

## Helpful Resources for Further Study on *Marriage, Family, and the Glory of God*

Of the “making of many books there is no end” (Ecclesiastes 12:12), and this seems to be especially true in the areas of marriage and family. The relevant literature is enormous and growing daily. Unfortunately, not everything published in this realm is of equal quality or biblical fidelity. Even material published by Christian publishers often falls short of the standard of healthy biblical teaching.

The following are some of what we consider to be the most helpful resources pertaining to marriage and family issues. Those books marked with an asterisk [\*] are highly recommended. All authors write from a conservative, evangelical perspective, affirming salvation by grace alone through faith alone and the inerrancy of the Bible. Realize, however, that the mere recommendation of a book does not indicate unqualified endorsement of everything the particular author might believe or write. Always read with discernment and measure everything by Scripture to “see if these things are so” (Acts 17:11). Unless otherwise indicated, the majority of these resources should be easily available at [www.ChristianBook.com](http://www.ChristianBook.com) or [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com)

### General Marriage and Family Overviews:

*Christian Living in the Home* by Jay Adams (P&R Publishing, 1989)

- \* *God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas J. Köstenberger (Crossway, 2010)

“The Fulfilled Family,” sermon series by John MacArthur, CDs for purchase and MP3s for free download available at [www.gty.org](http://www.gty.org)

*Your Family God's Way* by Wayne Mack (P&R Publishing, 1991)

### Singleness:

- \* *Did I Kiss Marriage Goodbye? Trusting God with a Hope Deferred* by Carolyn McCulley (Crossway, 2004)

*Fine China is for Single Women Too* by Lydia Brownback (P&R Publishing, 2003)

“The Holy Vocation of Singleness: The Single Person in the Family of God,” by John Chapman, *Journal of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* 5, no. 2 (Fall 2000), pages 4-5

*The Rich Single Life* by Andrew Farmer (PDI Ministries, 1998)

*With One Voice: Singleness, Dating and Marriage to the Glory of God* by Alex Chediak (Christian Focus, 2006)

### Purity:

*Help! He's Struggling with Pornography* by Brian Croft (DayOne, 2010)

*Passion and Purity: Learning to Bring Your Love Life under Christ's Control* by Elizabeth Elliot (Revell, 2002)

*The Purity Principle* by Randy Alcorn (Multnomah, 2003)

*The Secret Keeper: The Delicate Power of Modesty* by Dannah Gresh (Moody, 2002)

- \* *Sex is not the Problem, Lust is* by Josh Harris [appropriate for 13 year-olds and up] (Multnomah, 2003)

*Sexual Detox: A Guide for Guys Who Are Sick of Porn* by Tim Challes [appropriate for older teens and adults], free e-book available at [www.challies.com](http://www.challies.com)

### Romance, Dating, and Courtship:

*Boy Meets Girl* by Josh Harris (Multnomah, 2005)

*Holding Hands, Holding Hearts: Recovering a Biblical View of Christian Dating* by Richard & Sharon Phillips (P&R Publishing, 2006)

- \* *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* by Josh Harris (Multnomah, 2003)

*Relationships: A Mess Worth Making* by Timothy Lane and Paul Tripp (New Growth, 2006)

*With One Voice: Singleness, Dating and Marriage to the Glory of God* by Alex Chediak (Christian Focus, 2006)

### The Roles of Men and Women:

*God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas J. Köstenberger (Crossway, 2010)

- \* *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* by John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Crossway, 2006)

*Different by Design: Discovering God's Will for Today's Man and Woman* by John MacArthur (Victor, 1994)

*Men and Women: Equal Yet Different* by Alexander Strauch (Lewis & Roth, 1999)

### Masculinity and Biblical Manhood:

*Disciplines of a Godly Man* by R. Kent Hughes (Crossway, 1991)

*The Exemplary Husband* by Stuart Scott (Focus, 2002)

*Fatherhood: What it is and What it's for* by Tony Payne (Matthias Media, 2004)

*The Masculine Mandate: God's Calling to Men* by Richard D. Phillips (Reformation Trust, 2010)

- \* *What He Must Be...If He Wants to Marry My Daughter* by Voddie Baucham (Crossway, 2009)

### Femininity and Biblical Womanhood:

*Feminine Appeal: Seven Virtues of a Godly Wife and Mother* by Carolyn Mahaney (Crossway, 2004)

*Heaven at Home* by Ginger Plowman (Shepherd, 2006)

*Radical Womanhood: Feminine Faith in a Feminist World* by Carolyn McCulley (Moody, 2008)

