

# Women's Ministry Recommended Reading List

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## ***Aging***

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- \* **Sunsets** (Deborah Howard)
- Help! Someone I Love Has Alzheimer's** (Deborah Howard)
- A Promise Kept** (Robertson McQuilkin)
- Last Light: Staying True Through the Darkness of Alzheimer's** (Harold Burchett)
- Lost in the Middle** (Paul David Tripp)
- The Afternoon of Life** (Elyse Fitzpatrick)
- Finding Grace in the Face of Dementia** (John Dunlop)

## ***Biblical Counseling***

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- The Christian's Guide to Guidance** (Jay Adams)
- Overcoming Perfectionism** (Amy Baker)
- Choosing Forgiveness** (Nancy Leigh DeMoss)
- Women Helping Women** (Elyse Fitzpatrick)
- Overcoming Fear, Worry and Anxiety** (Elyse Fitzpatrick)
- Love to eat, Hate to Eat** (Elyse Fitzpatrick)
- Will Medicine Stop the Pain?** (FitzPatrick & Hendrickson)
- How People Change** (Timothy S. Lane & Paul David Tripp)
- The Christian's Guide to the Vanishing Conscience** (John MacArthur, Jr.)
- Out of the Blues** (Wayne Mack)
- The Fear Factor** (Wayne Mack)
- God's Solutions to Life's Problems** (Wayne Mack)
- Down, But Not Out** (Wayne Mack)
- Anger and Stress Management God's Way** (Wayne Mack)
- Stress: Peace Amid Pressure** (David Powlison)
- Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands** (Paul David Tripp)
- Grief: Finding Hope Again** (Paul David Tripp)
- Suffering: Eternity Makes a Difference** (Paul David Tripp)
- \* **Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave** (Edward Welch)
- Depression: A Stubborn Darkness** (Edward Welch)
- Running Scared: Fear, Worry, and the God of Rest** (Edward Welch & Susan Lutz)
- Dark Clouds Deep Mercy, Discovering the Grace of Lament** (Mark Vroegop)
- The Dynamic Heart in Daily Life** (Jeremy Pierre)
- Transforming Homosexuality** (Burk and Lambert)
- Finally Free** (Heath Lambert)

## ***The Christian Family***

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- By Design** (Susan Hunt)
- Shaping of a Christian Family** (Elisabeth Elliot)
- The Gatekeeper** (Elisabeth Elliot)
- The Family** (John MacArthur, Jr.)

## ***The Christian Woman***

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- \* **Lies Women Believe** (Nancy Leigh DeMoss)
- Biblical Womanhood in the Home** (Nancy Leigh DeMoss)
- Becoming A Woman Who Pleases God** (Pat Ennis and Lisa Tatlock)
- Designing a Lifestyle that Pleases God** (Pat Ennis and Lisa Tatlock)
- Because He Loves Me** (Elyse Fitzpatrick)
- The Measure of a Woman** (Gene Getz)
- A Woman After God's Own Heart** (Elizabeth George)
- Life Management for Busy Women** (Elizabeth George)
- Becoming a Woman of Prayer** (Cynthia Heald)
- A Woman for All Seasons** (Jeanne Hendricks)
- Disciplines of a Godly Woman** (Barbara Hughes)
- God's Priorities for Today's Woman: Discovering His Plan for You** (Lisa Hughes)
- A True Woman** (Susan Hunt)

**Twelve Extraordinary Women** (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
**True Beauty** (Carolyn Mahaney)  
**A Woman of Significance** (Donna Morley)  
**Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman** (Anne Ortlund)  
**Attitudes of a Transformed Heart** (Martha Peace)  
**Damsels in Distress** (Martha Peace)  
**Faithful Women and their Extraordinary God** (Noel Piper)  
\* **Stepping Heavenward** (Elizabeth Prentiss)  
\* **Fearlessly Feminine** (Jani Ortlund)  
\* **Joni** (Joni Eareckson Tada)  
\* **Adorned** (Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth)  
**You Who? Why You Matter and How to Deal with It** (Rachel Jankovic)  
**Let Me Be a Woman** (Elisabeth Elliot)  
**Passion and Purity** (Elisabeth Elliot)

