

**General Topics :: Books...****Books... - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/12/4 19:55**

Greetings

I am looking for some book recommendations. Anyone have a book they have read recently that the LORD just really used to speak to you. OF course I know the Lord uses the Bible to speak to us and feed us daily but I am also looking to share some other works with someone. Anyone have a favorite they can tell me a little about?

God bless
maryjane

Re: Books... - posted by joliboy11, on: 2012/12/4 20:41

The Great Gospel Deception, you can read it for free here: https://www.heavensfamily.org/ss/false_grace_gospel
- recommended for "modern" Christians, reaches the conscience and disposes false hopes...

Embraced by the Cross by L.E. Maxwell
Devotions for a Deeper Life by Oswald Chambers (Devotional)
The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer

Re: Books... - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2012/12/4 20:53

" True Christianity" by Finney.

You can read it on line.

I am still in the chapter on " How to repent" and it is taking me a few weeks in that chapter.

I am not reading it for the sake of reading, or even because it is a good book, but I feel I have wasted enough time already trying to learn how to be serious about being serious and this book does not waste time but goes right to the point.

I think every christian ought to go through this book very slowly at least ones every few months.

Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2012/12/5 1:40

I have recently uploaded to the Web some older material that is out of print which I find to be very edifying and which is helpful for spiritual growth.

The first is New Testament Living, The Inwardness of the Christian Life by Norman B. Harrison. What clarity of thought breaks upon my understanding about how the identification truths of the Cross and Resurrection are brought to bear on our hearts by the Holy Spirit so that our behavior and conduct are a true reflection of our inner-man in Christ. You can read or download it here:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/114261267/New-Testament-Living-by-Norman-B-Harrison>

The other is a commentary on the book of Galatians by William Kelly. Paul's rebuking the Galatian church for falling for the "other gospel" of mixing law and grace is far stronger than his rebuke of the church at Corinth. This study is also conducive to Christian growth. The law (of Moses) is not able to give us power to keep it and of course we are not perfectly able to keep it by just will-power. The problem is not with the law, it is good. The problem is with the weakness and inability of the flesh to please God. Besides, the law (of Moses) has been superseded by the indwelling Christ. We now trust and rely on the indwelling Christ to live his life through us as we abide and yield to Him. Now our responsibility is to believe, abide, reckon, present, yield, and offer ourselves unto God as alive from the dead. We don't rely on our own (apart from Him) goodness because it ain't all that good. Anyway, have a look at this one too. The beginning of the book presents the entire book of Galatians in William Kelly's translation. The commentary comes afterward.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/114101963/Galatians-by-William-Kelly>

Another treatment on the book of Galatians by Norman B. Harrison is "His Side versus Our Side". It too is quite good.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/114166207/His-Side-Versus-Our-Side-by-Norman-B-Harrison>

I just want to get straight here that the law is good and we aren't supposed to practice evil or live without conscience before God. The problem was with man's inability to keep the law. Now we live by grace by the indwelling Christ and do not look upon the law as either the means or a means of obtaining sanctification.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/12/5 9:19

Thank you for the suggestions. I hope to look through each one later today. I really appreciate each of you for taking the time to share here with me :)

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2012/12/5 13:12

M'Cheyne once wrote of a book, "Oh, for his heart-searching humility!" Now, if M'Cheyne wrote that, that means something!

The book: "Private Thoughts On Religion" by Thomas Adam. Sorry, don't have a hyper-link for you, but you can read it online for free (it's a google ebook), or order it off Amazon for about \$30.

Beware though - it's a heart-probing book, and not for the faint of heart.

Re: Books... - posted by iceman9, on: 2012/12/5 16:16

MaryJane

Here are three great ones.

True Spirituality – Francis Schaeffer

The Calvary Road – Roy Hession

Rees Howells: Intercessor – Norman Grubb

Brian

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2012/12/5 17:01

Recently finished Dostoyevsky's Crime and Punishment and really enjoyed it. It's a fiction piece, so that could be a turn off for some people, but sometimes it's good to mix up genres (the Bible does too right?). Dostoyevsky is extremely skilled in capturing human nature in its details, and while not overtly theological, Christian themes undergird the story. When John 11 is read nearly in its entirety by one character to another right around mid-story, it moved me to tears.

