

This is, Lord willing the first in a series of booklets providing a resource reading list for Pastors. My hope is to develop others with various topics and categories that will help Pastors become better in their calling to “feed the church of God.”

Pastors need to be fed so they can feed others; and what better way than to study God’s Word with the help of well chosen books? Good books are tools to help us and build us up in the Word so we can minister to others.

I pray this resource list inspires you to be a reader and equips you to be a better Pastor and Preacher of the Word.

In Christ’s Great Love,

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Senior Pastor
Calvary Chapel San Bernardino

5 Books Every Pastor Should Read

Pastor Tim Anderson **Calvary Chapel Burbank**

1. *Tyranny of the Urgent*, Charles Hummel
2. *The Master of Evangelism*, Robert Coleman
3. *The Jesus Style*, Gayle Erwin
4. *Intimacy with The Almighty*, Charles Swindoll
5. *Leading on Empty*, Wayne Cordiero

Pastor Garry Ansdell **Hosanna Christian Fellowship**

1. *Coming Prince*, Sir Robert Anderson
2. *1001 Things You Need to Know Before You Die*, Allen & Yvonne Ansdell
3. *More than a Carpenter*, Josh McDowell
4. *A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm*, Phillip Keller
5. *5000 Year Leap*, N.C.C.S

Pastor Tom Balli **Calvary Chapel Lake Arrowhead**

1. *Agape Leadership*, Alexander Strauch & Robert L. Peterson
2. *A Tale of Three Kings*, Gene Edwards
3. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, Jim Cymbala
4. *Crazy Love*, Francis Chan
5. *Experiencing God*, Henry T. Blackaby

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Pastor Brian Bell

Calvary Chapel Murrieta

1. *Preachers and Preaching*, Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones
2. *Being a Servant*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem
4. *The Attributes of God*, A.W. Pink
5. *A Hole in the Gospel*, Richard Stearn

Pastor Ray Bentley

Maranatha Chapel

1. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
2. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
3. *Footsteps of the Messiah*, Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum
4. *Augustine's Confessions*, translated by Shirwood Wirt
5. *The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis

Pastor Greg Boyd

Calvary Chapel Merced

1. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles H. Spurgeon
2. *Biblical Preaching*, Haddon Robinson
3. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
4. *Preacher and Prayer*, E.M. Bounds
5. *If*, Amy Carmichael

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Pastor Brian Brodersen

Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa

1. *Preaching and Preachers*, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
2. *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer
3. *The Consequences of Ideas*, R.C. Sproul
4. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem
5. *J. Hudson Taylor*, Roger Steer

Pastor Gerry Brown

Calvary Chapel Romoland

1. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
2. *Counseling God's Way*, Bob Hoekstra
3. *Between Two Worlds*, John R. W. Stott
4. *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer
5. *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*, R.A. Torrey

Pastor George Bryson

1. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders
2. *Decision Making and The Will of God*, Gary Freisen
3. *Abolition of Man*, C.S. Lewis
4. *The Gospel Under Siege*, Zane Hodges
5. *Major Bible Themes*, Chafer and Walvoord

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Pastor Bob Caldwell

Calvary Chapel Boise

1. *Humility*, Andrew Murray
2. *With Christ in the School of Prayer*, Andrew Murray
3. *The Spiritual Secrets of Hudson Taylor*, Howard Taylor
4. *Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer
5. *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, Henry Clarence Thiessen

Pastor Keith Carmody

Calvary Chapel Secret Harbor

1. *The Secret of Happiness*, Billy Graham
2. *Be Series*, Warren Wieresbe
3. *The Upside Down Church*, Greg Laurie
4. *The Genesis Record*, Henry Morris
5. *Romans, The Gospel of Grace*, Alva J. McClain

Pastor Bob Coy

Calvary Chapel Ft. Lauderdale

1. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
2. *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, Josh McDowell
3. *Protestant Biblical Interpretation*, Bernard Ramm
4. *Preaching & Teaching with Imagination*, Warren Weirsbe
5. *Next Generation Leader*, Andy Stanley

