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How to Become a Creative Church Leader Jul 20 2021 A companion to the popular **Creative Church Leadership**, this co-publication with "MODEM" focuses on the practical skills necessary for dynamic leadership in the local church. A wide range of experienced church leaders and management gurus reflect on key components of successful contemporary church leadership

including: part one which discusses people, leading a team, choosing and mentoring assistants, leading lay ministers and volunteers, how to delegate, how to resolve conflict; part two which describes organisation, leading churches of different sizes, leading multiple congregations, relating to the local community, initiating and completing projects, how to chair meetings; and, part three which discusses up close and personal, what kind of a leader are you, getting your work/life balance right, thinking strategically, preaching with a purpose, and much more.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church Jan 26 2022 Christians addressing racism in American society must begin with a frank assessment of how race figures in the churches themselves, leading activist Joseph Barndt argues. This practical and important volume extends the insights of Barndt's earlier, more general work to address the race situation in the churches themselves and to equip people there to be agents for change in and beyond their church communities.

Just War as Christian Discipleship Dec 01 2019 This provocative and timely primer on the just war tradition connects just war to the concrete practices and challenges of the Christian life.

Daniel Bell explains that the point is not simply to know the just war tradition but to live it even in the face of the tremendous difficulties associated with war. He shows how just war practice, if it is to be understood as a faithful form of Christian discipleship, must be rooted in and shaped by the fundamental convictions and confessions of the faith. The book includes a foreword by an Army chaplain who has served in Iraq and study questions for group use.

How the Christian Church Became Babylon the Great Jul 28 2019 Is today's Christian Church Babylon the Great of the Bible? Unfortunately it is, and I can show that from the Scriptures. Babylon is not a single end-time denomination, but it is made up of people from all

Christian denomination. People in Babylon don't even know that they are part of Babylon the Great, for it has no buildings, meetings or clergy. How do people become part of Babylon? That story goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden. There the serpent beast deceived Adam and Eve and got them to rebel against God's authority. The same deceptive lie that the serpent beast used to get Adam and Eve to fall, is the same deceptive message that the 'false prophets' (pastors and priests) teach and preach in every Christian church – and when people are deceived by that message, they become part of Babylon the Great. Jesus warned about those deceptions, and it's not too late, but we must heed his warnings.

Dirty Faith Jul 08 2020 Put Your Faith Into Action Do you ever feel like something in your faith is missing, that going to church, studying the Bible, and tithing just aren't enough? There has to be more, right? What would it look like to truly follow Christ and not just believe in him? David Nowell asked the very same questions, and was led to minister to the "least of these," whom God loves deeply. In *Dirty Faith*, Nowell shares powerful stories of faith in action, and encourages us to move with him from the sidelines to the front line, to get our hands dirty helping the hopeless, the disenfranchised, and the poor. Loving as God loves is central to the gospel, whether that means taking in foster children, ministering to inmates at the local jail, or something else God has in mind just for you. Let this inspiring book help you find what's been missing in your faith. "David Nowell has challenged not only our view of the church's responsibility in light of the worldwide plague of violence on children--from poverty to homelessness to prostitution--he has challenged our view of Jesus Christ. Nowell's Jesus has dirt under his fingernails and calluses on his hands. The Word becoming flesh is not just incarnation, it is a holiness that is willing to be

stained by the brokenness of a world that would abuse an innocent child. I want my staff to read this book. It will challenge them to do what is required of them, and then some." --Dr. Walter Crouch, President/CEO, Appalachia Service Project "Filled with unforgettable stories from the field, Nowell's writing will both break your heart and lift your vision. Dirty Faith is a must-read for those who want to put their faith into action by serving others." --Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer, senior pastor, The Moody Church

Becoming a Healthy Church Sep 02 2022 A healthy church is possible. Here are ten traits to help you diagnose the state of your church and start it down the path to improvement.

