



PERSONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING “TOOLBOX”

Follow-Up...

[Helpful resources for establishing a new/newer Christian in the faith and teaching them the basics.]

- **Basic Christianity* by John Stott (this is a classic, but still a great help for new or younger Christians in regards to basic theological and biblical truths)
- *What is the Gospel?* by Greg Gilbert (the focus of this book is pretty narrow, namely the Gospel; specifically the book focuses on the 4 primary elements of the Gospel, namely God, man, Christ and response)
- **Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know* by Wayne Grudem (w/ study guide)
- **The Walk: Steps for New and Renewed Followers of Jesus* by Stephen Smallman (I've never used this but have heard that it is really, really good; the summary and reviews on Amazon give you a really good picture of what the book is all about so you probably want to check it out)
- *Discipleship Essentials* by Greg Ogden (this is a good tool for discipling others; each chapter contains Bible reading, Scripture memory and a few page reading on a particular Biblical doctrine; I've used it at times and found it to be helpful)
- *Christianity Explained: Discovering the Christian message from Mark's Gospel*
- *Just for Starters* by Matthias Media
- *Christian Living for Starters* by Matthias Media
- *The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction* by Sinclair Ferguson
- *Fundamentals of the Faith: 13 Lessons to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ* by John MacArthur (this is more of a fill-in the blank and answer questions regarding a particular doctrinal truth; it's more hands on participation than sit down and read a book; it's good, but at times, seems a little too simplistic)

Growth

[Helpful books/resources for helping a believer grow in the knowledge of God, the gospel and the godly character that flows from that knowledge.]

- *One to One Bible Reading: A Simple Guide for Every Christian* by David Helm
- *Humility: True Greatness* by C.J. Mahaney
- *Don't Call it a Comeback: The Old Faith for a New Day* edited by Kevin DeYoung
- *The Cross Centered Life: Keeping the Gospel the Main Thing* by C.J. Mahaney
- *One True God* by Paul Washer
- *Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters* by Tim Keller
- *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith* by Tim Keller
- *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World* by Paul Miller
- *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream* by David Platt
- *Gospel: Recovering the Power that made Christianity Revolutionary* by J.D. Greear
- *Gospel Centered Life* by Bob Thune and Will Walker
- *Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer
- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney

- *Am I Really a Christian?* by Mike McKinley
- *When People are Big and God is Small* by Ed Welch
- *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts* by Jerry Bridges
- *Tempted and Tried: Temptation and the Triumph of Christ* by Russell Moore
- Secret Church Studies by David Platt

Training

[This stage is not a sequential one, as if it happens after the growth is “all” finished. Training is that stage of Christian growth in which believers are equipped, mobilized, resourced and encouraged in how to share the gospel and personally disciple believers.]

Evangelism

- * *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* by Mark Dever
- *Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person* by Whole People by Will Metzger
- *Marks of the Messenger: Knowing, Living and Speaking the Gospel* by J. Mack Stiles
- *Questioning Evangelism* by Randy Newman
- *Bringing the Gospel Home: Witnessing to Family Members, Close Friends and Others Who Know You Well* by Randy Newman
- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer

Personal Disciple-making

- * *The Lost Art of Disciplemaking* by LeRoy Eims
- *Transforming Discipleship* by Greg Ogden
- * *Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman
- *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* by Paul David Tripp
- *How People Change* by Timothy Lane and Paul David Tripp
- *The Trellis and the Vine* by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

How to Study the Bible

- * *How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart
- *Read the Bible for Life* edited by George Guthrie
- *Journey into God's Word* by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays
- * *40 Questions about Interpreting the Bible* by Robert Plummer

Theology

- *Bible Doctrine* by Wayne Grudem

Other Suggestions...

- Read at least 1 chapter a week with them from a book listed above. As you read mark that which 1) encouraged/inspired you, 2) challenged/convicted you, 3) puzzled you.
- Read and discuss the Bible together (Observation - “What does it say?”, Interpretation - “What does it mean?”, Application - “What does it look like?”; see *One to One Bible Reading* by David Helm)
- Memorize Scripture verses together
- Pray together
- Discuss a sermon message together
- Find ways to spend time together and include them in your daily routine - let them see you up close and personal as you stumble and bumble along in the Christian life

**Remember you alone are not responsible for the entirety of their spiritual growth and maturity. Ultimately God is, and He is also using other means such as preaching, singing, Biblical community, and so on, to conform them more and more into the likeness of Christ.*