5 Books Every Pastor Should Read

Pastor Dennis Davenport

Calvary Chapel High Desert

1. *The Preacher's Portrait*, John Stott
2. *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*, Kent & Barbara Hughes
3. *Making of a Man of God*, Alan Redpath
4. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
5. *Competent to Counsel*, Jay Adams

Pastor Greg Denham

Calvary Chapel Auburn

1. *Lecture to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
2. *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, R. Kent Hughes
3. *And Some Evangelists*, Roger Carswell
4. *The Reason for God*, Timothy Keller
5. *The Zion Connection*, Elwood McQuiad

Pastor Chris Fraley

Wildwood Calvary Chapel

1. *The Bride*, Charles Swindoll
2. *On Being a Servant*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders
4. *Living Water*, Chuck Smith
5. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith

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Pastor Gillett Doggett

Calvary Chapel of the Sierra

1. *Can Man Live Without God?*, Ravi Zacharias
2. *Unshakable Foundations*, Geisler and Bocchino
3. *So Great Salvation*, Charles Ryrie
4. *God Told Me to Tell You*, Robert L. Whitworth
5. *Thy Kingdom Come*, J. Dwight Pentecost

Pastor Richie Furay

Calvary Chapel Broomfield

1. *The Making Of A Man Of God*, Alan Redpath
2. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
3. *Joy Unspeakable*, Martyn Lloyd-Jones
4. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
5. *The Bible*

Pastor Bil Gallatin

Calvary Chapel of Finger Lakes

1. *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer
2. *The Normal Christian Life*, Watchman Nee
3. *True Discipleship*, William McDonald
4. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
5. *Studies in Sermon on the Mount*, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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Pastor Jeff Gill

Calvary Chapel Running Springs

1. *Heralds of God*, James S. Stewart
2. *The Invasion of Wales by the Spirit*, Dr. James A. Stewart
3. *Renewed Day by Day*, A.W. Tozer
4. *The Gospel of Grace*, Oliver B. Greene
5. *The Blessed Life*, William A. Quayle

Pastor Gino Geraci

Calvary South Denver

1. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
2. *How to Read a Book*, Mortimer Alder
3. *The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas A. Kempis
4. *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer
5. *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, Josh McDowell

Pastor Bob Grenier

Calvary Chapel Visalia

1. *Lectures to my Students*, Charles Spurgeon
2. *An All-Round Ministry*, Charles Spurgeon
3. *Preachers and Preaching*, D.M.L Jones.....
4. *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, Philip Keller
5. *The Making of a Man of God: Lessons from the Life of David*, Alan Redpath

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Pastor Skip Heitzig

Calvary Chapel Alburque

1. *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*, R.A. Torrey
2. *On Being A Servant of God*, Warren W. Wiersbe
3. *Lectures to My Students*, C. H. Spurgeon
4. *Great Doctrines of the Bible*, Willam Evans or *Integrative Theology*, Lewis & Demerest
5. *Between Two Worlds*, John RW Stott

Pastor Darryl Henchie

Calvary Chapel Perth, West Australia

1. Pastoral Ministry
2. *Liberated from the Success Syndrome*, R. Kent Hughes
3. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
4. *Why Revival Tarries*, Leonard, Leonard Ravenhill
5. *A Man After God's Own Heart*, R.T. Kendall

Pastor Ron Hindt

Calvary Houston

1. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders
2. *The Calvary Road*, Roy Hession
3. *Biblical Sermons*, Haddon Robinson
4. *Humility*, Andrew Murray
5. *Harvest*, Chuck Smith

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Pastor Terry Hlebo

Calvary Chapel Rialto

1. *With the Word*, Warren W. Wiersbe
2. *A Minister's Obstacles*, Ralph G. Turnbull
3. *A Practical Guide to Sermon Preparation*, Jerry Vines
4. *Pastor to Pastor*, Robert Erwin Lutzer
5. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders

