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*Spiritual Leadership* JADD Publishing

Its effects are often life changing. But what exactly is it, and why do so many people embrace it? The most influential spiritual movement of the modern age is Ignatian spirituality, an approach to the spiritual life based on the insights of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatian spirituality teaches an active attentiveness to God joined with a prompt responsiveness to God, who is ever active in people's lives. In *What Is Ignatian Spirituality?*, David L. Fleming, SJ, provides an authoritative yet highly accessible summary of the key elements of Ignatian spirituality, among which are contemplative prayer, discernment, and dynamic involvement in service and mission. In twenty concise chapters, Fr. Fleming explains how this centuries-old method of disciplined reflection on God's work in the world can deepen our spiritual lives today and guide all the decisions we make. Also available in Spanish! ¿Qué es la espiritualidad ignaciana?

*Your Personality and the Spiritual Life* Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

*Sacred Pathways* reveals nine distinct spiritual temperaments--and their strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies--to help you improve your spiritual life and deepen your personal walk with God. It's time to strip away the frustration of a one-size-fits-all spirituality and discover a path of worship that frees you to be you. Experienced spiritual directors, pastors, and church leaders recognize that all of us engage with God differently, and it's about time we do too. In this updated and expanded edition of *Sacred Pathways*, Gary Thomas details nine spiritual temperaments and--like the Enneagram and other tools do with personality--encourages you to investigate the ways you most naturally express yourself in your relationship with God. He encourages you to dig into the traits, strengths, and pitfalls in your devotional approach so you can eliminate the barriers that keep you locked into rigid methods of worship and praise. Plus, as you begin to identify and understand your own temperament, you'll soon learn about the temperaments that aren't necessarily "you" but that may help you understand the spiritual tendencies of friends, family, and others around you. Whatever temperament or blend of temperaments best describes you, rest assured it's not by accident. It's by the design of a Creator who knew what he was doing when he made you according to his own unique intentions. If your spiritual walk is not what you'd like it to be, you can change that, starting here. *Sacred Pathways* will show you the route you were made to travel, marked by growth and filled with the riches of a close walk with God. A *Sacred Pathways* video

Bible study is also available for group or individual use, sold separately.

*Qualities of a Spiritual Warrior* A&C Black

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Brené Brown has taught us what it means to dare greatly, rise strong, and brave the wilderness. Now, based on new research conducted with leaders, change makers, and culture shifters, she's showing us how to put those ideas into practice so we can step up and lead. Don't miss the five-part Max docuseries Brené Brown: Atlas of the Heart! ONE OF BLOOMBERG'S BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR *Leadership* is not about titles, status, and wielding power. A leader is anyone who takes responsibility for recognizing the potential in people and ideas, and has the courage to develop that potential. When we dare to lead, we don't pretend to have the right answers; we stay curious and ask the right questions. We don't see power as finite and hoard it; we know that power becomes infinite when we share it with others. We don't avoid difficult conversations and situations; we lean into vulnerability when it's necessary to do good work. But daring leadership in a culture defined by scarcity, fear, and uncertainty requires skill-building around traits that are deeply and uniquely human. The irony is that we're choosing not to invest in developing the hearts and minds of leaders at the exact same time as we're scrambling to figure out what we have to offer that machines and AI can't do better and faster. What can we do better? Empathy, connection, and courage, to start. Four-time #1 New York Times bestselling author Brené Brown has spent the past two decades studying the emotions and experiences that give meaning to our lives, and the past seven years working with transformative leaders and teams spanning the globe. She found that leaders in organizations ranging from small entrepreneurial startups and family-owned businesses to nonprofits, civic organizations, and Fortune 50 companies all ask the same question: How do you cultivate braver, more daring leaders, and how do you embed the value of courage in your culture? In *Dare to Lead*, Brown uses research, stories, and examples to answer these questions in the no-BS style that millions of readers have come to expect and love. Brown writes, "One of the most important findings of my career is that daring leadership is a collection of four skill sets that are 100 percent teachable, observable, and measurable. It's learning and unlearning that requires brave work, tough conversations, and showing up with your whole heart. Easy? No. Because choosing courage over comfort is not always our default. Worth it? Always. We want to be brave with our lives and our work. It's why we're here." Whether you've read *Daring Greatly* and *Rising Strong* or you're new to Brené Brown's work, this book is for anyone who wants to step up and into brave leadership.

*How to Grow* Lexham Press

Are you dissatisfied with your spiritual life? Do you feel stuck or stagnant? Do you have a desire to go further up and deeper in to the things of God, but don't know how to get there? *How to Grow* is a book for people who want to grow spiritually and help others grow as well. It will walk you through a practical, habit-based approach to spiritual growth. Join Darryl Dash as he unpacks the gospel's relevancy for every area of your life and helps you evaluate what steps to take next. You'll learn why habits are important, how to build them, and which ones to focus on first. Plus, you'll discover the roles that joy and desire play in our spiritual growth journey. Practical without being formulaic, *How to Grow* offers actionable ideas to facilitate spiritual growth in the lives of regular, messy people--people like you and me.