Becoming a Church that Cares Well for the Abused Oct 30 2019 Is your church prepared to care for individuals who have experienced various forms of abuse? As we continue to learn of more individuals experiencing sexual abuse, domestic violence, and other forms of abuse, it's clear that resources are needed to help ministries and leaders care for these individuals with love, support, and in cooperation with civil authorities. This handbook seeks to help the church take a significant step forward in its care for those who have been abused. Working in tandem with the Church Cares resources and videos, this handbook brings together leading evangelical trauma counselors, victim advocates, social workers, attorneys, batterer interventionists, and survivors to equip pastors and ministry leaders for the appropriate initial responses to a variety of abuse scenarios in churches, schools, or ministries. Though the most comprehensive training is experienced by using this handbook and the videos together, readers who may be unable to access the videos can use this handbook as a stand-alone resource.

Wait! Is This Racist? Sep 09 2020 A "Be-It-Yourself" Guide to Anti-racism for Churches and

Church Leaders Whether you have been an ally for years or just recently opened your eyes to racial injustice, guiding your predominantly white church toward anti-racism is a daunting task. Where do you even begin? White churches especially feel an urgency to respond but at the same time suffer a sense of overwhelmingness and futility, as if no one action, sermon series, or service project will solve the problem of racism in America. And they're right. Instead, we must begin to look deeply at our organizationsour traditions, our ministries, our leadership, our ways of making decisions, our ways of interacting with the world beyond the churchto identify and address implicit biases and to discover how white pseudo-supremacy has been encoded into our way of "doing church." WaitIs This Racist? is here to guide you and your church through this challenging and uncomfortable work. Intentionally interactive, practical, and biblically based, WaitIs This Racist? guides church leaders and staff through an examination of all aspects of church life, including leadership, preaching and liturgy, music, small groups, buildings and grounds, and more, to help churches create an action plan that will take them toward not only becoming anti-racist but also actually doing anti-racist work. Offering educational tips, powerful stories, and insightful questions, anti-racism consultants Kerry, Bryana, and Josh will accompany you through this necessary work so that your church can truly become a justice-oriented organization that leans more fully into the kin-dom of God. Features: A clear audit of church operations and reasons why this work is so important Workbook-style questions at the end of each chapter A workable action plan for churches to implement what they have learned Tips, encouragement, and questions for BIPOC leaders in primarily white churches Helpful glossary of terms to aid general understanding

Becoming a Just Church Nov 04 2022 How should the local church think about justice? Adam Gustine provides a theological vision for the church's identity as a just people, where God's character and the pursuit of shalom infuses every aspect of our congregational DNA. In this renewed vision, the church becomes a prophetic alternative to the broken systems of the world and a parable of God's intentions for human flourishing and societal transformation.

Becoming a Multicultural Church Jan 14 2021 In [ital] *Becoming a Multicultural Church*[ital], Bowers reflects upon and shows how churches can benefit from the experience of First Congregational Church of Randolph, Massachusetts [em dash] the church she pastors [em dash] once a historically "traditional" one social grouping church, but now a "multicultural" church and one of the numerically largest churches in Randolph. She offers practical strategies and explores the processes involved, in a conversational style that will make it an easy read for pastors.

Church Planters Sep 29 2019 "Starting a new organization is risky business. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, most startups fail; half of them do not reach the five-year mark.

Protestant churches are not immune to these trends. Most new churches are not established with denominational support-more than 50% are actually non-denominational-and, therefore, have many of the same vulnerabilities other infant organizations must overcome. Research on both congregants and congregations has shown that millions of Americans are leaving churches, half of all churches do not add any new members, and thousands of churches shutter their doors each year. These numbers suggest that American religion is not a growth industry. Yet, more than 1000 new churches are started in any given year. What are the forces that move people who might otherwise be satisfied working for churches to the more risky role of starting one as a

religion entrepreneur? In *Church Planters*, sociologist Richard Pitt uses more than 125 in-depth interviews with church planters to understand their motivations. First, he uncovers themes in their sometimes miraculous, sometimes mundane answers to the question: "why take on these risks?" Then he examines how they approach three common entrepreneurial challenges-- recognizing opportunities, marshalling resources, and framing success-in ways that reduce uncertainty and lead them to believe they will be successful. The book combines their evocative stories with insights from research on commercial and social entrepreneurship to explain how these religion entrepreneurs come to believe their organizational goals must be accomplished, that they are capable of being accomplished, and that they would accomplish them over time"--

