

# Books and Curriculum for Discipleship

## Books on Making Disciples

*As Iron Sharpens Iron*, by Howard and William Hendricks. Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1995. This book focus on the ministry of mentoring.

*Big Truths for Young Hearts*, by Bruce Ware. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2009. This is a good book with the focus on explaining doctrinal truths in a simple way so the information and application can be transferred to children.

*Design for Discipleship*, by J. Dwight Pentecost. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1996 (originally published Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1971).

*Disciples Are Made Not Born*, by Walter A. Henrichsen. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 1998 (originally published Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996).

*Following the Master, A Biblical Theology of Discipleship*, by Michael Wilkins. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

*Fox Fever: Exploring Both the Will and the Skill to Obey Christ's Great Commission to "Turn People into Disciples,"* by Herb Hodges. Chelsea, MI: Sheridan Books, 2006.

*Growing True Disciples*, by George Barna. Colorado Springs, CO: Waterbrook Press, 2001.

*Intentional Disciplemaking*, by Ron Bennett. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2001.

*Organic Disciplemaking*, by Dennis McCallum and Jessica Lowery. Houston, TX: Touch Publications, 2006.

*Parenting Is Heart Work*, by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2006. This book is a good resource for parents on child discipleship.

*Personal Disciple Making*, by Christopher B. Adsit. Orlando, FL: Campus Crusade for Christ, 1996.

*Shepherding a Child's Heart*, by Tedd Tripp. Wapwallopen, PA: Shepherd Press, 1995.

*Spiritual Discipleship*, by J. Oswald Sanders. Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 2007.

*Tally Ho the Fox: A Foundation for Building World Visionary, World Impacting, Reproducing Disciples*, by Herb Hodges. Manhattan Source, Inc., 2001; order from Spiritual Life Ministries at 1-901-758-2777 or email at: [herbslm@mindspring.com](mailto:herbslm@mindspring.com).

*The Complete Book of Discipleship*, by Bill W. Hull. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2006.

*The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. New York, NY: Touchstone Books, 1995 (originally published New York, NY: MacMillan Publishing, 1959).

*The Disciple Making Pastor*, by Bill Hull. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2007.

*The Lost Art of Disciple Making*, by LeRoy Eims. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1978.

*The Making of a Disciple*, by Keith W. Phillips, World Impact Press, 1981.

*The Master Plan of Evangelism*, by Robert E. Coleman. Grand Rapids, MI: Revell, 2010.

*The Master Plan of Discipleship*, by Robert E. Coleman, Grand Rapids, MI: Revell 1998.

*The Training of the Twelve*, by A.B. Bruce. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2000.

*Transforming Discipleship*, by Greg Ogden. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003.

*True Discipleship*, by John Koessler. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2003. This book is designed to help a person to grow to be an effective disciple of Christ.

*True Discipleship*, by William MacDonald. Port Colborne, ON, Canada: Gospel Folio Press, 2003.

**Out-of-Print Books on Making Disciples (may be available from used-book distributors):**

*Discipleship*, edited by Billy Hanks. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1981, 1993.

*How to Disciple Your Children*, by Walter A. Henrichsen. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1981.

*Multiplying Disciples*, by Waylon B. Moore. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1981.

*New Testament Follow-up*, by Waylon B. Moore. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 9th printing, 1978.

*Successful Discipling*, by Allen Hadidian. Chicago, IL: Moody, 1979.

*The Dynamics of Discipleship Training*, by Gary W. Kuhne. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1978.

*The Dynamics of Personal Follow-up*, by Gary W. Kuhne. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1996.

**Resources for Biblical Counseling**

*The Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation provides a large assortment of books on most counseling topics, courses on biblical counseling, many free blog articles and videos, as well as a national conference. Review their materials online at <http://www.ccef.org>.*

The *Association of Biblical Counselors* offers many books and resources, along with free articles on various counseling topics. Review their materials online at <http://christiancounseling.com>.

The *American Association of Christian Counselors* also offers many books, along with a biblical-counseling course. Review their material at <http://www.aacc.net/courses>.

### **Sexual-Abuse Prevention**

*Protect My Ministries*, a sexual-abuse screening ministry. Contact online at <http://protectmyministry.com>, or call (800) 319-5581.

*LifeWay Background Checks*, a sexual-abuse screening ministry. Contact online at <http://www.lifeway.com/Article/composite-home-background-checks>, or call (800) 464-2799.