**Spiritual Literacy** Zondervan

A 75th anniversary e-book version of the most important and practical self-help book ever written, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Here is a special deluxe edition of a book that has changed millions of lives and launched the modern recovery movement: *Alcoholics Anonymous*. This edition not only reproduces the original 1939 text of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, but as a special bonus features the complete 1941 Saturday Evening Post article "Alcoholics Anonymous" by journalist Jack Alexander, which, at the time, did as much as the book itself to introduce millions of seekers to AA's program. *Alcoholics Anonymous* has touched and transformed myriad lives, and finally appears in a volume that honors its posterity and impact.

*Life with God* Simon and Schuster

Understanding who you are can deepen your relationship with God. Using the widely accepted Myers-Briggs Type Theory, Johnson analyzes the various personality types with actual case studies from Scripture. Then he offers biblically based guidelines to manage personality vulnerabilities and affirm personality strengths, all with the goal of spiritual growth.

*The Marks of a Spiritual Leader* Zondervan

For anyone who is curious to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ, *Seeking First the Kingdom: 30 Meditations on How to Love God with All Your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength* was written to help those pursuing Christ to take the next step in spiritual maturity. You want to go deeper and grow closer, but how? By identifying four core areas of your relationship with God (heart, soul, mind, and strength), Fr. John Bartunek helps determine what areas you're stuck in. Short chapters and reflection/discussion questions make this book digestible and applicable to your life. By identifying where you need to grow, you'll experience renewed enthusiasm and discover a new depth to your prayer life. *Seeking First the Kingdom* is full of practical examples and down-to-earth wisdom which will show you how to bring Christ into each facet of your life. In these 30 meditations,

you'll learn:-How to bring every dimension of your being into your relationship with God-How to handle the emotional roller coaster of everyday life-How to overcome spiritual obstacles and roadblocks-Ways to develop virtue and grow in holinessAlong the way, you'll discover how to cultivate a deep and joy-filled friendship with Christ - an adventure that begins today, here on earth, and continues for all eternity.

[Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life](#) Crossway

A woman's coming-of-age journey through the rugged landscape of Wales to the reflective quiet of a retreat center. Along the way she questions and explores the depth of her Methodist faith as she comes to terms with her bisexual identity.

[Cold-Case Christianity](#) Destiny Image Publishers

John MacArthur explores a range of biblical passages to reveal the riches of God in Jesus Christ, riches that will help us continue to grow in faith and spirit.

**Am I Really a Christian? (Foreword by Kirk Cameron)** Moody Publishers

"Kaizen" is a Japanese word that translates roughly, "to change or correct for the better." What are the traits, qualities and characteristics of effective clergy? Is it possible to transform an average local church pastor into a highly effective and growth-oriented pastor? Leadership is not defined at birth. All of us can grow and develop into more effective leaders and we can do this at any time during our careers. In *Spiritual Kaizen*, Grant Hagiya works from the best secular and ecclesial models of leadership, comparing and contrasting the two, in order to draw out the best leadership practices available for current and future leaders of the church.

[8 Habits for Growth](#) Random House

A study of God's attributes and their relevance to daily living.

[Swinging on the Garden Gate](#) Abingdon Press

Don't just do the right actions. Build habits—and watch your life be transformed. Many books try to help you do the right actions. But the real key to life transformation—for yourself and then for others—is building habits that become part of your life. Because habits don't just dictate what you do. They reflect who you are. In *8 Habits for Growth*, Darryl Dash wants to show you the eight long-term practices—all very doable—that will lead to permanent growth if you incorporate them into your life. You'll learn why it's important to: Make time Rest Read or listen to the Bible Pray Pursue worship and community in a church Care for your body Simplify your spiritual life Build a rule of life Personal growth doesn't happen overnight. But it does happen, slowly, as you build God's habits into your life. So what are you waiting for? Start your new habits today and let God transform who you are . . . and who you can become.

**Manresa** WingSpread Publishers

Stand on the shoulders of giants!Have you ever wished you could have a mentor like the Apostle Paul—someone trustworthy to guide your spiritual development and ministry? Tony Cooke, author, teacher, and student of church history, has assembled a panel of the greatest Christian spiritual leaders of all time, curating a profound, yet...

