

Family

An Annotated Bibliography of Resources

Wisdom told us that it would be unwise to attempt to improve upon the great resources already available regarding God's Hope for our Home. So we have decided to put our heads together and recommend to you 34 books compiled by the pastoral staff. Many of these have impacted our lives and families personally through the years. It is our hope that you would choose one or two and begin reading. For ease of reference, each resource is listed the same way: Title, Author, prices at various stores, and finally a short description of its contents.

As always, we encourage you to read critically. Not all of these books represent an emphasis on God's grace to the degree of our church, but all of them are written from an orthodox Christian perspective. Every book written on the Bible and Biblical implications is written with a specific leaning and emphasis. Recognizing this and reading them critically, we commend to you the following books. May they bless you and your family as you come closer to realizing God's Hope for your Home.

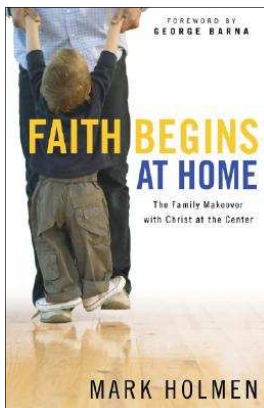
Resources for Parents and Children

Faith Begins at Home

by Mark Holmen

Amazon.com - \$10.79

Cbd.com - \$9.99



Description:

In the past, faith was a central part of the family's home life, passed on from generation to generation. Today, the reality for many families is that faith is no more than one-hour, drop-off Christianity, if it is present at all. What does this mean for the faith of our children? How will they come to know Christ? And how does a family put Christ at the center of their busy lives? Mark Holmen knows that becoming a strong, healthy, joy-filled families God intended begins with parents establishing their homes as the primary place where faith is nurtured. In this engaging book, you will learn about the importance of your and your spouse's walk with the Lord; of using gifts and experiences of grandparents, elders and mentors in the family; and of the role church

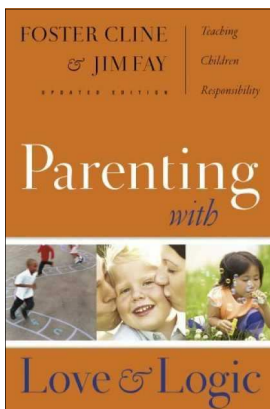
should play with families. Filled with a wealth of practical ideas, inspirational stories and biblical truth, you'll be inspired, motivated and equipped to help you and your family succeed.

Parenting With Love and Logic

By Foster Cline & Jim Fay

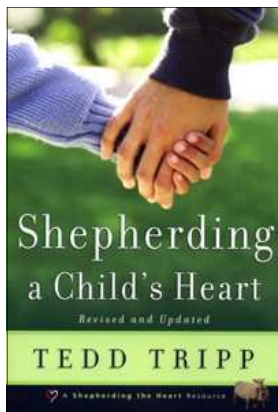
Amazon.com - \$16.49

Cbd.com - \$17.99



Description:

When they reach their teens, many kids seem to have no clue about making wise decisions - so they make bad ones. How can you raise mature, responsible kids? Foster Cline and Jim Fay show you how to parent "with love and logic." Once you learn to establish effective controls without resorting to anger and threats, your kids will learn to deal with the real world by solving their own problems. And you'll build a rewarding relationship built on love, trust and fun.



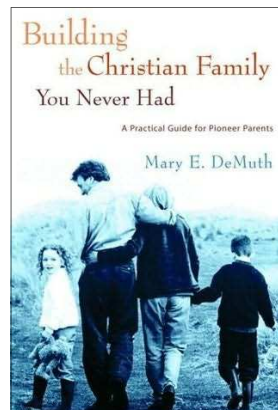
Shepherding a Child's Heart

by Tedd Tripp

Cbd.com- \$11.99

Description:

The Bible says "man looks on outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." God doesn't want just outward obedience. He wants our hearts, and he wants that from our children as well. This book will help you cultivate your child's heart for Jesus.



