur has pointed out, "[Hers] is a hard story to tell. But for Jesus and for the sake of His people Dorie is willing to let you look into the dark, musty closet of her past so that you might see how the Light of the World came into that closet, bringing with Him the sweet aroma of His sovereign love." This book contains her story.

**Vanderlinden, Johan, Jan Norre, and Walter Vandereycken.**

*A Practical Guide to the Treatment of Bulimia Nervosa.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

First published in Dutch, c1989. "...evenhanded, comprehensive, clear, and as the title promises, practical. The work is informed by decades of experience and an unusually open-minded exploration of a vast array of theories and techniques. Clinicians new to this field will be introduced to all its major concepts and old hands will find important things that they have neglected"--Susan C.. Wooley.

**VanGoethem, Jeff.**

*Living Together: A Guide to Counseling Unmarried Couples.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2005.

This is a book all pastors should read. It not only provides a biblical perspective on the issue, but it also brings to the fore a wealth of sociological and psychological research that has a direct bearing on this important subject.

**Vannicelli, Marsha.**

*Removing the Roadblocks: Group Psychotherapy with Substance Abusers and Family Members.*

New York: Guilford Press, 1992.

“Vannicelli does a fine job of breaking down the complexities and pitfalls of group psychotherapy, and in particular the countertransference issues. There are many examples of specific treatment problems [in this book] and guidelines for handling them.”--American Journal of Psychotherapy.

**Wallace, Barbara C., ed.**

*The Chemically Dependent: Phases of Treatment and Recovery.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

“[This book] is must reading for students and clinicians in the addiction field and is a wonderful reference textbook for generalities. The chapters are lucid reviews by outstanding authorities that contain considerable clinical wisdom, as well as reviewing and presenting clinical research. With its special attention on the phases of treatment and recovery, this book breaks new ground, enhances therapeutic options, and will aid practitioners in improving their treatment effectiveness.”--Richard J. Frances.

**Walter, John L., and Jane E. Peller.**

*Becoming Solution-Focused in Brief Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

“In this exceptionally well-written book, [the authors] introduce the reader to a fresh and lively step-by-step process of learning how to develop solutions that put the clients back in charge of their lives in as brief a time as possible. Viewing clients from a positive perspective, focusing on the future, and promoting client strengths, the authors offer their own unique ideas about the theoretical assumptions, skills, and often-asked questions associated with solution-focused brief therapy.”--Harlene Anderson.

**Ward, Joyce Houser.**

*Therapy?*

Tarrytown, NY: Wynwood Press, 1992.

The front cover carries the subheading in which the author's goal is described as “Unmasking the Fears, Shattering the Myths, [and] Finding the Path to Wellness.” Counters the stereotype of the therapist with a step-by-step explanation of the process of therapy. Though compassionate, and with case studies that illustrate the points Ward is making, the reader is conducted into the therapy session and led to identify such issues as pain, fear, resistance to change, shame, recovery from addiction, codependence, emotional reawakening, and transformation.

**Weeks, Gerald R., and Larry Hof.**

*Integrative Solutions: Treating Common Problems in Couples Therapy.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1995.

The authors have developed one of the few individual-family interface models of therapy. They have also added to their theoretical contribution by illustrating their model with instructive case studies. This is an excellent work that will stand the test of time.

**Weeks, Gerald R., and Larry Hof.**

*The Marital-Relationship Therapy Casebook: Theory and Application of the Intersystem Model.*  
New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1994.

Builds upon the Interpersonal Model presented in *Treating Couples and Couples in Treatment*. Links theory with practice and presents a viable approach to problem resolution.

**Williams, Dan.**

*Seven Myths About Small Groups: How to Keep from Falling Into Common Traps.*  
Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1991.

Fills a gap in books about small groups. Pinpoints the “traps” that can so easily derail a group and minimize its usefulness. Some of Williams’ ideas are novel, others are surprising, and still others are downright disturbing. The result, however, is a very practical monograph that, if read, will prevent some groups from losing their focus and failing to help those who most need to be helped.

