

Marriage and Family Life Recommended Readings

Premarital/Dating/Single

101 Questions to Ask Before You Get Engaged by H. Norman Wright

- A great set of conversation starters (with a mixture of fun & serious topics) for couples who are considering marriage.

The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman

Real Sex by Lauren Winner

- Winner challenges the way the church typically helps singles practice scriptural teachings about sex.

Marriage

Journey to Oneness by Ron Hitchcock

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas

The Mystery of Marriage by Mike Mason

A Lifelong Love: How to Have Lasting Intimacy, Friendship, and Purpose in Your Marriage by Gary Thomas

When Sorry Isn't Enough: Making Things Right with Those You Love by Gary Thomas

10 Lessons to Transform Your Marriage by John Gottman

The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work by John Gottman

Parenting

Parenting Your Children into Adulthood: Forming Lifelong Friendships with Adult Children by Ron Hitchcock

Sacred Parenting by Gary Thomas

1-2-3 Magic by Thomas Phelan and Chris Webb

- Describes a simple, effective discipline method for parents of 2-12 year olds.

Christian Living

Wounded by Terry Wardle

- Offers hope for the emotionally wounded by pointing them to Jesus Christ

Theology

Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright

- In this book Wright presents a thoroughly Biblical explanation of the Christian's hope for the future and how it shapes our mission in the world today.

Divorce & Remarriage in the Church by David Instone-Brewer

- Recommended for people that desire to investigate Jewish laws regarding divorce. The book reveals the rights of victims to divorce due to an abusive spouse. The author does an excellent job paralleling New & Old Testament texts regarding divorce and remarriage. Most readers will find the book to be well written and a valuable resource as they interpret their existing belief on the guidelines of divorce and remarriage.