

My Summer Reading List

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Those who know me well, know that I love to read. I am almost always reading a book or two. This past summer, I read several books that are wonderful resources to help you in your Christian walk. Here is the list of books that I read along with a short synopsis of each book:

"God Loves You" by Dr. David Jeremiah

This book was a re-read for me having read it when it came out a few years ago. The full title of the book is *"God Loves You; He Always Has – He Always Will."* While that statement may seem a bit simple and obvious to you, this book reinforces the truth that God does indeed love you! He loves you no matter what you have done. He loves you as much when you do something bad as He does when you do something good. This book really is an in-depth study of God's Love and I can promise you that you receive something from it no matter where you are in your Christian walk.

"Emotions" by Charles F. Stanley God made us with emotions but sometimes we can let those emotions overtake us. They can control us and they can steal our joy and even drive us to do things that we should not do. Dr. Stanley, in this book, deals with fear, rejection, bitterness, guilt and despair. He shares personal stories from his own life and he shows us the biblical principles that we need to overcome these emotions and keep them in check. The book is a great resource for Christians as we deal with our emotions on a day to day basis.

"The Ultimate Conversation" by Charles F. Stanley

This book, along with *"Handle With Prayer"* are two of the greatest resources that you will find on the subject of prayer. Dr. Stanley outlines a number of principles in both books covering a number of questions that we as Christians sometimes ask. Subjects like: why prayers go unanswered, how to pray in God's Will, how we can pray with authority, learning to recognize the sound of the Father's voice, winning your battles through prayer and many more. Regardless of whether you are a new Christian or a long-time, mature Christian, these two books together will transform your prayer life. They will make your prayer life more effective and they will remind you of the importance of prayer in the believer's life.

"What Are You Afraid Of?" by Dr. David Jeremiah

There is no one in this world that is immune to fear. We are all afraid of something. Some are afraid of failure, loneliness or death. Others may be afraid of success, illness or being rejected. In this book, Dr. Jeremiah, reminds us that our hope is in Jesus Christ and that we can face down our fears with faith. Easier said than done, you say? The book covers ten common fears and gives solid, biblical solutions to overcoming the fears that really can be applied to any fear we may encounter. God is the answer to all of our fears and He wants nothing but the best for you and for me.

"The Blessing Of Brokenness" by Charles Stanley

This book will literally change your way of thinking! As a mature believer, I have had my share of times of struggle but this book puts all of those struggles into perspective as it talks of how God uses our brokenness to shape us and make us into the person He wants us to be. While many Christians think of being broken as a one-time event that God uses, Dr. Stanley suggests

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that brokenness is an ongoing tool that God uses to constantly weed out those things in our lives that do not belong. Dr. Stanley reminds us that brokenness has the potential for discovering a richness in living we otherwise would never know.

“Wounded By God’s People” by Anne Graham Lotz

I am sure you have been there. A time in your life when you were wounded, hurt, rejected, pushed away by religious people. Perhaps they were people you loved and trusted. Perhaps you have been one of the wounders, one of those people causing the hurt to your fellow brother or sister in Christ. I admit to being both wounded and a wounder. This book is a book of healing for both the wounded and the wounders as Anne Graham Lotz candidly and honestly shares her experiences of being both. As the subtitle of the book states you will be, “Discovering How God’s Love Heals Our Hearts.”

I should state that as you consider reading any or all of these books, you must never neglect the greatest book ever written. All of these books are based on the Bible and biblical teachings. You must always continue to read your Bible daily and to gain your own insights into your daily life. God speaks to you through His Word and He longs to have that conversation with you every day!

I am continuing to read this fall beginning with a re-read of a book that I recommend for all Christians! The great classic, *“The Pursuit Of God”* by A.W. Tozer. If you have never read this book, I highly recommend it. It is a great book with many incredible spiritual insights. Also on my reading list for the fall are additional books from Charles Stanley and David Jeremiah as well as Charles Swindoll and others from A.W. Tozer.

All of the books that I have mentioned are available at your local Christian Bookstore or online at the Amazon or Christian Book websites.

May God Bless You and keep you in His care! Happy Reading!!!!