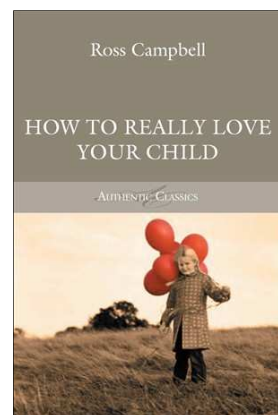
Building the Christian Family You Never Had: A Practical Guide for Pioneer Parents

by Mary DeMuth.

Cbd.com- \$3.99

Description:

You're willing to do whatever it takes to ground your children in a faith your parents never embraced. Or maybe you grew up in an outwardly religious home that lacked a foundation of Christian grace and moral values. If you're the first generation in your family to embrace a relationship with Christ but aren't sure how to give your children a foundation of faith, here is the guidance you have been looking for, including: shielding your children from the negative influence of family members who undermine your values, cope with criticism and objections to your faith-based parenting decisions, find positive parenting mentors and more.



How to Really Love Your Child

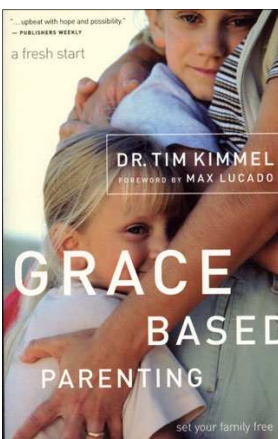
by D. Ross Campbell

Cbd.com- \$9.99

Description:

In this bestselling book, Dr. D. Ross Campbell reveals the emotional needs of a child and provides parents with the skill and techniques that can begin to help make your child feel truly loved and accepted. You'll learn to really love your child through every situation of child rearing from physical touch to discipline and from affirmation to spiritual nurture

This book is an incredible resource that talks about how to communicate your love to your child in a language that they can understand.



Grace-based Parenting

by Tim Kimmel

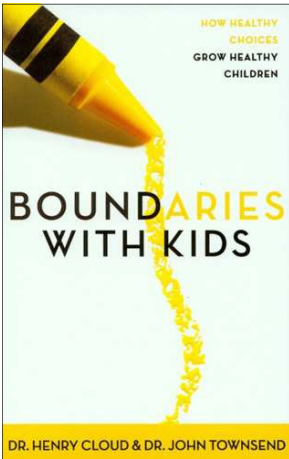
Cbd.com- \$11.99

Cbd.com—DVD series \$199.99

Description:

Dr. Tim Kimmel explains how fear-based parenting is a guaranteed method to set children up for failure. Learn how to meet your child's three driving inner needs for security, significance and strength with the invaluable gifts of love, purpose and hope.

Tim translates the doctrine of grace into practical parenting principles. He is biblical in his approach, fun to read and practical. Most important, Tim's family is a reflection of the things he teaches.

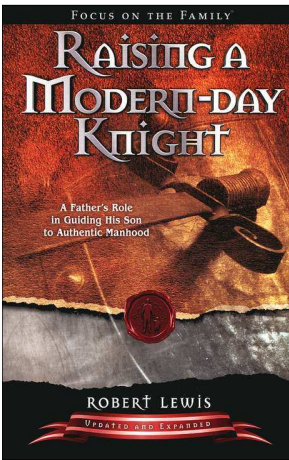


Boundaries with Kids

By Henry Cloud & John Townsend

Amazon.com - \$11.69
Cbd.com - \$11.99

Description:
Here's the help you need to raise kids who take responsibility for their lives and attitudes. Parents will learn how to set loving limits, bring control to an out-of-control life, define appropriate boundaries and consequences for children, and much more.

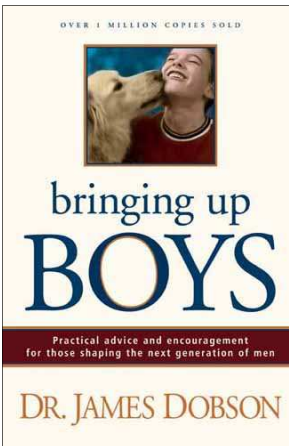


Raising a Modern Day Knight

By Robert Lewis

Amazon.com - \$10.97
Cbd.com - \$11.99

Description:
This popular book teases out the difficult topic of masculinity and instilling its value in young boys. While this book should also be read with a critical Biblical filter, it offers very helpful advice for parenting boys.