### **Recommended Discipleship Curricula**

*A Book You Will Actually Read*, a small book series by Mark Driscoll. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2008. This is a simple and brief series that would be good for homework assignments. Order online at <http://www.crossway.org/books/list/?sort=featured>:

*On Who Is God*

*On the Old Testament*

*On the New Testament*

*On Church Leadership*

*Design for Discipleship*, a six-book Bible Study series by NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1973, 1980, 2006. Order toll free at 1-800-366-7788 or online at <http://www.navpress.com/store/search.aspx?q=2:7series&page=all>:

Book 1: *Your Life in Christ*

Book 2: *The Spirit-Filled Christian*

Book 3: *Walking with Christ*

Book 4: *The Character of the Christian*

Book 5: *Foundations for Faith*

Book 6: *Growing in Discipleship*

*Discipleship Essentials, A Guide for Building Your Life in Christ*, by Greg Ogden. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1998. Order toll free at 1-800-843-9487 or online at <http://www.ivpress.com/books>.

*Growing in Christ*, published by NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1980. In my opinion, this is the best material available for new believers. This thirteen-week series can be used as a small-group class or one-on-one. It is a self-guided topical Bible study with fill-in-the-blank questions. Also included are tear-out-verse cards for memorization.

*Journey to Your Spiritual Gifts*, by Tommy C. Higle. Marietta, OK: Tommy C. Higle Publishers, 1991. This is designed as material to teach in a classroom but would be an excellent resource. Order toll free at 1-800-635-5346 or online at [www.journeyseries.com](http://www.journeyseries.com).

*MasterLife, A Biblical Process for Growing Disciples*, by Avery Willis, Jr. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Press, 1996. Each book contains six weeks of lessons with five lessons per week. It is designed for young believers and works well for someone who has been faithful going through the basics. It can be used one-on-one or in a small group and is designed to take the person to a deeper level of knowledge, commitment, and Christian service. Order toll free at 1-800-233-1123, or online at: <http://www.lifewaystores.com/lwstore>:

Book 1: *The Disciple's Cross*

Book 2: *The Disciple's Personality*

Book 3: *The Disciple's Victory*

Book 4: *The Disciple's Mission*

*Positive Action Bible Curriculum Discipleship Series*. Whitakers, NC: Positive Action Bible Curriculum. These are self-guided topical Bible study materials, excellent for young believers with fill-in-the-blank questions and can be used one-on-one or in a small group. Order toll free 1-800-688-3008, or online at <http://www.positiveaction.org>:

*Milk for New Christians*

*Meat for Growing Christians*

*Bread for Hungry Christians*, a basic Bible doctrine, providing a more thorough study of the doctrine of Christ.

*Fish for Witnessing Christians*, a basic evangelism course.

*Share Jesus without Fear*, by William Fay. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999. This book is especially good for relationship evangelism and could be assigned reading for a motivated disciple.

*Spiritual Gift Survey*, Nashville, TN: LifeWay Christian Resources, 2003, download free at [http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF\\_wmn\\_SpiritualGifts\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_wmn_SpiritualGifts_Survey.pdf).

*Survival Kit*, by Ralph Neighbor, Jr. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Press, 1979. This study for new believers is laid out in a reading style with few questions. It is best used in a small group or for self-study. This material has five weeks with five lessons per week and includes memory cards for verse memorization. I would especially recommend this material as a good resource to mail to new believers who live too far away for personal follow-up. Order toll free at 1-800-233-1123, or online at <http://www.lifewaystores.com/lwstore>.

*The 2:7 Discipleship Series*, Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1974, 1978. This three-book series is a course in personal discipleship, designed to strengthen your walk with God. Order toll free at 1-800-366-7788 or online at <http://www.navpress.com>.

Book 1: *Growing Strong in God's Family*

Book 2: *Deeping Your Roots in God's Family*

Book 3: *Bearing Fruit in God's Family*

*Woman's Journey of Discipleship*, Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2010. This three-book series is a course in personal discipleship designed especially for women. Order toll free at 1-800-366-7788 or online at: <http://www.navpress.com>:

Book 1: *Bridges on the Journey*

Book 2: *Crossroads on the Journey*

Book 3: *Friends on the Journey*

## Computer based Bible Study

*Bible Gateway* is an excellent web site giving many translations and concordances for finding Biblical passages. On line at: [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

*Word Search Bible* is an excellent free Bible research software including 200 free Bible study volumes with the option of purchasing other when desired. Included are video tutorials and live free technical help. The free program can upgrade for a small fee. This ministry is owned and operated by LifeWay Books. On line at: [www.wordsearch.com](http://www.wordsearch.com).

## Discipleship Materials for Children

*Bibleman DVD Series*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson,. This is an excellent series to teach basic concepts to children (especially boys) from three to ten years old, depending on the DVD.