Pastor Brian Hughes

Calvary Chapel Auckland

1. *The Word of God & Life of Holiness*, Wilbur M. Smith
2. *Crisis Experiences*, Dr. Raymond Edmond
3. *Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer
4. *Between Two Worlds*, John Stott
5. *His Part and Ours*, J. Sidlow Baxter

Pastor Jeff Johnson

Calvary Chapel Downey

1. *Living Water*, Chuck Smith
2. *The Root of the Righteous*, A.W. Tozer
3. *The Measure of a Man*, Gene A. Getz
4. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
5. *Victorious Christian Living*, Alan Redpath

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Pastor Brad Lambert

Calvary Chapel Living Hope

1. *Keswicks Authentic Voice*, Herbert F. Stevenson
2. *Christ Indwelling and Enthroned*, J. Oswald Sanders
3. *Holiest of All*, Andrew Murray
4. *Saving Life of Christ*, Major Ian Thomas
5. *Counseling God's Way*, Bob Hoekstra

Pastor Greg Laurie

Harvest Christian Fellowship

1. *Lectures to My Students*, C.H. Spurgeon
2. *Trusting God*, Jerry Bridges
3. *The Case for the Real Christ*, Lee Strobel
4. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
5. *On Being a Servant of God*, Warren Wiersbe

Pastor Levi Lusko

Fresh Life Church

1. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
2. *On Being a Servant of God*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *The Next Generation Leader*, Andy Stanley
4. *Sticky Church*, Larry Osborne
5. *Killing Cockroaches*, Tony Morgan

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Pastor Terry Martens

Calvary Chapel Newcastle

1. *Systematic Theology*, Norman Giesler (for doctrine)
2. *Spiritual Leadership*, Oswald Sanders (church leadership)
3. *Fit for the Master's Use*, F.B. Meyer (for personal growth)
4. *Calvary Distinctives*, Chuck Smith (for philosophy of ministry)
5. *Fox's Book of Martyrs*, John Foxe (for perspective, we really don't have enough of that)

Pastor Mark Martin

Calvary Community Church

1. *On Being A Servant of God*, Warren Wiersbe
2. *Liberating the Ministry from the Success Syndrome*, Kent & Barbara Hughes
3. *Majesty: The God You Should Know*, J. Sidlow Baxter
4. *Walking with the Giants*, Warren Wiersbe
5. *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer

Pastor Terry Michaels

Calvary Austin

1. *The Upside Down Church*, Greg Laurie
2. *On Being a Servant*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *Forgotten God*, Francis Chan
4. *Tale of Three Kings*, Gene Edwards
5. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, Jim Cymbala

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Pastor Mike Morris

Calvary Chapel Antelope Valley

1. *Agape Leadership*, Robert Peterson and Alexander Strauch
2. *The Integrity Crisis*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *Fresh Faith*, Jim Cymbala
4. *The Lost Art of Disciple Making*, Leroy Eims
5. *The Lord's Work Done the Lord's Way*, K.P. Yohannan

Pastor Roger Moyer

Calvary Carlsbad

1. *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*, Kent & Barbara Hughes
2. *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, R. Kent Hughes
3. *On Being a Servant of God*, Warren Wiersbe
4. *The Flaming Tongue*, J. Edwin Orr
5. *Falling in Love with Prayer*, Mike MacIntosh

Pastor Gary Nelson

Calvary Chapel Temecula Valley

1. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, Jim Cymbala
2. *On Being a Servant of God*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *The Power of Prayer*, R.A. Torrey
4. *Preaching to Change Lives*, Michael Fabarez
5. *Not Ashamed of the Gospel*, John MacArthur

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Pastor Gene Pensiero

Calvary Chapel of Hanford

1. *Living Water*, Chuck Smith
2. *Chosen but Free*, Norman Geisler
3. *Ordained of the Lord, H.A. Ironside: A Biography*, E. Schuyler English
4. *Evangelical Theology*, Robert Lightner
5. *Streams in the Desert*, Mrs. Charles Cowman