Not a Fan May 30 2022 Pastor Kyle Idleman doesn't just want to be a fan of Jesus, he wants to full heartedly commit to him and be a follower of Jesus. But how can you make the leap from fan to follower? In *Not a Fan* Idleman uses biblical examples to show how the people who met Jesus also had to decide if they were fans or followers, and what it meant for them to then become followers. Being a follower doesn't mean that you go to church every week, that you slap a Jesus fish on the back of your car, and that you give to charity. That's what a fan does. What a follower of Jesus does, Idleman observes, is die to themselves each and every moment of the day because "you can't say yes to following Jesus unless you say no to living for yourself." In this three part book Idleman helps you to discover whether you are a fan or a follower, how to recognize the invitation Jesus has given, and what following Jesus looks like in your daily life. With humor and real life examples to draw you closer to Jesus, Kyle Idleman compels each and every one of us to Not Be A Fan

How to Become a Multicultural Church Jun 18 2021 Many churches aspire to be more culturally diverse-but they find that they have no idea how to approach that goal practically. This book addresses that problem with ten ways churches can truly engage and welcome other cultures. In 2014 Douglas Brouwer, a seasoned American pastor, took on the unique challenge of serving a multiethnic, multiracial, multicultural church in one of Europe's largest cities. In this book Brouwer distills the lessons he has learned from that experience into timely wisdom on issues every multicultural church faces, including language barriers, theological differences, and cultural stereotypes. Honestly recounting his own questions and challenges in multicultural ministry, Brouwer shows how churches everywhere can adjust their attitudes and practices to embrace racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity.

Becoming the Transformative Church Feb 24 2022 • A call for new structure and ways of behaving as church by an experienced church officer Church-wide discussions continue about the emergent church, attracting young people, financial survival, corporate structure, relationships with the Anglican Communion, and other ongoing issues, while age-old behaviors and patterns continue to derail progress. This book offers concrete examples from a systems perspective as to how intentionality in leadership based on shared foundational theories has the potential to empower our church to be the transformative entity God called it to be.

When Church Became Theatre Feb 12 2021 This text focuses on the shift in evangelical Protestant architecture in the 1880s and links it to changes in worship style and religious mission. It focuses on how these buildings helped congregations negotiate social and personal power.

The Just Church Oct 03 2022 Are you ready for a new way to seek justice – an ancient way to

know God? Finally, a practical guide on how to do justice and grow in discipleship —from those on the frontlines of the battle in the world’s darkest and most dangerous places. Jim Martin and International Justice Mission are experts not only at bringing rescue to victims of violence, sex trafficking, slavery, and oppression, but also, at bringing churches into the fight, through concrete steps that actually make a difference. Learn how to carry out one of the Bible’s core commands—to seek justice—in a way that amounts to more than mere words and good intentions. In the process, you’ll discover one of the most powerful tools to grow faith and deepen discipleship. In *The Just Church*, Martin shares tangible, accessible strategies to respond to God’s call to seek justice, defend the widow and orphan, and rescue the oppressed . . . whether in far-off places or right in your own community

Breaking the Missional Code Jun 06 2020 Across North America, many pastors are excited to see churches growing as they achieve their mission to connect the message of the gospel with the community at large. Still others are equally frustrated, following the exact same model for outreach but with lesser results. Indeed, just because a "missional breakthrough" occurs in one place doesn’t mean it will happen the same way elsewhere. One size does not fit all, but there are cultural codes that must be broken for all churches to grow and remain effective in their specific mission context. *Breaking the Missional Code* provides expert insight on church culture and church vision casting, plus case studies of successful missional churches impacting their communities. "We have to recognize there are cultural barriers (in addition to spiritual ones) that blind people from understanding the gospel," the authors write. "Our task is to find the right way to break through those cultural barriers without removing the spiritual and theological ones."

A TALE OF TWO CHURCHES May 18 2021 As believers we stand at a fork in the road. Two different expressions of Christianity are emerging in the Body of Christ—believers growing in love for Jesus and others sliding back into apostasy. This book explores the two choices before us, patterned after the churches of Philadelphia and Laodicea in Revelation. Many churches contain a mixture, but as time progresses the two streams will progressively separate. The choice we make will radically affect our destiny in this life and in eternity. Wherever we are spiritually right now, we can choose which way to go. The choice is ours! All rewards described in Revelation are given to overcomers. It is God’s desire for each of us to become an overcomer. The principles in this book are not just good theory, but have been lived out in real life. The more of God’s ways we walk in, the more we will walk as overcomers. The purpose of this book is to encourage you into the joy and victory of walking with the Lord in His wonderful and overcoming ways!