**Wilson, Rod.**

*Counseling and Community.*

Contemporary Christian Counseling. Dallas, TX: Word Publishers, 1995.

Advocates a model that focuses on community-oriented (as opposed to individually-oriented) counseling. Part 1 looks at the evangelical struggle with the community, and Part 2 evaluates the implications for both pastors and private counselors.

**Worthington, Everett, Jr.**

*Hope for Troubled Marriages: Overcoming Common Problems and Major Difficulties.*

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993.

Tackles head-on the media’s images of marriage, the negative influences of the last half-century, and the uphill path to recovery. Points to a proven way whereby fractured marriages can be healed. Recommended.

**Wright, Harry Norman.**

*The Premarital Counseling Handbook.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1992.

A revision of Premarital Counseling (1977, 1981). Takes pastoral counselors step-by-step through the premarital counseling process. Explains the use of T-JTA and PREPARE. Includes chapters on intercultural marriages as well as preparing couples for remarriage. Recommended.

**Zarb, Janet M.**

*Cognitive-Behavioral Assessment and Therapy with Adolescents.*

New York: Brunner/Mazel Publishers, 1992.

A comprehensive, practical guide that those in the caring professions will find helpful. It is thoughtful, well-organized, and sensible.

## **Church Leadership And Administration**

**Achtemeier, Elizabeth.**

*So You're Looking for a New Preacher.*

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1991.

This little book offers sound guidance to those on pastoral search committees. It describes what the committee should look for in a candidate, and at the same time articulates what marks quality preachers and quality preaching. The style is practical, readable, and errs in only one specific: a lack of real emphasis on expository preaching. In spite of this weakness, there is much in this work that is worth noting.

**Alderson, Wayne T., and Nancy Alderson McDonnell.**

*Theory R Management.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1994.

A comprehensive approach to management that stresses the value of one's employees, and shows how to build and then sustain employee morale.

**Anderson, Bill.**

*When Child Abuse Comes to Church: Recognizing Its Occurrence and What to Do About It.*

Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers, 1992.

This book is must reading for all pastors and church boards. In it Anderson tells of his three-year nightmare that began when one boy in his church claimed he had been sexually molested. As

Anderson probed into this allegation he found that more than 60 boys and girls had been abused prior to his taking the pastorate. Sodomy, rape, physical beatings, and incidents of oral sex were common. This book describes what Anderson did and how matters were finally resolved.

*Who's In Charge? Standing Up to Leadership Pressure.* Anderson, Leith, Jack Hayford, and Ben Patterson.

Sisters, OR: Multnomah Press, 1993.

Contains 12 chapters and an Epilogue. Tackles the hard questions. Combines innovation with practicality. Shows how to chart a course for the future that will produce results.

**Anderson, Robert C.**

*Circles of Influence.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1991.

This book is to be commended for it is both insightful and thorough. It is designed to fit the needs of the veteran pastor of a large church and the seminary student anticipating a ministry in a small church. For all involved in the work of the church (including the board), *Circles of Influence* sets forth important principles of church leadership. It addresses the issues of what to do with programs that are constantly changing, a staff that is continuously specializing in one area or another (with the danger that one or more may become prima donnas), and how to select and train leaders within the church to serve the unique needs of the local community.

**Barna, George.**

*A Step-by-Step Guide to Church Marketing: Breaking Ground for the Harvest.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1992.

Barna is careful to avoid recommending the "Madison Avenue" style of advertising. Instead, he draws principles of marketing from the lives of Solomon, Joshua, Nehemiah, Paul, and others. His recommendations are simple and most of them are "on-target." Readers will find this book to be a practical manual, even though there may be some who will speak despairingly of the author's approach.

**Berg, Jeff, and Jim Burgess.**

*The Debt-Free Church: Experiencing Financial Freedom While Growing Your Ministry.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1996.

"A challenging book that addresses a challenging issue facing many churches. The author's have done their homework, and I especially appreciate the spirit in which they communicate their message.... Recommended."--Howard Dayton.

