

Recommended Library for Beginning Preachers
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Bibles:

King James Bible
New King James Bible
American Standard Version Bible
English Standard Version Bible
Zondervan Parallel New Testament in Greek and English
Hendrickson's Interlinear Bible

Historical Background Resources:

Baker's Bible Atlas
Old Testament Times by Harrison
New Testament Times by Tenney
Chronological Charts of the Old Testament by John Walton
Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament by Wayne House
The Works of Flavius Josephus
Manners and Customs of Bible Times by Gower
New Testament History by Reese
The Victor Journey Through the Bible

Reference Works:

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible
Vines Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words
Thayers Greek/English Lexicon of the New Testament
Hermeneutics by Dungan
The New Bible Dictionary by Tyndale Press
Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible by Haley
Reese Chronological Bible
Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament by Zerwick
The Expositor's Greek Testament by W. Robertson Nicoll
Wuest's Word Studies
Apostolic Fathers 38 volumes
Alexander Maclaren Expositions of Holy Scriptures

Commentaries:

The Pulpit Commentary (23 vol.) by Eerdmans
Job thru Song of Solomon by Dehoff
Isaiah by Hailey
Daniel by Calvin
Minor Prophets by Hailey
Minor Prophets by Robinson
Fourfold Gospel by McGarvey
That You May Believe (commentary on John) by Hailey
Acts by McGarvey
Romans by R.L. Whiteside
Reading Romans by R. Turner
Guardian of Truth Commentaries on the New Testament
Thes, Cor, Gal, Romans by McGarvey
Jesus Christ Today (Hebrews) by Lightfoot

Revelation by Foy E. Wallace, Jr.
Barne's Notes
Matthew Henry's Commentaries
Gill's Commentaries
Adam Clarks Commentary
Keil & Deltizsch Commentaries

Morality:

Good Homes in a Wicked World by Lee
The Battle for the Family by LaHaye
" " " " Mind " "
" " " " Public Schools by Lahaye
Against the Tide by LaHaye

Catholicism:

Catholicism Against Itself by Lambert, Vols. 1 & 2
The Faith of Our Fathers by Cardinal Gibbons
Lives of the Saints by Butler

For Preachers:

Preaching in a Changing World by Lee
Here am I Send Me by Diestelkamp
Attitudes and Consequences by Hailey
Trail Blazers for Christ by Tope
Reminiscences by A.C. Grider
Carrying Out the Great Commission by Hailey
Let's Go Fishing for Men by Hailey

Evolution:

Genes, Genesis, and Evolution by Klotz
The Genesis Flood by Whitcomb and Morris
The Bone Peddlers by W. Fix
The Monkey Puzzle by Gribbon and Cherfas

Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage:

Is It Lawful? by Allan and Fisher
And I Say Unto You by Baird
Bales Position Explained and Denied by Moffit
Smith Lovelady Debate on MD&R

Miscellaneous:

What the Bible Teaches About the Promised Messiah by Smith
Handbook of Denominations by Mead
Building a Successful Marriage by Landis
Scriptural Elders and Deacons by Philips
The Stones and Scriptures by Yamauchi
The Apocrypha
Union on the Kings Highway by Mills
The Stone Campbell Movement by Garrett
Daniel Sommer by W. Wallace
Answers for Our Hope by Patton

The Cogdill Woods Debate (plus a number of other debate books)
Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ by Brownlee
Greatest Questions in the Old Testament by Brownlee
Greatest Questions in the New Testament by Brownlee
The Fool of God by Cochran
Raccoon John Smith by Cochran
The Search for the Ancient Order by West
W. W. Otey by Cecil Willis
Book, Chapter and Verse by Thomson
How We got the Bible by Lightfoot
The Passover Plot by Schonfield
Miracles by C. S. Lewis
Mere Christianity by Lewis
Healing by Dr. Nolan
Wanderings by Chaim Potok
The Bible as History by Keller
The Existence of God: A Debate
Hath God Spoken by A. O. Schnabel
Bible Wines by Patton
None of these Diseases by Dr. McMillen
The Indwelling of Deity by Maurice Lusk
Traditions of Men vs the Word of God by Jennings
The AD 70 Theory by Jackson
A Study of Premillennialism by G.O.T.
Sound Doctrine Vols. 1-5 by R. L. Whiteside & C. R. Nichols
W.W. Otey, Contender for the Faith by Willis
Churches of Christ in the 20th Century by Harrell
Reviving the Ancient Faith by Hughes
Neander's History of the Christian Religion
Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire
The Psychology of Religion by Johnson
The Philosophy of Religion by Evans
Explore the Book by Baxter
The Promised Messiah by Smith
Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work by Gottman
Guide to Rational Living by Ellis
The Anger Trap by Carter

Periodicals:

Truth Magazine
Biblical Insights Magazine
Think
Imprimis
Expository Files

The above list contains the books that I consider to be the core of my library, although I have many, many more volumes in it. Other books can be added at your own discretion. Simply because a book appears on this list is not necessarily an endorsement of everything the author has to say. These books have been helpful to me.

(The following is a list of the top 20 books that have most influenced my thinking over the years. However, I have read many books and periodicals that have helped to shape my thinking that have not made this list.)

The Bible

Critical Thinking by Waller

Good Homes in a Wicked World by Lee

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Churches of Christ in the 20th Century by Harrell

Reviving the Ancient Faith by Hughes

Preaching in a Changing World by Lee

Closing of the American Mind by Bloom

Democracy in America by Tocqueville

Civilization Past and Present by Wallbank

A World of Ideas by Moyer

Exposition of the Constitution of the United States by Story

Sound Doctrine Vols. 1-5 by R. L. Whiteside & C. R. Nichols

Adult Development and Aging by Perlmutter

Psychology by Bernstein

Overcoming Destructive Beliefs, Feelings, and Behaviors by Albert Ellis

Emotional Intelligence by Goleman

Anthology of Plato, Epictetus, and Marcus Aurelius by Collier

The Phantom Tollbooth by Juster

The Works of Louis L'Amour