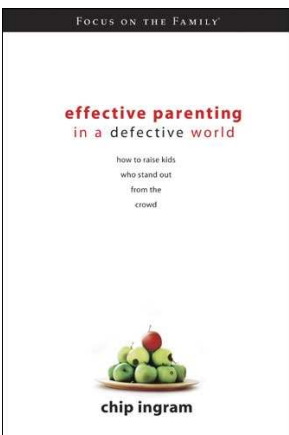


Bringing Up Boys

By Dr. James Dobson

Amazon.com - \$10.87
Cbd.com - \$12.99

Description:
Boys are different! But with pressure to be "gender neutral," many try to mold children into a one-size-fits-all model. Dr. Dobson explains why boys are the way they are, how to understand their emotional and physical development, and the best way to motivate them to become godly men.

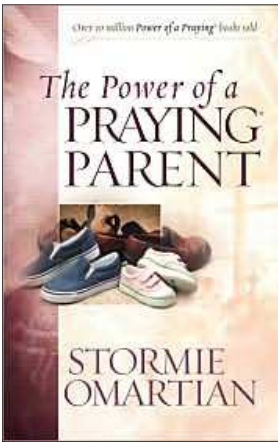


Effective Parenting in a Defective World

By Chip Ingram

Amazon.com - \$11.19
Cbd.com - \$5.99

Description:
Raising children is a tough challenge in today's world---especially when they face constant pressure from their peers and culture. Packed with practical advice and Ingram's own experiences, these nine sessions will give you a vision for your children's future, a new understanding of God's principles for child-rearing, and life-changing help for today.
Designed for use with the Effective Parenting DVD Curriculum Kit.



The Power of a Praying Parent

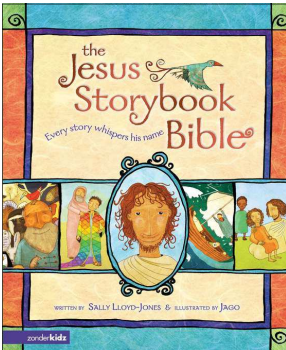
By Stormie Omartian

Amazon.com - \$11.55

Cbd.com - \$10.99

Description:

After decades of raising her own children along with her husband, Michael, Stormie looks back at the trials and joys of parenting and the power found in praying for her kids. In 30 easy-to-read chapters, she shares from personal experience as to how parents can pray for their children's, safety, character development, school experiences, marriage, and so much more. Perfect for new moms and dads as well as those a little further along in the journey, *The Power of a Praying Parent* is a must-have for anyone caring for a child.



The Jesus Storybook Bible

By Sally Lloyd-Jones

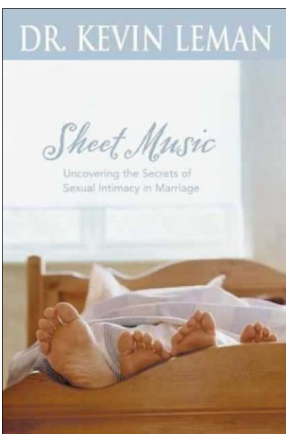
Cbd.com - \$12.99

Description:

The Jesus Storybook Bible tells the story beneath all the stories in the Bible. At the center of the story is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. Every story whispers his name. From Noah to Moses to the great King David--every story points to him. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle--the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the story unfolds, children will pick up the clues and piece together the puzzle. A Bible like no other, this

book invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation--and at the center of their story too. Recommended for ages 4 to 8

Resources for Marriage



Sheet Music

By Kevin Leman

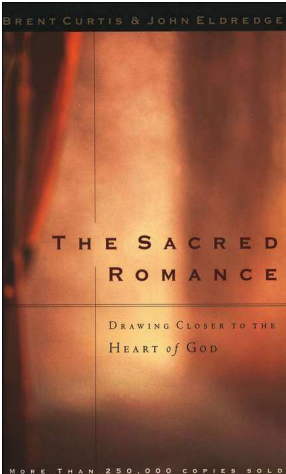
Amazon.com - \$10.19

Cbd.com - \$11.99

Description:

You can make beautiful sexual music. In *Sheet Music*, psychologist and family expert Dr. Kevin Leman makes it clear: If you and your spouse work in tandem, you'll create some of the most stunning sounds ever heard!