**Bergstrom, Richard L., Gary Fenton, and Wayne A. Pohl.**

*Mastering Church Finances.*

Portland, OR: Multnomah Press, 1994.

Contains insightful chapters on the church's approach to the stewardship of money. Describes the safeguards that can prevent the misappropriation of funds. Does not deal with bookkeeping and budgeting. Practical.

**Biehl, Bobb, and T. W. Engstrom.**

*The Effective Board Members: Secrets of Making a Significant Contribution to Any Organization You Serve.*

Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1998.

First published in 1988. This book contains a "treasure chest of practical helps and insights [that are] easy to absorb and put into practice."—Chuck Fromm.

**Covey, Stephen R.**

*Principle-Centered Leadership.*

New York: Summit Books, 1991.

"Covey provides the clearest picture I have ever seen of some of the fundamental principles at work in our society, and how they can shape our perceptions of reality. Anyone who reads this book will be compelled to make its contents a permanent part of their lives."--Senator Jake Garn.

**Dobson, Edward G., Speed B. Leas, and Marshall Shelley.**

*Mastering Conflict and Controversy.*

Portland, OR: Multnomah Press, 1992.

Certain chapters stand out as being particularly helpful. As with other works in this series, the coverage is broad. Perhaps the most valuable section has to do with understanding and handling criticism and/or conflict.

**Dobson, Edward, Wayne Gordon, and Louis McBurney.**

*Standing Fast: Ministry in an Unfriendly World.*

Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1994.

This trio know whereof they speak. They are familiar with our increasingly secular and militantly anti-Christian culture. The truths they pass along are designed to encourage pastors as well as provide them with a renewed perspective on the past, the present, and the future. Recommended.

**Eims, LeRoy.**

*Be a Motivational Leader.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996.

First published in 1981. Provides guidance for leaders so that they can equip people to do their best for Christ. Discusses different aspects of leadership: e.g., responsibility, growth, modeling, caring, inspiring, communicating, goal-setting, decision-making, and much more. Discussion questions conclude each chapter, making this book ideal for discipleship training.

**Finzel, Hans.**

*The Top Ten Mistakes Leaders Make.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1994.

Finzel writes of his experiences that underlie this book: “The greatest lessons I’ve personally learned about good leadership have been through my own mistakes as well as from bad examples. No matter how skilled or gifted we are as leaders, a few bad habits void the effectiveness of all our talents and [tarnish] our accomplishments.” In a light and readable style, the author then describes the ten most common leadership faux pas with case studies illustrating pertinent Biblical principles. Challenging, and on-target. Recommended.

**Gangel, Kenneth Otto.**

*Team Leadership in Christian Ministry: Using Multiple Gifts to Build a Unified Vision. Revised ed.*

Chicago: Moody, 1997.

“Once every few years, or perhaps once in a decade, I read a book that has a profound impact on my life and ministry. Without a doubt [this book] is that kind of a book. I know of no other book on leadership which contains so much helpful and insightful information on the subject of authentic Christian leadership.”—Paul A. Cedar.

**Getz, Gene A., and Joe Wall.**

*Effective Church Growth Strategies.*

Nashville: Word, 2000.

Here is a book that builds a strategy for church growth solidly on the Scriptures (as opposed to human strategies supported by Bible verses some of which are taken out of context). Writing in an easy-to-understand way Getz and Wall deal with the qualities of a loving church; church leadership; outreach programs; planting new churches, and more. A valuable work!

**Henry, Jack A.**

*Basic Accounting for Churches: A Turnkey Manual.*

Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1994.

This book proves that church budgets do not have to be tedious and church financial reports do not have to be complicated. With simple explanations, plenty of examples, and a step-by-step



approach to fiscal responsibility, Henry makes available to his readers the information he or she will need in order to be able to handle church accounts with confidence.

**Koestenbaum, Peter.**

*Leadership: The Inner Side of Greatness.*

San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1991.