Being Church, Becoming Community Jun 30 2022 John Buchanan, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, challenges the church to have an impact on the community at large. Drawing from his experience at Fourth Presbyterian, he explores the specific ways the church intersects the life of the community. He vigorously affirms the Reformed tradition's unique strengths and heritage, as well as its ongoing relevance in today's world. To Buchanan, mainline churches have an obligation to be in the world, and their effectiveness requires that they not abandon their traditions. Churches need to steer a course that allows them both the ability to maintain a singular way in the world and a creative response to questions of meaning, hope, vocation, and values.

Becoming a New Church Jan 02 2020 Since church membership has entered into a period of rapid decline, the church is being challenged to renew and redefine itself and its ministries by liberating itself from past constraints and crafting new ways of being "the church". "Becoming A New Church" offers Malcolm Warford's well-reasoned, articulate reflections on what meeting this challenge means. For Warford, renewal is not a matter of restoring what already has been, but being committed to thoughtful, faith-based innovation. He invites us to think of ourselves as pilgrims in a community where there are no clearly marked road signs, but where we have a shared memory of Jesus who made us free to live open to the world and its potential for transformation.

180 Nov 11 2020 In six months, you can be better than you are today. You can be a better spouse. A better parent. A better friend. A better employee, boss, student, teacher. You don't have to stay the same and accept your current life as "That's just the way I am." You can change. More precisely, you can change as Jesus changes you. And He does that as you develop a daily habit of reading and applying His Word. *180: Becoming the New You* is a six-month journey through the life of Jesus that is designed to develop what will be the single most life-changing habit of your life: connecting with Jesus daily through His Word. As you do so, you'll discover that following Jesus is about more than simply going to heaven when you die. Following Jesus is just as much about becoming a brand new you while you're alive. .

Just Lead! Apr 16 2021 Become the effective woman leader God intended you to be **Just Lead!** provides practical leadership help for women to develop skills to lead themselves and others with the character, confidence and authenticity of a godly woman. The book shows what holds women

back and then focuses the skills women need to lead others effectively. Using this hands-on, practical resource will inspire women leaders in the church to use its ideas to gain strength and lead well. Helps women successfully navigate the transitions necessary to lead well in church and ministry settings Offers women a practical guide for breaking the "stained-glass window" and becoming effective leaders Addresses leadership issues such as leading mixed gender teams, earning and giving respect, and navigating through relational landmines Just Lead! challenges women to embrace their identity as leaders and equips them with the skills they need to lead others well.

Becoming a Disciple-Making Church Oct 11 2020 Proven Methods for Turning Believers into Disciples What does it mean to grow a "convert" into a "disciple"? And how do we help our people get there? Neil Anderson's Freedom in Christ ministry has been walking individuals through these steps for over a quarter century. Now he turns his attention to pastors and church leaders, teaching them how to help their people resolve personal and spiritual conflicts, including everything from difficult marriages to unrepentant sin to church disputes. Before someone can mature spiritually, they must be established alive and free in Christ through genuine repentance and faith in God. This means churches must resolve their people's conflicts as the first step to discipleship, rather than referring them to professional counselors. We as believers have the answers for mental and emotional problems, and through this ministry of reconciliation true discipleship happens.

