

Recommended Reading List

In addition to **The Holy Bible**, following is a **Recommended Reading List** of books suggested by Bishop F. Josephus Johnson, II and the Beth-El Leadership. Some of the books are covered in the Johnson Leadership Institute classes, during The House of the Lord® Staff Meetings, or are used as prerequisites for Ministers and Deacons training. We trust these resources will cultivate your spiritual growth and relationships, enhance your walk with the Lord, and strengthen your ability to lead your church.

Biblical Culture, Circum-Mediterranean Culture and Cultural Anthropology

Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible, by David Instone-Brewer

Introducing the Cultural Context of the Old Testament, by Dr. John J. Pilch

Manners & Customs in the Bible: An Illustrated Guide to Daily Life in Bible Times, by Victor H. Matthews

Slaves, Women & Homosexuals: Exploring the Hermeneutics of Cultural Analysis, by William J. Webb

Social-Science Commentary on the Letters of Paul, by Dr. Bruce Malina and Dr. John J. Pilch

Stephen: Paul and the Hellenist Israelites (Paul's Social Network-Brothers and Sisters in Faith Series), by Dr. John J. Pilch

The Cultural Dictionary of the Bible, by John J. Pilch

The New Testament World: Insights from Cultural Anthropology - 3rd Edition, by Bruce J. Malina

Timothy: Paul's Closest Associate (Paul's Social Network-Brothers and Sisters in Faith Series), by Dr. Bruce Malina

Windows on the World of Jesus: Time Travel to Ancient Judea, by Dr. Bruce J. Malina

Biblical Worldview, City Transformation, Creation/Ancient Cosmology, Marketplace Ministry, and Missions

Assumptions That Affect Our Lives: How Worldviews Determine Values that Influence Behavior and Shape Culture, by Christian Overman

City Impact: How to Unify, Empower and Mobilize God's People to Transform Their Communities, by Daniel Bernard

God's Pleasure at Work: Bridging the Sacred-Secular Divide by Dr. Christian Overman

Let the Nations Be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions, by John Piper

Outliers: The Story of Success, by Malcolm Gladwell

The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient Cosmology and the Origins Debate, by John H. Walton

Bishop Joey Johnson's Books

Eight Ministries of the Holy Spirit: From Denomination to Reformation: An Introduction to Biblecostalism,[™] by Bishop F. Josephus Johnson, II

Eight Ministries of the Holy Spirit Study Guide: From Denomination to Reformation: An Introduction to Biblecostalism,[™] by Bishop F. Josephus Johnson, II

God is Greater Than . . . Family Mess, by Bishop F. Josephus Johnson, II

Church Health, Church Leadership and Church Development

Aqua Church: Essential Leadership Arts for Piloting Your Church in Today's Fluid Culture, by Leonard Sweet

A Shepherd's Look at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller

Breakout Churches: Discover How to Make the Leap, by Thom S. Rainer

Deacons and the Church: Making Connections Between Old and New, by John N. Collins

No Boundaries to Compassion? An Exploration of Women, Gender and Diakonia, by Myra Blyth and Wendy S. Robin

The 3 Colors of Ministry: A Trinitarian Approach to Identifying and Developing Spiritual Gifts, by Christian A. Schwarz

The ABCs of Natural Church Development, by Christian A. Schwarz

The Emotionally Healthy Church: A Strategy for Discipleship That Actually Changes Lives, by Peter Scazzero

The Emotionally Healthy Church Workbook: 8 Studies for Groups or Individuals, Peter Scazzero

The Word & Power Church, by Doug Banister

Grief and Grieving Losses

Moving On: Dump Your Relationship Baggage and Make Room for the Love of Your Life, by Russell Friedman and John W. James

When Children Grieve: For Adults to Help Children Deal with Death, Divorce, Pet Loss, Moving, and Other Losses, by John W. James, Russell Friedman, and Dr. Leslie Matthews

The Grief Recovery Handbook: The Action Program For Moving Beyond Death, Divorce, and Other Losses, by John W. James and Russell Friedman

Health, Healthy Living, Balanced Living, Dieting, and Eating Well

Margin: Restoring Emotion, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives, by Dr. Richard A. Swenson

Restoring Margin to Overloaded Lives: A Workbook Based on Margin and The Overload Syndrome, by Richard A. Swenson

The Abs Diet: The Six-Week Plan to Flatten Your Stomach and Keep You Lean for Life, by David Zinczenko

The Abs Diet for Women: The Six-Week Plan to Flatten Your Stomach and Keep You Lean for Life, by David Zinczenko

The HeartMath Solution by Doc Childre and Howard Martin

The Overload Syndrome: Learning to Live Within Your Limits, by Richard A. Swenson, M.D.

What Would Jesus Eat? The Ultimate Program For Eating Well, Feeling Great, and Living Longer, by Don Colbert, M.D.

What Would Jesus Eat Cookbook, by Don Colbert, M.D.

Leadership, Personal Growth, Relationships, and Transformation

Hard Optimism: How to Succeed in a World Where Positive Wins, by Price Pritchett

His Needs Her Needs: Building an Affair-Proof Marriage, by Willard F. Harley, Jr.