This book deals with the personal side of leadership. It focuses the reader's attention on such issues as depth of character, personal feelings, and inner struggles. Out of these come great aspirations, the strength to confront great frustrations, the ability to achieve great self-control, the capacity to suffer great betrayals, and the capacity to manifest great compassion. Koestenbaum also shows that the personal side of leadership requires attention to such varied virtues as resourcefulness and trust, confidence and strength, the development of a flexible imagination and being able to balance home responsibilities with on-the-job demands.

**Lansing, Carl F.**

*Legal Handbook Defense for Christians in Ministry.*

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1992.

Recent court cases involving Christian counselors, choir directors, and even priests/pastors have made all in ministry conscious of what can happen when a suit is brought against them and the church/denomination they serve. This book covers the growing trend in litigation and warns of the dangers that face those in ministry. It includes chapters on "L.A. Law' Is Not the Law," and "Ten Commandments for Working with Lawyers." Additional chapters focus on corporate, and real estate law, and insurance coverage. Recommended.

**MacMillan, Pat.**

*Hiring Excellence: Six Steps to Making Good People Decisions.*

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1992.

"We have needed this book for a long time. Insightful, biblical, and pulsating with the voice of experience and wisdom, it will undoubtedly become a welcome resource to leaders everywhere."-  
-Luder Whitlock.

**Mattson, Lloyd.**

*Christian Camping Today: A Complete Handbook for Short-term Staff.*

Wheaton, IL: H. Shaw, 1998.

Mattson believes that the most important people in camping are the short-term staff. This informal and personal book aims to help these workers prepare for leadership, while providing them with the "nuts and bolts" of camp life. Excellent.

**Mattson, Ralph T.**

*Visions of Grandeur: Leadership That Creates Positive Change.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1994.

Helps readers discover their leadership style and distinct abilities. Mattson illustrates each point with timely examples. Breaks new ground. Points the way to personal excellence. Recommended.

**Maxwell, John C.**

*Developing the Leader Within You.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

“Combines the street smarts of a hands-on performer, who loves to practice the art of leadership with a lively, easy-to-get-it style. Read this book! It will raise your sights and release your energy.”--Bob Buford.

**Odiorne, George S.**

*The Human Side of Management: Management by Integration and Self-Control.*

Lexington: Lexington Books, 1987.

A sequel to Odiorne's best-seller, *Management By Objectives*. Draws on the best data available to describe the new insights into supervising talented supervisors, hiring and retaining the best people, avoiding managerial bait-and-switch games, setting reasonable goals and assuring that they are reached, and much more. Also challenges readers with the need to read good books so as to constantly remain on the cutting edge.

**Patterson, George, and Richard Scoggins.**

*Church Multiplication Guide: Helping Churches to Reproduce Locally and Abroad.*

Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1994.

A workbook designed to make the Biblical principles of growth easily understood. Plain, practical.

**Phillips, Donald T.**

*Lincoln on Leadership: Executive Strategies for Tough Times.*

New York: Warner Books, 1992.

“For many years, especially since the publication of *In Search of Excellence*, I have wanted to compare current leadership skills with President Lincoln's. This is that study--an excellent primer for every leader, whether parent, CEO, committee chair, or student council member.”--Frank Williams.

**Pollock, David R.**

*Business Management in the Local Church.*

Revised and expanded ed. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

First published in 1984 and updated in 1991. "For many years I have been dismayed by the lack of good, biblical information on church financial administration. With [this book] Pollock has stepped in and 'filled the gap.' This manual is packed with practical--and profoundly useful--guidelines for the management of church finances."--Larry Burkett.

**Pollock, David R.**

*Business Management in the Local Church. Rev. and expanded ed.*

Chicago: Moody, 1995.

This workbook has one simple purpose: to show busy pastors how to implement sound business principles that will ensure sound fiscal stewardship. As a workbook it leads users through the maze of details that can result in a variety of problems. Most helpful.

**Roberts, Wes.**

*Support Your Local Pastor: Practical Ways to Encourage Your Minister.*

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1995.