All it takes is practice...and the right attitude, says Dr. Leman. Sex is about the quality of your entire love life, not just the alignment of your bodies. So if you're willing to forge ahead for the sake of the best marriage you can imagine, this book is for you. It will expand and challenge your thinking, help you start your marriage off right, or go from humdrum to exciting if you're already married.



Sacred Romance

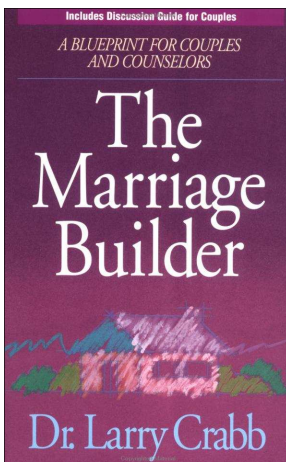
By Brent Curtis and John Eldredge

Amazon.com - \$5.60

Cbd.com - \$10.99

Description:

Our God is not distant deity, but a passionate, loving Father. Because of his love he has often wooed us with a life filled with unparalleled beauty, intriguing relationship and wonderful adventure. But we often reject his advances in order to pursue our careers, find self-fulfillment and seek after any number of lovers who are far less wild. In *The Sacred Romance* John Eldredge and Brent Curtis challenge us to let go of these "less-wild lovers" so that we can begin the journey back to the passionate lover of our souls. Don't miss this opportunity to return to the intimacy, beauty and adventure of life with



The Marriage Builder

By Larry Crabb

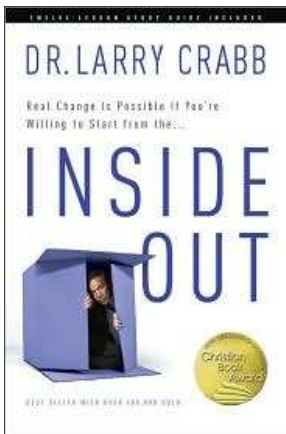
Amazon.com- \$8.79

Cbd.com- \$8.99

Description:

Psychologist Larry Crabb cuts to the heart of the biblical view of marriage: the "one-flesh" relationship. He argues convincingly that the deepest needs of human personality--security and significance--ultimately cannot be satisfied by a marriage partner. We need to turn to the Lord, rather than our spouse, to satisfy our needs. This frees both partners for "soul oneness," a commitment to minister to our spouse's needs rather than manipulating them to meet our own needs. With "soul oneness" comes renewed "body oneness," where couples enjoy sexual pleasure as an expression and outgrowth of a personal relationship. The Marriage Builder also identifies three building blocks essential to constructing marriage: the grace of God, true marriage commitment, and acceptance of one's mate.

Now for the first time, discussion questions have been added to aid couples who want to come to deeper understanding of marriage. Helpful to counselors and laypersons alike, The Marriage Builder is for anyone who longs to transform marriage from trial to triumph.



Inside Out

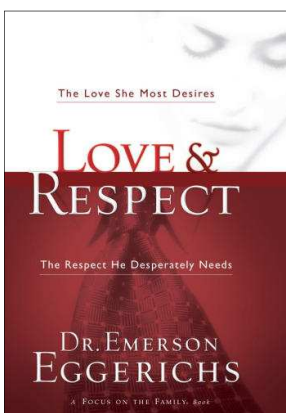
By Larry Crabb

Amazon.com- \$10.87

Cbd.com- \$11.99

Description:

"Why do things go so wrong when I'm trying so hard to be right?" If you've ever asked yourself this question, Crabb has a few answers. "Far too many Christians do not deal honestly with their lives. The pathway to change is more often discussed and debated than displayed." In his warm, engaging style, Crabb helps you venture inside yourself where Christ is waiting to heal, restore, and fulfill. Real wholeness and real change are possible---if you're willing to start from the inside out. This updated edition of Crabb's classic and bestselling work includes a 12-week study guide.