Becoming a Contagious Church Nov 23 2021 Discover a Proven Approach to Raising Your Church's Evangelistic Temperature Evangelism. It's one of the highest values in the church. So

why do so few churches put real effort into it? Maybe it's because we don't understand the evangelistic potential of the church well enough to get excited about it. Becoming a Contagious Church will change that. Revised and updated, this streamlined edition dispels outdated preconceptions and reveals evangelism as it really can be. What's more, it walks you through a 6-Stage Process and includes a brand-new 6-Stage Process assessment tool for taking your church beyond mere talk to infectious energy, action, and lasting commitment. "This book is not optional! It's required reading for all who are serious about reaching their communities for Christ. Ignoring this book would be pastoral malpractice!" Lee Strobel, author of *The Case for the Real Jesus* "You can't read this book without having your heart stirred to share the gospel. It's contagious!" Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Church* and *The Purpose Driven Life* "Entire leadership teams and outreach committees should read and discuss this powerful book—and then put its principles into action." John Maxwell, author of *Developing Leaders Around You* "I can't emphasize how important books like this one are for the future of the church. It demythologizes the fear and awkwardness of evangelism into something biblical, tangible, and practical for every person." Dan Kimball, author of *They Like Jesus but Not the Church* "Becoming a Contagious Church is hands-down the most comprehensive work on church evangelism I've ever read. Its principles can turn inward-looking church attenders into outward-looking church evangelists." Craig Groeschel, senior pastor, LifeChurch.tv

Just Say Yes! Aug 21 2021 Churches say No in a thousand ways to new ideas, ministry initiatives, and creative people. Churches struggle with committees that are no longer conducive to their mission while pastors and laity have become conditioned to view anything new with

suspicion and resistance. Churches operate with a pervasive culture of No. Just Say Yes! Unleashing People for Ministry is written for people whose passion has been simmering for years, who yearn to be told Yes! It's for those whose energy and ideas have been tamped down by systems and attitudes that restrain ministry and who have felt frustrated by attempts to start programs, reach new people, or experiment with alternative worship services, only to be told No. Robert Schnase examines the systems and attitudes that restrain and control ministry. He demonstrates practical ways church leaders can rethink fundamental assumptions about organizations and leadership. Real-church examples show how every church can unleash its people for ministry—encouraging, emboldening, and equipping them. “Significant turnaround could happen in churches everywhere if each congregation worked through this book, chapter by chapter.” —Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative, West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church “Just Say Yes! is a valuable resource for laity and leaders who want to make a real difference in their mission field. I'm making it required reading in every church I coach and work with.” —Ken Willard, Certified Consultant and Coach, Leadership 4 Transformation; author, Time Management for the Christian Leader from Abingdon Press “The energy of the Holy Spirit jumps off every page and right into your heart and mind in a way that could make all things new.” —Patricia Farris, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica, CA “If we take this book seriously we will see people unleashed for ministry in the world. In the process we may just rediscover why our churches exist in the first place.” —Clay Oliphint, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Richardson, TX “Schnase examines how churches say No, then provides an inspiring and

practical look at how they can say Yes. We need this book!” —Steve Harper, Professor of Spiritual Formation (retired); author, *Five Marks of a Methodist* from Abingdon Press

The Unstuck Church Jun 26 2019 Acclaimed church leader, blogger, founder and chief strategic officer of The Unstuck Group, Tony Morgan unpacks the lifecycle of a typical church, identifies characteristics of each phase, and provides practical next steps a church can take to move towards sustained health. Think about your church for a moment. Is it growing? Is it diminishing? Is it somewhere in between? Acclaimed church leader, blogger, and founder and chief strategic officer of The Unstuck Group, Tony Morgan has identified the seven stages of a church's lifecycle that range from the hopeful and optimistic days of launch, to the stagnating last stages of life support. Regardless of the stage in which you find your church, it carries with it the world's greatest mission—to "go and make disciples of all the nations . . ." With eternity at stake the Church should be doing most everything within its power to see lives changed forever. The Church should strive for the pinnacle of the lifecycle, where they are continually making new disciples and experiencing what Morgan refers to as "sustained health." In *The Unstuck Church*, Morgan unpacks each phase of the church lifecycle, and offers specific and strategic next steps the church leader can take to find it's way to sustained health . . . and finally become unstuck. *The Unstuck Church* is a call for honest an assessment of where your church sits on the lifecycle, and a challenge to move beyond it.