This book is must reading for church and board members. It "deals with pastors as they are. Roberts uses a broad range of real-life illustrations gained from years of experience to bring the ideal pastor and the reality closer together. He really cares about pastors and it shows."--Jay Kesler.

**Shelley, Marshall, and Phyllis Ten Elshof, eds.**

*The Complete Church Guide to Saving Money and Buying Smart.*

Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1998.

Covers audio equipment, Christian education materials, church furnishings, computers, finance and law, maintenance and construction, multimedia, music, and office equipment. Very full and complete.

**Simerly, Robert G.**

*Strategic Financial Management for Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings.*

San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1992.

Outlines a basic five-step program that can be applied to any church, small or large. Explains how to set up an accounting system and make it work. This is followed by seven practical principles for maximizing success and achieving long-term financial health. A wise and practical discussion.

**Umidi, Joseph L.**

*Confirming the Pastoral Call: A Guide to Matching Candidates and Congregations.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2000.

This is a “must read” book for all churches in search of the right kind of pastor. In 11 chapters and 11 appendixes the author leads his readers through the maze of conflicting opinions that often lead search committees to make costly and unwise decisions. Highly recommended.

**Vassallo, Wanda.**

*Church Communications Handbook: A Complete Guide to Developing a Strategy, Using Technology, Writing Effectively, Reaching the Unchurched.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

This new resource incorporates the developments of recent technology into a practical reference tool for pastors, leaders in parachurch organizations, and church secretaries. It is replete with helpful forms, checklists for planning and tracking progress, and examples of materials. Should book be in every church office.

**Virkler, Henry A.**

*Choosing a New Pastor.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1992.

How does a church find out about and then contact pastoral candidates? What background information do they need? Are there any guidelines to follow when developing a salary and benefit package? Virkler identifies 21 errors that nominating committees often make, before explaining the dynamics of the transition from one pastor to another. An appendix contains sample questionnaires and a flowchart. Candidates normally hate telephone interviews because most communication is non-verbal and this cannot be transmitted via the ‘phone. Questions for a telephone interview, however, are included (thus encouraging this type of screening process).

**Wagner, C. Peter.**

*Church Planting for a Greater Harvest: A Comprehensive Guide.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1990.

A “church growth” manual. Contains everything that Wagner taught in his successful seminar on “How to Plant a Church.” Offers useful insights.

**Walrath, Douglas Alan.**

*Making It Work: Effective Administration in the Small Church.*

Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1992.

Walrath challenges the assumption that the administration of a small church is either unnecessary or impossible. He addresses the unique needs of a small congregation, pointing to the validity of administration as a gift of the Holy Spirit to make a small church both effective and efficient.

## Religious Groups

### **Barna, George.**

*Generation Next: What You Need to Know About Today's Youth.*

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1995.

When this book was first published it received mixed reviews. In actual fact it was ahead of its time. Now sociologists, psychologists, and pastors are following in Barna's footsteps. The primary value of this work to those in the ministry lies in its elucidation of the current attitudes, beliefs and mores of today's young people. It is must reading for all who work with youth. Recommended.

### **Bennis, Warren, and Burt Nanus.**

*Leaders: The Strategies for Taking Charge.*

New York: Harper and Row, 1985.

Books on how-to-be-a-better-leader are like the Abominable Snowman. His footprints are everywhere, but he is nowhere to be seen. While the authors have not succeeded in providing the definitive answer to modern demands for adequate leadership, they have come close. Corporate leaders and church officials have a great deal to learn from this wise handling of the issues. Recommended.

### **Bergquist, William H.**

*The Four Cultures of the Academy: Insights and Strategies for Improving Leadership in Collegiate Organizations.*

San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1992.

Written for a "secular" audience, but of value to pastors who have established schools and colleges as a part of the ministry of their church. Bergquist offers strategies that can help educational administrators understand and improve programs and policies, strengthen relationships with colleagues, and provide effective leadership. The principles presented here can be applied to a variety of situations, including large Sunday schools.

### **Biddle, Perry H., Jr.**

*A Hospital Visitation Manual.*

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1994.