Love and Respect

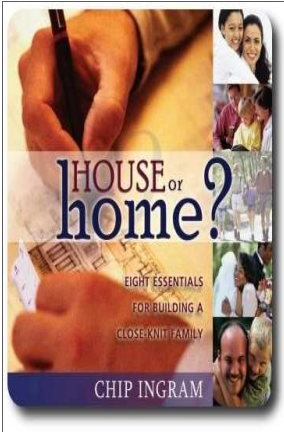
By Emerson Eggerichs

Amazon.com - \$14.94

Cbd.com - \$13.79

Description:

Dr. Emerson Eggerichs' book, Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires, the Respect He Desperately Needs, is based on the biblical passage from Ephesians 5:33 (But every husband must love his wife as he loves himself, and wives should respect their husbands - GODS WORD® translation). His premise is that communication between a husband and wife is often frustrated because of the vastly different ways in which men and women perceive love. Women are wired to need unconditional love and men need to feel unconditionally respected. Revitalize the love in your marriage! A Focus on the Family Recommendation; hardcover.



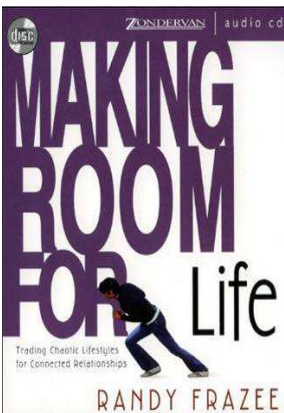
House or Home

By Chip Ingram

www.walkthru.org- \$4.50

Description:

We've all seen them- close-knit families that truly enjoy spending time with each other. But the sad reality for many families is just the opposite. Thankfully, God has provided the principles in Ephesians 5:21- 6:4 for families to achieve the love they desire. Step by step, Chip explains God's eight essentials for becoming a close-knit family. This powerful 8-part CD series is a must for any family desiring to grow closer to each other and to the Lord. A study guide is also available to help individuals and groups apply what they've learned.



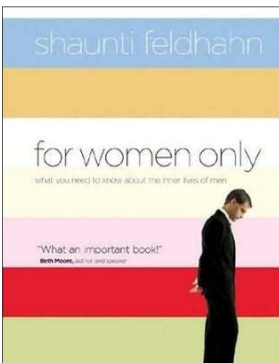
Making Room for Life

By Randy Frazee

Amazon.com - \$15.29
Cbd.com - \$12.99

Description:

Dysfunctional families and disconnected, stressed-out lifestyles are the "norm" in today's congregations. Can the church serve as a meaningful Christian community in such an environment? Frazee says yes and offers biblical solutions. Learn how we as believers can radically reinvent our lives to include more time for deeper relationships with fewer people.



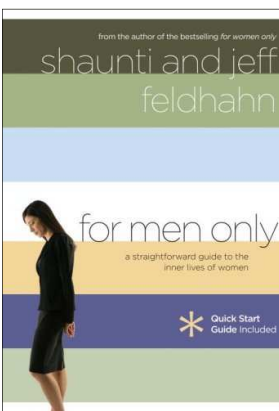
For Women Only

by Shaunti Feldhahn

Cbd.com - \$11.99

Description:

A great book on helping a wife understand how men are wired differently from women how to cultivate relationship and intimacy with her husband.



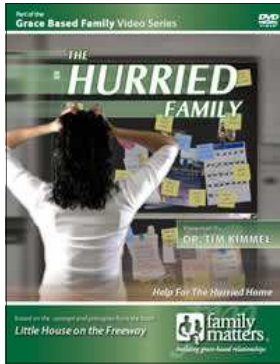
For Men Only

by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn

Cbd.com - \$11.99

Description:

The best book on helping a man fulfill the instruction in I Peter 3 to "live with your wives in an understanding way."