Otherwise, I have bookmarks in Paul West's Mortification book, How People Change by Tim Lane and Paul Tripp, Propositional Apologetics by Greg Bahnsen, and just cracked Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline after finding it at the thrift store. Enjoying them all. The first two are more sanctification focused, Bahnsen sounds scary but it is sooooo rich and biblical! It's apologetics that reads like a Pauline epistle. And Foster highlights different aspects of Christian devotion : good refresher.

Re: , on: 2012/12/5 17:16

Untobabes: I started reading True Christianity. gentle but severe.

Re: - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2012/12/5 22:08

Good Noah,

The faith is full of paradoxes.
The goodness and severity of God is one.

I suggest you take the chapter on "How to Repent" very slowly as finney said go over things ones, twice or more if necessary.

That is what I am doing right now and the Holy Spirit is bringing so much to my mind. It is amazing.
I remember spending about two hours on the sin of ingratitude alone and had to quit and go back to it the next day.

Take courage brother. It is time to seek the Lord and seek Him with the whole heart.

Re: Books... - posted by JoshG, on: 2012/12/5 22:30

Ever Increasing Faith by Smith Wigglesworth... Don't agree that tongues is the sign of being spirit filled but yet, what an example! Wigglesworth was Apostolic (without the inerrancy)

Any book by James A. Stewart who was an evangelist/revivalist and good friends with Duncan Campbell and William Booth's daughter. revivallit.org contains some wonderful books.

Hannah Whitall Smith books ('God of All Comfort' is wonderful and dramatically changed my life)

JC Ryle wrote some mindblowingly good things

Deeper experiences of Famous Christians by j gilchrist lawson (1911) had the biggest effect on my life. Its short biographies of some of the big name revivalists of the last 500 years. Focus: What were they like before conversion, how were they converted, what changed them from 'normal' christianity to become 'super' christians (bad wording). A number of them saw 50,000 to 500,000 people come to Christ as a result of their preaching. So powerful and profound. DONT READ THE TINY ABRIDGED VERSION! Anything with less than 250 pages is rubbish. They take out a lot of good stuff. Here is a link to one of the better copies, http://openlibrary.org/books/OL359194M/Deeper_experiences_of_famous_Christians

Re: Books... - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2012/12/6 0:41

all things for good by thomas watson! a wonderful exposition of romans 8:28 that has been a tremendous blessing in my personal life and walk with the Lord =)

Re: Books... - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2012/12/6 1:03

The Cost of Discipleship - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Crazy Love - Frances Chan

Anything by F.B.Meyers

Re: books - posted by savannah, on: 2012/12/6 6:18

"Trusting God" - even when life hurts - by Jerry Bridges

Re: - posted by jstrang (), on: 2012/12/6 9:49

I am giving these E-books away for FREE through the new year!

<http://time2standblog.com/2012/11/24/three-free-christian-e-bookspdfs-through-dec-31-2012/>

Jeremy
www.time2stand.com

Re: Books... - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/12/6 22:25

Mary Jane,

"Exodus to a Hidden Valley" (copyrighted 1974) by Eugene Morse is a book I have read many times. It is a true story of endurance, faith, surviving in the midst of incredible odds. Given the times we are living in and with the future looking bleak, this book details how some people survived without...

I suggest you google the title for more information. Ebay has it listed for sale.

God bless.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/12/7 4:25

Mary Jane, do you enjoy reading a book for its own pleasure? Something relaxing but fun? If so, I have one that I have read many times. It is not what I would call a religious book at all but it does a powerful job in teaching how a family can relate to each other after becoming adults.

The title is "Home for Christmas" by Lloyd C. Douglas - the same one who penned "The Robe". It is a work of fiction. I suggest one read it slowly, savoring all the adjectives, adverbs, visualizing the story as it unfolds. The drama as detailed in the book is not unrealistic - I can well imagine my mother's family doing the same except that they are now all deceased except for her.

This book is out of print but can be found on eBay. Read and have fun. (I am reading it again.)