Trouble I've Seen Mar 16 2021 What if racial reconciliation doesn't look like what you expected? The high-profile killings of young black men and women by white police officers, and the protests and violence that ensued, have convinced many white Christians to reexamine their

intuitions when it comes to race and justice. In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G. I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, anti-black stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. He argues that white Christians have repeatedly gotten it wrong about race because dominant culture and white privilege have so thoroughly shaped their assumptions. He also challenges black Christians about neglecting the most vulnerable in their own communities. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. What if all Christians listened to the stories of those on the racialized margins? How might the church be changed by the trouble they've seen? "This book is a gift from the heart of one of the sharpest young theologians in the United States. Hold it carefully, and allow it to transform you—and our blood-stained streets."—Shane Claiborne, author of *The Irresistible Revolution* Free downloadable study guide available [here](#).

Becoming a Thinking Christian Aug 28 2019 This book challenges Christians to think. Committed lay Christians, says Cobb, are already theologians; he wants them to realize this and then to become good theologians. Laypersons are just as capable as professional theologians of intellectual hard work, but they no longer expect the church to ask this of them. Cobb discusses why it is important for Christians to think about their own beliefs and assumptions. He encourages readers to find and become conversation partners. He also suggests steps a Christian's thinking may take; sources the individual can draw on, including how professionals can help; and where this thinking may lead. Cobb asserts that if there is a renewal of thinking in the church, there will be church renewal. The goal is to focus and sharpen one's thinking so that it is one's

own, and to apply that thinking to one's being and acting. Each chapter ends with a section "Doing Your Theology" which is a list of questions for reflection and discussion. Chapter titles include: On Becoming What You Are: A Theologian; Ethics and Theology; Shaping Up; Biblical Authority; Christians and Jews; Professionals: Help and Hindrance; Christian Counterattack; A Critique of Economics; A Critique of the University; An Afterword on Church Theology

Becoming a Blessed Church Apr 28 2022 Becoming a Blessed Church will help you discern God's purpose and the path God is calling your congregation to walk. This book will help you find Christ in your midst and become aware of the many ways the blessings of God's Spirit flow through your congregation. This second edition includes three new practical chapters that answer the questions the author is most frequently asked.

Becoming a Missionary Church Dec 13 2020 This book offers a historical assessment and balanced critique of contemporary church movements, especially in light of missional ecclesiology. An expert on Lesslie Newbigin and an expert on contemporary church models show how Newbigin's ideas have been developed and contextualized in three popular contemporary church movements: missional, emergent, and center church. In addition, the authors explain that some of Newbigin's insights have been neglected and need to be retrieved for the present day. This book calls for the recovery of the missionary nature of the church and commends church practices applicable to any congregation.

Littell's Living Age May 06 2020

How the Catholic Church Became Naughty...And Where the Real Hindrance to Reform Lies

Aug 09 2020 The cardinals and bishops of the Catholic Church have been naughty for centuries.

Why can't they practice what they preach? At Christmastime 2014 Pope Francis scolded them for their vanity, hypocrisy, back-biting, gossiping, boasting, lusting for power and control, and acting like Lords of the Manor. This book is an expansion on Pope Francis's admonition to his inner governing circle, the Vatican Curia, tracing this naughtiness from the time of Emperor Constantine who converted to Christianity in the early 4th century and gave the Church palaces, basilicas, riches, and a noble lifestyle. It is a short journey throughout the lascivious and corruption-filled history of these church leaders—their torture of non-believers, selling of indulgences and church offices, concubinage, partnering with evil kings and rulers—ending with the 20th century Vatican Bank frauds, the money-laundering for Mafia and Mason crimes, the betrayal of the Church, and the sexual abuse of children scandal. These popes, cardinals, and bishops of the Catholic Church are and have been the Real Hindrance to Reform with their peculiar Vatican mindset of clericalism, arrogance, and exaggerated self-estimation of their superiority over everyone and everything. It has been evolving for 1700 years. This short book is not a denunciation of the Catholic Church, but a ray of hope that the Vatican will make the deep changes that are necessary for survival of Catholicism. Only a priesthood that includes married, celibate, male and female priests with a non-clerical mindset will bring about the needed reform of the Catholic Church—not the Pope alone, nor the regressive Vatican mindset of clericalism ingrained in present-day church leaders.