First published in 1988. This book is eminently practical and covers each kind of situation a pastor is likely to encounter. Specifics include ministering to AIDS patients, the dying, and the kind of funeral or memorial services one may wish to perform. Special chapters treat prayers, poems, hymns, selected Scripture passages, and more.

**Black, David Alan, ed.**

*Linguistics and New Testament Interpretation: Essays on Discourse Analysis.*

Nashville: Broadman Press, 1992.

Illustrates the value of using insights from contemporary linguistics in the study of NT Greek grammar. Examines how clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and even larger units are joined, and how they are to be interpreted. Stimulating.

**Burns, Ridge, and Pam Campbell.**

*No Youth Worker Is An Island.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992.

Realizing that youth ministry can be a lonely calling, the authors discuss many of the frustrations and disappointments common to youth workers. The data they pass on to their readers is bolstered by information gleaned from a survey of 100 youth workers. They also offer practical encouragement and time-tested techniques for reaching the community, working with the church and the church staff, ministering to parents, maintaining their own personal and family lives, and determining their futures in relation to their youth ministry. Each chapter contains a statistical summary of the survey. A most important book on a greatly neglected subject.

**Burton, Laurel Arthur, ed.**

*Making Chaplaincy Work: Practical Approaches.*

New York: Haworth Press, 1988.

With compassion and every evidence of their commitment, practicing chaplains who contributed to this book discuss the principles, themes, and guidelines that have enhanced their ministries. The practical and successful approaches they have articulated in these pages are designed to challenge and stimulate others who are already in the chaplaincy, as well as those who are interested in entering this health care profession.

**Chapin, Shelley.**

*Counselors, Comforters, and Friends.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992.

Challenges the church to fulfill its ministry and reach out to those who are suffering. Explains how church members may use their gifts to do what the pastoral staff cannot hope to accomplish without aid. Leads readers progressively through the stages of establishing a helping ministry. Recommended.

**Choun, Robert J., and Michael S. Lawson.**

*The Complete Handbook for Children's Ministry: How to Reach and Teach the Next Generation.* Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

This book was an outgrowth of the authors' conviction that children are our most valuable resource. Their intent in writing it was to equip Christian workers for the responsibilities that will face them as they seek to mold young lives for the challenges that lie before them. Permeating these pages is also the kind of instruction that is needed by Christian educators at all levels. This is a most important handbook! Recommended!

**Chromey, Rick.**

*Children's Ministry Guide for Smaller Churches.*

Loveland, CO: Group, 1995.

Chromey writes, "Children's workers in smaller churches face pint-sized budgets, a lack of volunteers, inadequate facilities, and patched-together resources. But those shortfalls can be turned into advantages. Workers in small churches can do things that cannot be done in a larger church. The next ten chapters explain how to make a children's ministry effective."

**Davidson, Don.**

*How To Build An Exciting Singles Ministry.*

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Well-researched, lucid, and full of fresh ideas. Many of the insights are new. The book was written by a pastor with extensive experience in singles' ministries.

**Edwards, Sue, and Kelly Mathews.**

*New Doors in Ministry to Women: A Fresh Model for Transforming Your Church, Campus, or Mission Field.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.

Vicki Kraft writes: "This book contains a concise and clear explanation of the difference between modern and postmodern women in our culture. [It] is a valuable resource for anyone involved in women's ministries." Recommended.

**Group Publishing Company.**

*No Work Paperwork for Children's Ministry.*

Loveland, CO: Group Publishing Company, 1996.

Contains "every quick-copy form you need to complete record-keeping in record time!" Creative, practical, time-saving.

**Group Publishing, Inc.**

*Everyone's-a-Winner: Games for Children's Ministry.*

Loveland, CO: Group Publishing, 1995.

Here is a guide to 100 games that can be played in a classroom, gymnasium, or outdoors, or while traveling. The collection of activities is diverse and sure to generate a lot of fun.

**Hutchinson, Janis.**

*Out of the Cults and Into the Church: Understanding and Encouraging Ex-Cultists.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1994.