*A Woman after God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George (Harvest, 2001)

- \* *Womanly Dominion* by Mark Chanski (Calvary, 2008)

#### Marriage:

*The Intimate Marriage* by RC Sproul (P&R Publishing, 2004)

*This Momentary Marriage* by John Piper (Crossway, 2009)

*Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas (Zondervan, 2000)

*Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage* by Lee and Leslie Strobel (Zondervan, 2002)

*What Did You Expect?: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage* by Paul David Tripp (Crossway, 2010)

- \* *When Sinners Say 'I Do': Discovering the Power of the Gospel for Marriage* by Dave Harvey (Shepherd Press, 2007)

#### Marital Romance and Intimacy:

*A Biblical Guide to Love, Sex and Marriage* by Dr. Derek & Rosemary Thomas (Grace, 2007)

*God on Sex: The Creator's Ideas about Love, Intimacy and Marriage* by Daniel L. Akin (B&H Publishing, 2003)

- \* *Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God* by CJ Mahaney (Crossway, 2004)

#### General Parenting:

*Don't Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Plowman (Shepherd, 2004)

*Instructing a Child's Heart* by Tedd and Margy Tripp (Shepherd, 2008)

*Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting* by William P. Farley (P&R Publishing 2009)

- \* *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp (Shepherd, 1998)

*What the Bible Says about Parenting* by John MacArthur (W., 2000)

#### Child Conversion:

*How Children Come to Faith in Christ*, CD series interview of Jim Elliff by Dennis Rainey and Bob LePine of FamilyLife Today Radio, available for purchase at [www.ccwtoday.org](http://www.ccwtoday.org)

*What He Must Be...If He Wants to Marry My Daughter* by Voddie Baucham (Crossway, 2009)

- \* *What the Bible Says about Parenting* by John MacArthur (W., 2000)

#### Parenting Teens:

- \* *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens* by Paul David Tripp (P&R Publishing, 2001)

*Already Gone: Why Your Kids Will Quit Church and What You Can do to Stop it* by Ken Ham & Britt Beemer, with Todd Hillard (Master, 2010)

*A Baptist Catechism* adapted by John Piper, available for free at [www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org)

*Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper (Crossway, 2003)

*Dug Down Deep: Unearthing What I Believe and Why It Matters* by Joshua Harris (Multnomah, 2010)

*Get Outta My Face! How to Reach Angry, Unmotivated Teens with Biblical Counsel* by Rick Horne (Shepherd, 2009)

*Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction of a Fallen World* edited by CJ Mahaney (Crossway, 2008)

*God's Technology: Training Our Children to Use Technology to God's Glory*, DVD presentation by David Murray (Reformation Heritage, 2010)

#### Adoption:

- \* *Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families and Churches* by Russell Moore (Crossway, 2009)

*Adoption as a Ministry, Adoption as a Blessing* by Michelle Gardner (Pleasant Word, 2003)

*Reclaiming Adoption: Missional Living Through the Rediscovery of Abba Father* edited by Dan Cruver (Cruciform 2010), visit [www.cruciformpress.com](http://www.cruciformpress.com)

#### Family Discipleship:

*Already Gone: Why Your Kids Will Quit Church and What You Can do to Stop it* by Ken Ham & Britt Beemer, with Todd Hillard (Master, 2010)

*Big Truths for Young Hearts* by Bruce Ware (Crossway, 2009)

- \* *Family Driven Faith: Doing What it Takes to Raise Sons and Daughters Who Walk with God* by Voddie Baucham (Crossway, 2007)

*Instructing a Child's Heart* by Tedd and Margy Tripp (Shepherd, 2008)

#### Family Worship:

*Family Worship* by Joel Beeke (Reformation Heritage, 2009)

- \* *Family Worship: In the Bible, in History, and in Your Home* by Donald Whitney (Center for Biblical Spirituality, 2004)

*Thoughts on Family Worship* by James Alexander (Soli Deo Gloria, 1998 [reprint of 1847])

#### Resources to Use During Family Worship:

*The Building on the Rock Series* [5 volumes of inspiring adventure and missionary stories for kids] by Joel Beeke and Diana Kleyn (Reformation Heritage, 2003)

*The Child's Story Bible* by Cathrine Vos (Eerdmans, 2000)

*Expository Thoughts on the Gospels* by J. C. Ryle [great to read aloud during family devotions] (Banner of Truth, 1986-97)

*The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Zondervan, 2006)

*Leading Little Ones to God* by Marian Schooland (Eerdmans, 1995)

- \* *Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* by Marty Machowski (New Growth, 2010)