When God Becomes Personal Mar 04 2020 What does it mean to know God personally and why does it matter? Growing up as a pastor's kid, Emily Albritton was around God stuff her whole life. She noticed a difference between people who have a personal connection with God and

those who go through religious motions but don't experience Him in any significant way in their daily lives. So she began to search, to seek, and to ask questions. She realized something very simple, yet profound: God is personal! When God Becomes Personal will help young people discover more of God and understand how He leads us through life's issues. Whether you've grown up in church or never go to church, whether you're a minister's kid or you just know there must be more to God than you currently see, this book will encourage you to pursue God above all else so you can personally experience him in your own life. Topics include: Who am I? What makes me special and significant? What do I do with my anger toward God's people? I was raised in church, so I know God. Right? How do I deal with unfair expectations? Where's God when life hurts? If you don't want to play church or just be a good person, if you want an authentic, life-changing relationship with your Creator, if you long to experience God in the middle of your heart issues, life challenges, hurts and questions, then this book will point the way. "Emily will inspire you to put away your preconceived notions of God, your parents, church, and religion, and pursue an authentic relationship with Jesus for yourself." -Craig Hill, author and founder of Family Foundations International Emily Albritton lives in Florida with her husband, John, and three children, Jacob, Abigail, and Christian. Since meeting Jesus at an early age, Emily has had many life- changing experiences with Him that have shaped who she is today. Her focus is on loving the Lord, loving her family, and helping others to discover the Lord in meaningful ways in everyday life.

Igniting Passion in Your Church Oct 23 2021 Information and training are readily available on church growth, methodology, organization, business processes, and efficient management. All of

these are important for effective ministry. But in *Igniting Passion in Your Church*, author and pastor Steve Ayers addresses more critical matters for the church, such as: How can we help people in our church become fully devoted followers of Jesus? What does it mean for the church to be the bride of Christ? How can the church more clearly reflect God in the midst of a world that turns away from the divine? We must take people deeper. Deeper in their relationship with God. Deeper into the responsibility and blessing we enjoy as the church. Deeper into what it means to be the bride of Christ. Ayers challenges pastors and church leaders to ask themselves... Am I just flirting with the things of God, or am I truly and fully engaged with God? Have I taken seriously my covenant relationship with God? Have I determined that no matter what happens, I will live out God's mission and ministry? It's time to move the church beyond flitiation, beyond a superficial relationship with God. The church must assume her role as the totally committed bride God designed her to be. Live out the life of Christ. Show the world the reality of Christ through your life. Author Steve Ayers will inspire and equip you to guide your church to a deeper, more passionate relationship with Jesus. Book jacket.

Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church Feb 01 2020 A careful and informed assessment of the “emerging church” by a respected author and scholar The “emerging church” movement has generated a lot of excitement and exerts an astonishingly broad influence. Is it the wave of the future or a passing fancy? Who are the leaders and what are they saying? The time has come for a mature assessment. D. A. Carson not only gives those who may be unfamiliar with it a perceptive introduction to the emerging church movement, but also includes a skillful assessment of its theological views. Carson addresses some troubling weaknesses of the

movement frankly and thoughtfully, while at the same time recognizing that it has important things to say to the rest of Christianity. The author strives to provide a perspective that is both honest and fair. Anyone interested in the future of the church in a rapidly changing world will find this an informative and stimulating read. D. A. Carson (Ph.D., University of Cambridge) is research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He is the author of over 45 books, including the Gold Medallion Award-winning book *The Gagging of God*, and is general editor of *Telling the Truth and Worship by the Book*. He has served as a pastor and is an active guest lecturer in church and academic settings around the world.

The Multicultural Church Sep 21 2021 Despite the progress our country has made in Civil Rights over the past century, Sunday morning is still one of the most segregated times in America. It seems like the only people striving to lead in the area of racial reconciliation are politicians, activists, and celebrities. Pastor Dan Willis wants to know... Where is the church? What can the people of God do to become leaders again and not just be Johnny-come-lately followers? The art of bringing harmony to the masses lies in the love all should see in the church of God. If the church is to make a difference and return to relevance in this world, the only option is multicultural ministry. If leaders are not prepared to minister to this growing culture, then American Christianity is in danger of becoming nonessential to the body of believers. For years, Dan Willis has led a growing, multicultural Christian community in the suburbs of Chicago. In *The Multicultural Church*, Dan shares what he has learned, the mistakes he has made, and what can be done to successfully minister to a diverse culture.