This book is not an exhaustive treatment of individual cults and their beliefs, nor is it a book on how to witness to those in the thrall of different cultic groups. It is a book on the problems ex-cultists experience after their conversion to Christ, especially during the first three years. It is practical and relevant, and of value to all pastors and Christian workers.

**Lapsley, James N.**

*Renewal in Late Life Through Pastoral Counseling.*

New York: Paulist Press, 1992.

Thought-provoking and practical. This brief monograph on the counseling of the elderly fills a real need. Within its pages there is an explanation of how life can be made fulfilling and spiritually rewarding. This is a challenging book, and all who work with the elderly will find it most helpful.

**Long, Jimmy.**

*Generating Hope: A Strategy for Reaching 'The Postmodern' Generation.*

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1997.

Church workers across the country are bewildered by those who belong to "Generation X." Stanley Grenz wrote of this book, "The success of the church in reaching Generation X requires that we be guided by practitioners who are both theologically informed and culturally attuned. Long is among the best."

**Mack, Wayne A., and David Swavely.**

*Life in the Father's House: A Member's Guide to the Local Church.*



Phillipsburg, PA: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1996.

Instructs believers what to do after they have come to know Christ. Lays down the criteria for integrating them--men and women--into the "family" of the local church. Deals with issues such as discipline, preserving unity, and praying for one another.

**McDowell, Josh, and Bob Hostetler.**

*Josh McDowell's Handbook on Counseling Youth: A Comprehensive Guide for Equipping Youth Workers, Teachers, and Parents.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1996.

Covers emotional, relational, familial, and sexual issues with special attention being paid to abuse, addictions, different disorders (e.g., anorexia nervosa, bulimia), education, physical issues, and choosing a vocation. Well produced. Practical. Contains helpful bibliographies.

**McDowell, Josh, and Bob Hostetler.**

*Right From Wrong.*

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1994.

Focuses on the ethical issues facing people in all walks of life. Supplies a sorely needed analysis of the issues--Biblical as well as social. Cuts through much verbiage to provide the right answers to contemporary problems. Recommended.

**Meier, Paul, et al.**

*Filling the Holes in Our Souls: Caring Groups That Build Lasting Relationships.*

Chicago: Moody Press, 1992.

Explains the value of small groups and describes how they can build churches filled with growing, maturing believers. A excellent, practical book. Recommended.

**Miller, David R.**

*Counseling Families After Divorce.*

Contemporary Christian Counseling. Dallas, TX: Word Books, 1994.

A must for every pastoral counselor's library. Discusses the problems facing single parents, divorce and its impact on all concerned, pastoral counseling with children of divorced parents, and the role of the church in ministering to those who are "single again."

**Reid, Alvin L.**

*Raising the Bar: Ministry to Youth in the New Millennium.*

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004.

Carolyn Curtis of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention wrote of this book: "Alvin Reid is who you want on speed-dial if you need to know anything about people in today's culture and how to respond to them with the gospel. He knows his stuff! ... This is a great resource."

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Focuses on bond building, opening up, affirming, stretching, and goal setting. Explains how to nurture relationships and turn uninvolved youth into compassionate young Christians.

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The product of two academicians who have had years of experience working with the aged. Their counsel helps pastors overcome their uneasiness or feelings of obligation when visiting those in hospital or in a nursing home. Practical.

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Brings into focus the hurts of high school students. Tackles issues like loneliness, anger, and the pressures to perform. Treats their emotional, social, and spiritual challenges. At times the counsel offered is simplistic, but the authors have brought to light the issues/concerns of this beleaguered age group.

**Veerman, David R.**

*Small Group Ministry With Youth.*

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992.

This is an invaluable resource. Those just starting a youth ministry, as well as veterans in the field, will find that it contains a veritable goldmine of information. Abounds with useful ideas.

**Warden, Michael, ed.**

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Loveland, CO: Group, 1993.

Provides vital direction for developing and maintaining a vibrant youth ministry. Practical. Exciting.