Pastor Joseph Prudhomme

Calvary Chapel Solano

1. *The Genesis Record*, Henry Morris
2. *Living with The Giants*, Warren Wiersbe
3. *Well-Intentioned Dragons*, Marshall Shelly
4. *Preaching and Teaching with Imagination*, Warren Wiersbe
5. *Victorious Christians You Should Know*, Warren Wiersbe

Pastor Mike Rodriguez

Calvary Chapel Corona

1. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
2. *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, John Walvoord & Roy Zuck
3. *The Treasury of Scripture*, R.A. Torrey
4. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith
5. *Preaching and Preachers*, Martin Lloyd Jones

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Pastor Raul Ries

Calvary Chapel Golden Springs

1. *Awake My Heart*, J. Sidlow Baxter
2. *Paul of Tarsus*, T.R. Glover
3. *Between Two Worlds*, John Stott
4. *How to Pray*, R.A. Torrey
5. *Trusting God*, Jerry Bridges

Pastor Xavier Ries

Calvary Chapel Pasadena

1. *Preaching & Teaching with Imagination*, Warren W. Wiersbe
2. *Interpreting The Bible*, A. Berkeley Mickelsen
3. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
4. *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?*, Roland Allen
5. *The Complete Works of Oswald Chambers*, Oswald Chambers

Pastor Andrew Russell

Calvary Melbourne

1. *Well Intended Dragons*, Marshall Shelly
2. *Love, Acceptance and Forgiveness*, Jerry Cook
3. *Living By the Book*, Howard Hendricks
4. *Self Confrontation Manual*, John C. Broger
5. *360 Degree Leader*, John Maxwell

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Pastor Bill Stonebraker

Calvary Chapel Honolulu

1. *Lectures to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
2. *Between Two Worlds: The Art of Preaching in the Twentieth Century*, John R. Stott
3. *Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer*, J. Oswald Sanders
4. *The Calvary Road*, Roy Hession
5. *Why Grace Changes Everything*, Chuck Smith

Pastor Wayne Taylor

Calvary Fellowship of Mountlake Terrace

1. *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
2. *Calvary Road*, Roy Hession
3. *Humility*, Andrew Murray
4. *Shadow of the Almighty*, Elizabeth Elliott
5. *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A W Tozer

5 Books Every Pastor Should Read

Thanks to all the pastors who responded by sending your Top 5 Book list. I deeply appreciate your contribution. Thanks also to Stacey James & Lee Coe for your help in putting this together.

Here is my Top 5 List;

Pastor John Miller

Calvary Chapel San Bernardino

1. *Liberating Ministry from The Success Syndrome*, Kent & Barbara Hughes
2. *The Preacher's Portrait*, John Stott
3. *Basic Biblical Interpretation*, Roy B. Zuck
4. *The Glory of the Ministry: Paul's Exultation in Preaching*, A.T. Robinson
5. *The Disciples of Life*, V. Raymond Edman

These are the Top Five most frequently mentioned titles.

1. **Spiritual Leadership**, Oswald Sanders (12)
2. **Lectures to My Students**, Charles Spurgeon (9)
3. **Why Grace Changes Everything**, Chuck Smith (8)
4. **Being a Servant**, Warren Wiersbe (7)
5. **Between Two Worlds**, John Stott (5) **Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome**, Kent & Barbara Hughes (5)

Books on Books

- The Ministers Library, Cyril J. Barber
- A Basic Library for Bible Students, Warren W. Wiersbe
- A Classic Bible study Library for Today, Kregal
- A Treasury of Book's for Bible Study, Wilbur M. Smith
- Chats from a Ministers Library, Wilbur M. Smith
- Walking with the Giants, Warren W. Wiersbe
- Listening to the Giants, Warren W. Wiersbe