

# RECOMMENDED READING



*Shared Blessings: Inspiration for a Woman's Heart* (Barbour Publishing, 2010).

Ninety devotional readings from Circle of Friends writers provide a spiritual boost. This compilation focuses on God's kindness and all the good things he provides.

*Bouquets: Intentional Relationships in Making Disciples* by Bruce Hamsher (Herald Press, 2008).

Choosing to develop relationships with people outside our normal circles carries the opportunity to bring people to Christ. When we cultivate relationships, we live out the scripture's call to be the fragrance of Christ.

*Boundaries: When to Say Yes, When to Say No to Take Control of Your Life* by Henry Cloud and John Townsend (Zondervan, 1992).

Learn to set reasonable boundaries that keep you on the path God lays out for you. God's purpose for you does not have to be lost amid the demands of your life.

*Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* by Henry Blackaby (B&H Books, revised 2008).

This modern classic features basic scriptural truths that teach us how to develop a true relationship with God and discover how God is working in and through us.

*A New Kind of Normal: Hope-Filled Choices When Life Turns Upside Down* by Carol Kent (Thomas Nelson, 2007).

The author knows what it is like to live through horrendous life-altering experiences and still choose hope, life, gratitude, forgiveness, and trust.

*Between a Rock and a Grace Place: Divine Surprises in the Tight Spots of Life* by Carol Kent (Zondervan, 2010).

When life shatters, grace still abounds. Carol Kent writes poignantly of her own experiences with sorrow and the light of God's grace that shines in dark places.

*The Great House of God* by Max Lucado (Thomas Nelson, 2001).

God does not want to be your escape from life. He wants to be where you live. Lucado uses the Lord's Prayer as a floor plan that draws God's children close.

*So Long Insecurity* by Beth Moore (Tyndale House, 2010).

Popular Bible teacher Beth Moore exposes the realities of the insecurity many women feel at home and in the workplace and shines the light of God's truth on each one.

*Love and War: Finding the Marriage You've Dreamed Of* by John and Staci Eldredge (Doubleday, 2009).

The authors offer honest, direct advice on companionship, the mission of your marriage, sex, and realizing that Satan, rather than your spouse, is the enemy. Recognize your own brokenness and find your life in God.

*Sheet Music: Uncovering the Secrets of Sexual Intimacy in Marriage* by Kevin Leman (Tyndale House, 2003).

Sex is a gift from God to treasure and enjoy. This book helps you look at your own experience and how to enrich it for a satisfying sexual relationship.

*Have a New Kid by Friday* by Kevin Leman (Revell, 2010).

Find out why kids act the way they do, understand your own attitude as a parent, and start using simple strategies that will transform your relationship with your child of any age.

*The Birth Order Book* by Kevin Leman (Revell, revised 2009)

This is a fascinating look at how being the oldest, the youngest, or somewhere in between affects personality, relationships, parenting styles, and career. Learn more about how your birth order influences how you interact with the world and what you can do about it.

*The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?* by Rick Warren (Zondervan, 2002).

Worship, community, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism are key to a life rich in meaning. Every person has a purpose according to God's divine plan. How can you find your place in what God is doing?

*Fashioned by Faith* by Rachel Lee Carter (Thomas Nelson, 2011).

Everyone knows we live in a "skin-is-in" society, heavily driven by media and immodesty. So how does a young Christian woman reconcile a fashionable wardrobe with maintaining her integrity.