*Character Sketches*. Oak Brook, IL: Institute of Basic Life Principles. This is a full-color, three-book series with each book available individually. Each section begins with a captivating nature story that introduces the character quality being taught, and continues with interesting facts on the selected animal's qualities and physical features. This is followed by a story from Scripture that illustrates the character quality. Generously illustrated with stunning lifelike watercolor and pencil drawings, this oversized book (9 1/4" by 12 1/4") will be treasured and enjoyed for generations. Call toll free at 800-398-1290 or online at: <http://store.iblp.org>.

*Children's Discipleship Series*, by Bill Bright, Joette Whims, and Melody Hunsakor. Orlando, FL: New Life Publications (a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ), 2002. This four-book series is designed for children nine to twelve years old. Each book has thirteen lessons and are recommended for one-on-one, small group, or classroom study. Among its strengths are the many activities designed to help the child understand and apply the truths personally. There are no student workbooks necessary, and each book has handouts designed for the leader to photocopy for the students.

Book 1, *Beginning the Christian Adventure*. Designed to introduce children to the thrill of walking with Jesus day by day.

Book 2, *Discovering Our Awesome God*. Introduces students to the wonders and awesome nature of God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and how to talk to our loving God.

Book 3, *Growing in God's Word*. Gives student a foundation in how the Bible is arranged and how the Old Testament is God's plan for humanity. This book also uses practical applications for using God's Word daily.

Book 4, *Building an Active Faith*. Shows students how to build their faith through obeying God, giving back part of what they have to him, and sharing their faith with others.

*DiscipleLand*, Fort Collins, CO. An excellent series that can be used one-on-one or in a classroom setting. *DiscipleLand* has a pre-school program for ages three through five; a kindergarten program for ages five and six; and a core topical Bible program for children in grades one through six, recommended for Sunday school. Also available for grades one through six is *The Adventure* curriculum, ideal for midweek programs, and *DiscipleTown* curriculum, ideal for kids' church. Leaders and parents would benefit by reading material in the blog at

www.discipleblog.com and children and parents would benefit from the home resources support site at [www.disciplezone.com](http://www.disciplezone.com). Order toll-free from 1-800-284-0158 or online at: <http://www.discipleland.com>

*Partners in Discipleship*, by Jan VanDyke, published by Camp Beechpoint, Allegan, MI. This is a unique program in which its impact is attributed to its foundational emphasis on one-on-one discipleship. Even when used in the church setting the program, requires a period of time given over to the leader spending quality one-on-one time with the child, helping him grow spiritually. The one-on-one time is not only for instruction and encouragement but also emphasizes accountability. The child is held accountable for Scripture memory, lesson retention, church attendance, personal church offering, Christian service, prayer, and personal Bible study. The material includes five series that are progressive:

Series Number 1—*Who God Is*, for ages 8 and 9.

Series Number 2—*Our Relationship with God and Others*, for ages 10 and 11

Series Number 3—*Living Out Our Faith*, for ages 12 and 13

Series Number 4—*The Book of Proverbs*, for ages 14 and 15

Series Number 5—*Promise Keepers*, for ages 16 and 17. This is an overview of the Bible, tying Old Testament and the New Testament truths together.

This series can be purchased in workbook form from the author. Churches can also save money by purchasing the rights to duplicate their own copies from PDF files that the author can email the church. Contact Jan VanDyke at Camp Beechpoint, 1-800-991-2267, or contact her by email at [jvandyke@beechpoint.com](mailto:jvandyke@beechpoint.com).

*The Story of Jesus for Children DVD*, published by the Jesus Film Project, Inspirational Films 2005. This sixty-seven-minute video teaches the life of Christ through the eyes of children and is available in many foreign languages. Book 1, *Beginning the Christian Adventure* from the Children's Discipleship Series above recommends you use the video as part of the first lesson.

*Passing the Baton: 100 Life Principles and Skills Every Father Needs to Teach His Children*, 2007, by Grady Hauser, Trafford Publishing. This is a great book for parents to use as they use activities and illustrations to help the child become transformed spiritually.

*Passing the Baton: Guide Your Child to Follow Jesus*, by Grant Edwards. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing. This is a ten-week, forty-five-minute, elementary discipleship series for parents as they help their children to grow spiritually. This material is not comprehensive but provides good material with hands-on lessons and many extras that can provide ideas for parents as they make disciples at home. This material can be purchased from Group Publishing online at <http://search.group.com/search?p=Q&w=passing+the+baton>, or call 1-800-447-1070.

*VeggieTales DVD Series*, Franklin, TN: Big Idea Entertainment. This is an excellent series to teach basic concepts to children from four to fourteen years old.

*Wonder Devotional Books*, published by Child Evangelism Fellowship. The series includes numerous books designed to help the child grow spiritually. Call toll free at 1-800-748-7710, or order online at <http://cefpres.com>,