At Your Best Mar 28 2022 “A perceptive and practical book about why our calendars so rarely reflect our priorities and what we can do to regain control.”—ADAM GRANT “Carey’s book will help you reorganize your life. And then you can share a copy with someone you care about.”—SETH GODIN You deserve to stop living at an unsustainable pace. An influential podcaster and thought leader shows you how. Overwhelmed. Overcommitted. Overworked. That’s the false script an inordinate number of people adopt to be successful. Does this sound familiar: ? Slammed is normal. ? Distractions are everywhere. ? Life gets reduced to going through the motions. Tired of living that way? *At Your Best* gives you the strategies you need to win at work and at home by living in a way today that will help you thrive tomorrow. Influential podcast host and thought leader Carey Nieuwhof understands the challenges of constant pressure. After a season of burnout almost took him out, he discovered how to get time, energy, and priorities working in his favor. This approach freed up more than one thousand productive hours a year for him and can do the same for you. *At Your Best* will help you ? replace chronic exhaustion with deep productivity ? break the pattern of overpromising and never accomplishing enough ? clarify what matters most by restructuring your day ? master the art of saying no, without losing friends or influence ? discover why vacations and sabbaticals don’t really solve your problems ? develop a personalized plan to recapture each day so you can break free from the trap of endless to-dos Start thriving at work and at home as you discover how to be at your best.

Searching for Sunday Aug 01 2022 From New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans comes a book that is both a heartfelt ode to the past and hopeful gaze into the future of

what it means to be a part of the Church. Centered around seven sacraments, Evans' quest takes readers through a liturgical year with sharply honest and even funny stories about Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it. Baptism Communion Confirmation CONfession Marriage Vocation and even Death. Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it. A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the messiness of community and the power of grace, Searching for Sunday is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church.

The Six Deadly Sins of Preaching Dec 25 2021 This ethics of preaching text identifies vices of irresponsible preaching practices. Preachers who fail to develop deep respect for their listeners or drift into a lack faithfulness to the Gospel can end up becoming: · The Pretender (The Problem of In-authenticity) · The Egoist (The Problem of Self-absorption) · The Manipulator (The Problem of Greediness) · The Panderer (The Problem of Trendiness) · The Crusader (The Problem of Exploitation) · The Demagogue (The Problem of Self-righteousness) Just as the church historically derived its Seven Holy Virtues (chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience,

kindness, & humility) by naming Seven Deadly Sins (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, & pride), Reid and Hogan call preachers to turn away from pulpit vices and strive to realize the homiletic virtues of becoming: · Authentic (The Call to Be Genuine) · Altruistic (The Call to Be Selfless) · Careful (The Call to Exercise Self-Control) · Passionate (The Call to Be Honest to God) · Courteous (The Call to Woo a Reasoned Reception) · A ‘Namer’ of God (The Call to Reveal an Ineffable God) The Six Deadly Sins of Preaching explores the difference between the irresponsible practices, unfortunate missteps, and mere unthinking mistakes in preaching. A chapter is devoted to Preaching Missteps (problems that do not rise to the level of being irresponsible) that includes: · Short Changing the Process · Waving a Red Flag · Thou Shall Not Bore the Congregation · Through the Looking Glass Darkly · The Mumbler · TMI—Too Much Information · Your Cup Do Runneth Over · Where’s This Sermon Going, Anyway?

Becoming Sage Apr 04 2020 Why Do We Act Like There Is An Age Restriction on Spiritual Growth? For the last several decades, Western churches have focused the bulk of their resources on the early stages of discipleship—children’s Sunday school, youth group, college ministry. While these are all important, we have neglected the spiritual growth of those in the second half of life. In fact, an outside observer might think that after the growth of the college years, the goal is simply to coast through the rest of your Christian life. Michelle Van Loon has a different idea. In *Becoming Sage*, she challenges those in midlife and beyond to continue pursuing radical spiritual growth, and she’ll help you get started. She explores what the unique challenges of midlife can teach us about Jesus and how to think about everything from church, friends, and family, to money, bodies, and meaning. Don’t settle for a life of coasting. Revitalize your

spiritual growth today.

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