*Dare to Lead* St. Martin's Essentials

This paradigm-shifting book helps believers understand the process of being transformed by God's grace and truth, and challenges them to be a part of the process of discipleship in the lives of their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. *Counseling One Another* biblically presents and defends every believer's responsibility to work toward God's goal of conforming us to the image of His Son—a goal reached through the targeted form of intensive discipleship most often referred to as counseling. All Christians will find *Counseling One Another* useful as they make progress in the life of sanctification and as they discuss issues with their friends, children, spouses, and fellow believers, providing them with a biblical framework for life and one-another ministry in the body of Christ.

**Celebration of Discipline** David C Cook

Drawing on the writings of Augustine, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila and others, Keith R. Anderson and Randy D. Reese show that the age-old practice of Christian mentoring is meant to facilitate our growth throughout life. They provide motivation, principles and plans for starting and continuing mentoring relationships.

*Sacred Pathways* Zondervan

Ask yourself this question: What type of character qualifies the people God chooses to use? The question itself assumes an atypical answer, simply because it leaves out so much. To ask only about one's character seems inadequate when defining a leader. We surely need to ask about character, but also about personality, communication skills, IQ, education, previous experience, and more... don't we? Crawford Loritts disagrees. He answers the question with four simple words: Brokenness, communion, servanthood, and obedience. These four traits form the framework for Leadership as an Identity. By examining each trait, Loritts undermines many pervasive assumptions about leadership that are unbiblical. According to Loritts, God doesn't look for leaders like the world does. He looks for disciples, and ironically, as these disciples follow Him, they will lead.

[Counseling One Another](#) SCB Distributors

Drawn from a rich heritage, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* will guide you through a carefully selected array of disciplines. By illustrating why the disciplines are important, showing how each one will help you grow in godliness, and offering practical suggestions for cultivating them, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* will provide you with a refreshing opportunity to become more like Christ and grow in character and maturity. Now updated and revised to equip a new generation of readers, this anniversary edition features in-depth discussions on each of the key disciplines.

*In Search of Paul* Inter-Varsity Press

The *Christian Athlete* is a gospel-centered guide that assists athletes who identify as Christians and are seeking to understand how to practically apply their faith to their sport. Athletes desire—and deserve—a more substantive expression of the Christian faith in the context of sport, but they don't know what it looks like or where to turn to learn more. Author Brian Smith shares his story as an athlete and coach, and his experience

working with high-level athletes in the last decade to help readers better understand how to integrate faith and sport by: Assisting those who want a wide-angled understanding of how to live the Christian faith in the context of sports Walking through the many questions Christian athletes ask about winning, losing, injuries, practice, and everything in between Moving Christian athletes from simply having clichéd spiritual sayings decorating their bodies or t-shirts to actually living out their faith through all the opportunities their sport offers them The *Christian Athlete* will show readers how to live out a biblical perspective on athletics and urge them to engage in the gifts they are given to glorify God whether they are the team MVP or riding the bench.

*What Is Ignatian Spirituality?* David C Cook

Today's world is all about filling every moment of your life. Go. Go. GO! With no time to stop and reflect on yourself. There's a better way to live though, and it starts by taking a moment of peace with God. Christians crave God's love because they know they can find solace and peace through Him. This four-week Bible study with Christina Hergenrader will help readers unplug, disconnect, and re-center on Christ. No need for a perfect image or constant social media updates with Christ. He accepts you exactly as you are and wants you to live a more inspired life. In this study, learn to lead a more inspired life, consuming God's Word that can feed and nourish your soul. Connect with Him daily by practicing four habits: word, prayer, praise, and reflection. At the end of this study, readers will have an established routine that centers the heart and mind on Christ.

[The Keys to Spiritual Growth](#) Chariot Victor Publishing

What is the Point of Being a Christian? has been awarded the prestigious Michael Ramsey prize for the best in theological writing. For more information please visit: [www.michaelramseyprize.org.uk](http://www.michaelramseyprize.org.uk) What is the Point of being a Christian? One is pointed to God, who is the point of everything. If one thinks of religion as just 'useful' then one has reduced it to another consumer product. But if we are pointed to God, then this should make a difference to how we live. This is not a moral superiority. Christians are usually no better than anyone else. But the lives of Christians should be marked by some form of hope, freedom, happiness and courage. If they are not then why should anyone believe a word they say? In this new book, Timothy Radcliffe is at his best, writing with a prophetic edge. His argument for Christian belief is profoundly Catholic and profoundly human. But what is just as remarkable, Radcliffe's argument for and interpretation of Christian Gospel is couched in a deep understanding of human nature and the problems and anxieties of modern men and women. Radcliffe is far distant from the theologian's ivory tower and yet his understanding of the Gospel is profoundly theological. The frame of reference for this book is wide, and it is based amongst other things on Fr Radcliffe's pastoral experience of dealing with people with problematic marriages, those struggling with celibacy, those trying to understand the nature of religious authority and those trying to remain loyal to the Church which finds their sexual orientation 'irregular'.

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