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Apologetics & Worldview

Mere Christianity (C.S. Lewis)

The Consequences of Ideas (R.C. Sproul)

The Reason for God: Belief in an age of skepticism (Tim Keller)

Cultural Apologetics (Paul Gould)

Understanding World Religions: An Interdisciplinary Approach
(Irving Hexham)

Biblical Authority & Interpretation

The Canon of Scripture (F.F. Bruce)

The Big Book of Bible Difficulties (Norman Geisler)

The Lost World of Scripture: Ancient Literary Culture and Biblical Authority (John Walton)

How to Read the Bible for all its Worth (Gordon D. Fee)

Christian Life (General)

One.Life (Scot McKnight)

Knowing God (J.I. Packer)

The Explicit Gospel (Matt Chandler)

The Forgotten God (Francis Chan)

The Prodigal God (Tim Keller)

Church History

The Story of Christianity (Justo L. Gonzalez)

Church History in Plain Language (Bruce Shelley)

Turning Points: Decisive moments in Christianity (Mark Noll)

A History of Christianity in the United States & Canada (Mark Noll)

Creation

Genesis (Bruce Waltke)

The Lost World of Adam and Eve (John Walton)

The Lost World of Genesis One (John Walton)

Culture

Cultural Engagement (Joshua Chatraw)

Bad Religion: A nation of heretics (Ross Douthat)

Strange New World (Carl Trueman)

Christ and Culture Revisited (D.A. Carson)

Discipleship & Spiritual Disciplines

The Man You're Becoming (John Simons)

After You Believe: Why Christian character matters (N.T. Wright)

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society (Eugene Peterson)

The Great Omission: Reclaiming Jesus's Essential Teachings on Discipleship (Dallas Willard)

Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the character of Christ (Dallas Willard)

The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding how God changes lives (Dallas Willard)

The Cost of Discipleship (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit (James K.A. Smith)

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life (Donald S. Whitney)

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook (Adele Ahlberg Calhoun)

Eschatology (The Study of the Last Things)

A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reclaiming Biblical Eschatology (J. Richard Middleton)

A Case for Amillennialism: Understanding the end times (Kim Riddlebarger)

Ethics (General & Theological)

Moral Choices (Scott Rae)

Old Testament Ethics for the People of God (Christopher J.H. Wright)

New Testament Ethics (Richard B. Hays)

Evangelism

Honest Evangelism (Rico Tice & Carl Laferton)

Disruptive Witness: Speaking truth in a distracted age (Alan Noble)

Fatherhood

Fathered by God (John Eldridge)

Gender and Sexuality

Mere Sexuality (Todd Wilson)

Is God anti-gay? (Sam Allberry)

God & the Transgender Debate (Andrew T. Walker)

Neither Complementarian nor Egalitarian (Michelle Lee-Barnewall)

Men and Women in the Church (Kevin DeYoung)

Life of Jesus

The First Days of Jesus: The Story of the Incarnation (Andreas J. Köstenberger)

The Last Days of Jesus: The Most Important Week of the Most Important Person Who Ever Lived (Andreas J. Köstenberger)

On the Incarnation (Athanasius)

The Cross of Christ (John Stott)

How God Became King (N.T. Wright)

Leadership & Influence

In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership (Henri Nouwen)

The Way of the Dragon or the Lamb (Kyle Strobel & Jamin Goggin)

Spiritual Leadership (J. Oswald Chambers)

Leadership and Self-Deception (The Arbinger Institute)

Creativity, Inc (Ed Catmull)

Multipliers (Liz Wiseman)

Manhood

Fathered by God (John Eldredge)

The Toxic War on Masculinity (Nancy R. Pearcey)

Disciplines of a Godly Man (R. Kent Hughes)

Marriage/Fatherhood/ Family & Relationships

The Meaning of Marriage (Tim Keller)

How We Love (Milan & Kay Yerkovich)

5 Love Languages (Gary Chapman)

The Voice of the Heart (Chip Dodd)

Boundaries (Henry Cloud & John Townsend)

Necessary Endings (Henry Cloud)

The Intentional Father (Jon Tyson)

Raising Emotionally Healthy Boys (David Thomas)

Ministry

Spiritual Formation as *if* the Church Mattered (James C. Wilhoit)

Working the Angles: The shape of pastoral integrity (Eugene Peterson)

The Care of Souls: Cultivating a pastor's heart (Harold L. Senkbeil)

When The Church Was a Family (Joseph Hellerman)

City Church (Tim Keller)

The Pastor as Public Theologian: Reclaiming a lost vision (Kevin VanHoozer)

Purpose Driven Church (Rick Warren)

Nine Marks of a Healthy Church (Mark Dever)

Missions

Cross-Cultural Servanthood: Serving the World in Christlike Humility
(Duane Elmer)

Politics

Christ and the Powers (N.T. Wright)

Why We Can't Wait (Martin Luther King)

Onward (Russell Moore)

Political Visions & Illusions (David Koyzis)

Prayer

Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God (Tim Keller)

Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God
(Dallas Willard)

Celebration of Discipline (Richard J. Foster)

Recovery

The Soul of Shame: Retelling the Stories We Believe About
Ourselves (Curt Thompson)

Life's Healing Choices (John Baker)

Every Man's Battles (Arterburn)

Suffering

The Problem of Suffering (C.S. Lewis)

A Grace Disguised: How the soul grows through loss (Jerry Sittser)

Suffering (Paul Tripp)

General/Systematic Theology

Engaging Theology (Blackwell)

Theology for the Church (Daniel L. Akin)

Systematic Theology (John Frame)

Vocational Calling & Work

Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work (Tim Keller)

Worship

We Become What We Worship (G.K. Beale)

God Dwells Among Us (G.K. Beale)