The Hurried Family– DVD small group study

By Tim Kimmel

www.efamilymatters.net- \$199.95

Description:

Our fast-paced American society promotes a constant drive for success, but often at the expense of our inner peace and contentment: "The increase of information, transportation and contamination have cost us dearly," says Dr. Tim Kimmel. "Our sense of permanence, unity and peace are jeopardized by hurried lifestyles." Based on his best selling book, *Little House on the Freeway*, Dr. Kimmel brings help to the hurried home by sharing positive ways to overcome one's hectic lifestyle. In eight sessions with practical applications, *The Hurried Family* video study explores the symptoms of a hurried family and provides counsel for restoring calmness and giving the gift of rest to others.

Session One: In Search of Peace and Quiet

Life is moving at a blurring speed. If people don't have a specific plan to manage the pace of their lives, then the hurried lifestyle will manage them. There are seven basic traits that characterize hurried families.

Session Two: The Lure of the Hurried Family

What draws us into the hurried lifestyle and what are the consequences?

Session Three: Bringing Calm to the Hurried Home

Adhering to the six necessities for peace and rest can bring calm back into our lives. (Necessities 1 & 2)

Session Four: The Focus of Contented Families

Maintaining calm and rest requires that we resist the negative effects of the hurried lifestyle on two fronts: the battlefield of our hearts, and the battlefield of culture. (Necessities 3 & 4)

Session Five: When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough

There's a pervasive attitude in our culture that is custom made for a restless heart—discontent. It doesn't matter how much we have, it's never enough. That's why these last two necessities are at the core of a rested heart. (Necessities 5 & 6)

Session Six: Little House on the Internet

If we don't have a carefully thought-out strategy, the hurried world of technology can steal our joy and undermine our priorities to our spouse, our kids, our friends, and God.

Session Seven: Giving the Gift of Rest to Your Marriage

A family's ability to maintain calm and confidence in the middle of their hurried schedules is contingent upon the parents maintaining a healthy relationship.

Session Eight: Giving the Gift of Rest to Your Children

Kids need parents who are paying attention and running interference for them as they maneuver their way through the constant barrage of culture's competition for a rested heart.

Resources for Junior High Students



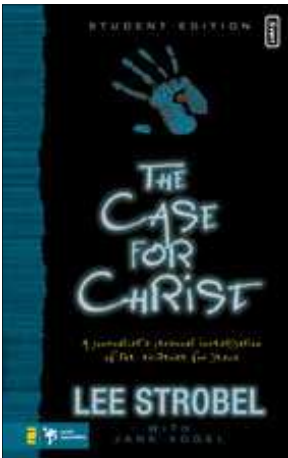
Fuel: 10-Minute Devotions to Ignite the Faith of Parents & Teens

By Joe White

Amazon.com- \$12.74
Cbd.com- \$7.99

Description:

Supercharge your quiet times, and those of your teens, with this powerful new resource from youth expert Joe White. Fuel offers 10-minute devotionals from the New Testament, supplemented with stories and discussion starters, to help parents and teens connect spiritually.



The Case for Christ (Student Edition)

By Lee Strobel

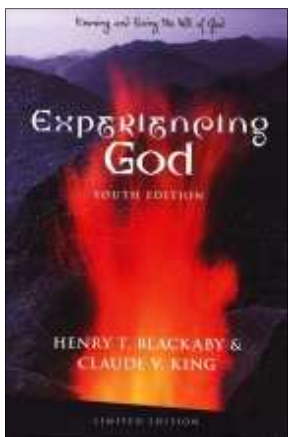
Amazon.com- \$26.39
Cbd.com- \$7.99

Description:

Who was Jesus? A good man? A lunatic? God? There's little question that he actually lived. But miracles? Rising from the dead?

Some of the stories you hear about him sound like just that--stories. A reasonable person would never believe them, let alone the claim that he's the only way to God! But a reasonable person would also make sure that he or she understood the facts before jumping to conclusions. That's why Lee Strobel--an award-winning legal journalist with a knack for asking tough questions--decided to investigate Jesus for himself. As an atheist, Strobel felt certain his findings would bring Christianity's clear claims about Jesus tumbling down like a house of cards. He was in for the surprise of his life.