Ladder Focus: Creating, Sustaining, and Enlarging Your Big Picture, by Dr. Samuel R. Chand

Ladder Shifts: New Realities, Rapid Change, Your Destiny, by Dr. Samuel R. Chand

Our Iceberg Is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions, by John Kotter

The 360° Leader: Developing Your Influence from Anywhere in the Organization, by Dr. John C. Maxwell

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change, by Stephen R. Covey

The 8th Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness, by Stephen R. Covey

The Anointing: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, by R. T. Kendall

The Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: Unleash a Revolution in Your Life in Christ, by Peter Scazzero

The Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Workbook: Unleash a Revolution in Your Life in Christ, by Peter Scazzero

The Power of the Call, by Henry T. Blackaby and Henry Brandt

What's Shakin' Your Ladder? 15 Challenges All Leaders Face, by Dr. Samuel R. Chand

Who Moved Your Ladder? Your Next Bold Move, by Dr. Samuel R. Chand

Who's Holding Your Ladder? Selecting Your Leaders – Leadership's Most Critical Decision, by Dr. Samuel R. Chand

Poverty, the Spirit of Poverty, and Financial Prosperity

A Framework for Understanding Poverty, by Ruby K. Payne, Ph. D.

Breaking the Spirit of Poverty, by Mark W. Pfeifer

Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities, by Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D.

Overcoming the Spirit of Poverty, by Rick Joyner

What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty, by Bill Ehling & Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D.

Preaching and Pastoral Helps

Black Preaching: The Recovery of a Powerful Art, by Henry H. Mitchell

Celebration & Experience in Preaching, by Henry H. Mitchell

Elements of Biblical Exegesis: Revised and Expanded Edition (A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers) by Michael J. Gorman

How to Preach Without Notes, by Charles W. Koller

Pastoral Counseling Across Cultures, by David W. Augsburger

The Empowered Communicator: 7 Keys to Unlocking an Audience, by Calvin Miller

They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration in Preaching, by Frank A. Thomas

Suffering and the Theological View of God and Suffering

As Silver Refined: Learning to Embrace Life's Disappointments, by Kay Arthur

Finished In The Fire! Workshops I, II, and III facilitated by Dr. F. J. Johnson, II

Suffering and the Sovereignty of God, by John Piper and Justin Taylor

The Openness of God: A Biblical Challenge to the Traditional Understanding of God, by Clark Pinnock, et.al.

The Shack, by William P. Young

Spiritual Discipline and Growth

Bitter Or Better: The Adversity Principles – The Seven Principles Why God Allows Adversity in a Believer's Life, by Pastor David M. Fryson, Esq.

Disciplines of the Spirit, by Howard Thurman

Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough: A Guide to Nine Biblical Fasts, by Elmer L. Towns

The Spirit of Disciplines, by Dallas Willard

Youth and Youth Mentoring – Curriculum

Elementary – Middle School Curriculum

Talks My Father Never Had With Me: Helping the Young Male Reach Adulthood – **Volume I**, by Dr. Ollie Watts Davis

Mentor's Guide: Talks My Father Never Had With Me – Volume I, by Dr. Harold D. Davis

Talks My Mother Never Had With Me: A Loving Mother's Perspective For Young Women – **Volume I**, by Dr. Ollie Watts Davis

Mentor's Guide: Talks My Mother Never Had With Me – Volume I, by Dr. Harold D. Davis

Middle – High School Curriculum

Talks My Father Never Had With Me: Helping the Young Male Reach Adulthood - **Volume II**, by Dr. Ollie Watts Davis

Mentor's Guide: Talks My Father Never Had With Me – Volume II, by Dr. Harold D. Davis

Mentor's Guide For Talks My Father Never Had With Me: Helping the Young Black Male Make It To Adulthood, by Rev. Harold Davis

Talks My Mother Never Had With Me: Helping the Young Female Transition to Womanhood - **Volume II**, by Dr. Ollie Watts Davis

Mentor's Guide: Talks My Mother Never Had With Me – Volume II, by Dr. Harold D. Davis

Note: The Talks My Father . . . Series and The Talks My Mother . . . Series are available through HOPE Community Development Corporation, Charleston, WV, (304) 343-HOPE (4673).

General Reading Topics

Apostles, Prophets and the Coming Moves of God: God's End-Time Plans for His Church and Planet Earth, by Bishop Bill Hamon

Bringing Peace & Harmony to the Blended Family: Where Everybody Feel at Home, by Dr. Kevin Leman (Workbook and Video Series)

Jesus and the Disinherited, by Howard S. Thurman

Playing God: Overcoming the Torment of Unforgiveness, by Norman Willis

PyroMarketing: The Four-Step Strategy to Ignite Customer Evangelists and Keep Them for Life, by Greg Stielstra

The Ancient Path: A Return to the Kingdom Mandate of Generational Transfer, by Norman Willis

The Covenant: A Study of God's Extraordinary Love For You, by James L. Garlow

The Day of the Saints, by Bishop Bill Hamon

The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules, by Carolyn Custis James

Way of the Peaceful Warrior: A Book That Changes Lives, by Dan Millman (DVD is recommended)

With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman, by Howard Thurman