Join him as he retraced his journey from skepticism to faith. You'll consult expert testimony as you sift through the truths of history, science psychiatry, literature, and religion reveal. Like Strobel, you'll be amazed at the evidence--how strong it is, and what it says. The facts are in. What will be your verdict in The Case for Christ?



Experiencing God (Youth Edition)

By Henry Blackaby

Amazon.com- \$16.19
Cbd.com- \$16.99

Description:

Right away you will notice that this book is different from most books you read. It's not designed for you to sit down and read from cover-to-cover. It's not a self-help book. Rather, it is designed for you to carefully study, understand, and apply biblical principles to your life. It is about experiencing God--day by day, moment by moment. You'll:

- Learn how to hear when God is speaking to you.
- Find out where God is working and join Him.
- Discover that God pursues a love relationship with you that is real and personal.
- Face crises of belief as you join God where He's working.
- Experience God doing through you what only God can do!

Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God is a nine-week course designed for both individual and small group study. In it, you spend time with God everyday and then meet together with other Christians in a small group once a week to share how God is working in your life.

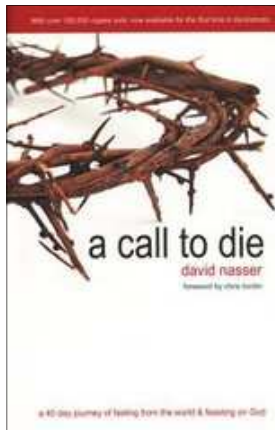
Resources for High School Students

A Call To Die

By David Nassar

Amazon.com- \$13.59

Cbd.com- \$18.99



Description:

"When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die." Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Death. For many, the very mention of the word can conjure feelings of fear and uncertainty. In the Christian life, we are called to pursue a daily death as though our lives depend on it. The scriptures are filled with such paradoxes. To be set free, you must become a slave. To be filled, you must hunger and thirst. To become greater, you must become less. And the hardest of all. . . to live, you must die. This is what the apostle Paul meant when he declared, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain..."

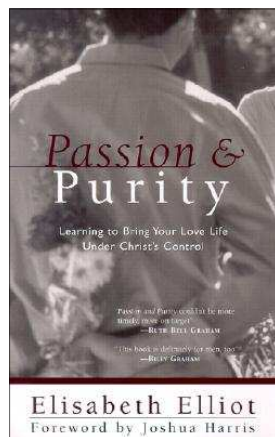
A Call to Die is an intensive devotional, beckoning the reader to dare define Christ's radical call. Full of raw honesty and relentless passion, this forty day journey is not for he faint of heart, but for the one who longs to answer the call...the call to die.

Passion and Purity

By Elisabeth Elliot

Amazon.com- \$10.18

Cbd.com- \$9.99



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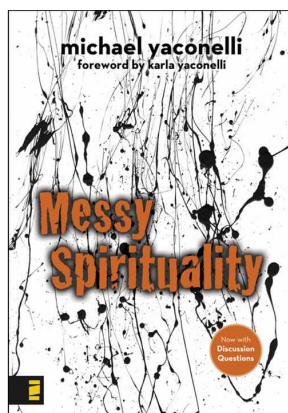
Very few books on dating have stood the test of time like Passion and Purity. Using her own life as an example, beloved author and speaker Elisabeth Elliot guides singles of both genders and any age on how to put their love lives under the authority of Jesus Christ.

Messy Spirituality

By Mike Yaconelli

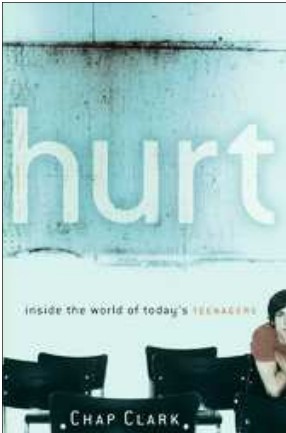
Amazon.com- \$10.18

Cbd.com- \$9.99



Description:

Attention burned-out believers and religious misfits! What if genuine faith begins with admitting you'll never have your act together? Offering a strong antidote for spiritual perfectionism, Yaconelli dares to suggest that "unfinishedness" accompanies true Christianity! Escape the "ought to" tyranny and discover the God who meets and transforms you in the midst of life's messiness.

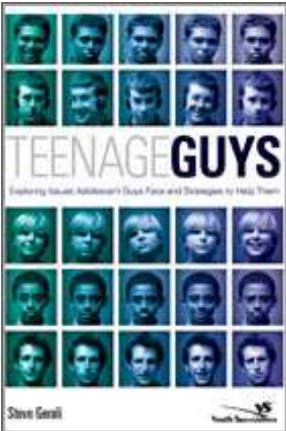


Hurt

By Chap Clark

Amazon.com- \$11.55
Cbd.com- \$12.99

Description:
Contemporary adolescents seem confident, well-adjusted, and happy. But beneath the surface, they're often lonely, insecure, and empty. What's going on? Claiming that adults have "abandoned" teens just when they most need support, Clark's ethnographic study examines today's changing youth culture from the inside out and suggests five strategies to "turn the tide of systemic abandonment."

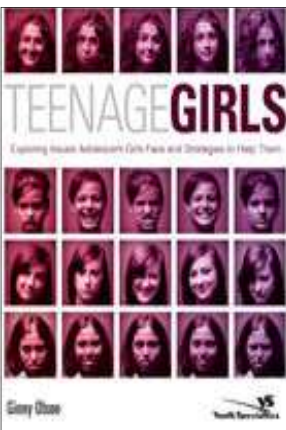


Teenage Boys

By Steve Gerali

Amazon.com- \$14.03
Cbd.com- \$12.99

Description:
In order to really meet their need, parents and youth workers need to fully understand the inner workings of adolescent guys. Inside you'll get unflinching, no-holds-barred views of what it means to be a teenage guy in the 21st century, along with helpful suggestions on how to minister to teenage boys and their families, process the issues your own students face and more. Complete with cognitive development, social development, emotional development and more, this reference guide will open your eyes to what's going on inside guys and around them, equipping them toward becoming mature, confident, Christian men.



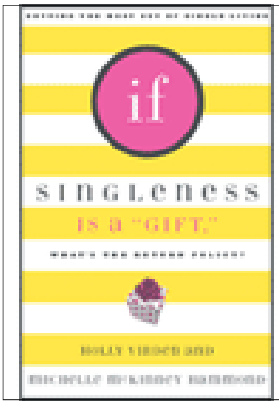
Teenage Girls

By Ginny Olson

Amazon.com- \$15.29
Cbd.com- \$12.99

Description:
We know teen girls are more than "sugar and spice"---but what motivates them to behave the way they do? How does their culture affect their choices? And how can the church help? Here, counselors and veteran youth workers weigh in on issues including eating disorders, self-image, depression, family, addictions, sexuality, spirituality, friendships, and more. 288 pages, softcover from Youth Specialties.

Resources for Singles



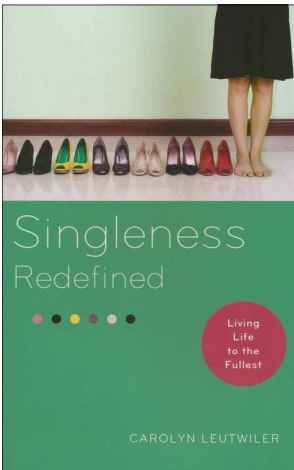
If Singleness Is a Gift, What's the Return Policy?

By: Holly Virden, Michelle McKinney Hammond

Cbd.com \$10.99

Description:

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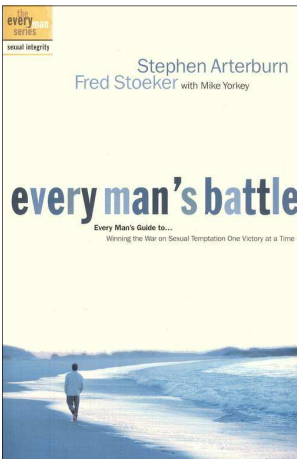
Singleness Redefined: Living Life to the Fullest

By Carolyn Leutwiler

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