## ***Evangelism***

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**What is the Gospel?** (Greg Gilbert & D.A. Carson)  
\* **God-Centered Evangelism** (A. B. Kuyper)  
\* **Ashamed of the Gospel** (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
**The Gospel According to the Apostles** (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
\* **The Gospel According to Jesus** (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
\* **Tell the Truth** (Will Metzger)  
**Tactics** (Gregory Koukl)

## ***Fundamentals of the Faith***

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**Basics for Believers** (Jim Berg)  
\* **Meet the Real Jesus** (John Blanchard)  
\* **The Gospel for Real Life** (Jerry Bridges)  
\* **General Introduction to the Bible** (William Nix and Norman Geisler)  
**Fundamentals of the Faith** (Grace Community Church)  
\* **Know What You Believe** (Paul Little)  
\* **Know the Truth** (Bruce Milne)  
**Questioning Evangelism** (Randy Newman)  
\* **A Believer's Guide to Spiritual Fitness** (Carol Ruvolo)  
**Things I've Learned on My Way to Heaven** (William Thrasher)  
\* **How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian?** (Donald Whitney)

## ***Home Management and Hospitality***

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**Money, Possessions, and Eternity** (Randy Alcorn)  
**Family Financial Workbook** (Larry Burkett)  
**Your Home a Place of Grace** (Susan Hunt)  
**Open Heart, Open Home** (Karen Burton Mains)  
**Managers of their Homes** (Steven and Teri Maxwell)  
\* **First We Have Coffee** (Margaret Jensen)  
**Treasuring God in Our Traditions** (John and Noel Piper)  
\* **Confessions of an Organized Homemaker** (Deniece Schoefield)  
**Hospitality Commands** (Alexander Strauch)  
**What's Best Next** (Matt Perman)  
**The Gospel Comes with a House Key** (Rosaria Butterfield)  
**Crazy Busy** (Kevin Deyoung)

## ***Marriage***

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**False Messages: A Guide for a Godly Bride** ([e-Book](#) by Aileen Challies)  
**Sexual Intimacy in Marriage** (William Cutrer)  
**Creative Counterpart** (Linda Dillow)  
**Intimate Issues: 21 Questions Women Ask About Sex** (Linda Dillow and Lorraines Pintus)  
**Helper by Design** (Elyse Fitzpatrick)  
**Me? Obey Him?** (Elizabeth Rice Hanford)  
**When He Doesn't Believe** (Nancy Kennedy)  
**Different by Design** (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
**Sweethearts for a Lifetime** (Wayne, Carol, & Joshua Mack)

**Feminine Appeal** (Carolyn Mahaney)  
**Getting Away to Get It Together** (Carolyn Mahaney)  
**The Power of a Praying Wife** (Stormie Omartian)  
**The Excellent Wife** (Martha Peace)  
**This Momentary Marriage** (John Piper)  
\* **The Intimate Marriage** (R. C. Sproul)  
\* **Intended for Pleasure** (Ed Wheat)  
**The Meaning of Marriage** (Tim Keller)  
**Fierce Woman** (Kim Wagner)  
**When Sinners Say "I Do"** (Dave Harvey)  
**Not Yet Married** (Marshall Segal)

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## ***Discipleship***

**Treasures of Encouragement** (Sharon Betters)  
**Successful Discipling** (Allen Hadidian)  
**Iron Sharpening Iron** (Howard Hendricks)  
**Spiritual Mothering** (Susan Hunt)  
**The Gentle Art of Mentoring** (Donna Otto)  
\* **Becoming a Titus 2 Woman** (Martha Peace)  
**Finding a Mentor, Being a Mentor** (Donna Otto)  
**Discipling** (Mark Dever)

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## ***Missions/ Biographies***

**The Small Woman (bio of Gladys Aylward)** (Alan Burgess)  
**Of Whom the World Was Not Worthy** (Marie Chapian)  
\* **King of the Cannibals** (Jim Cromarty)  
**Marriage to a Difficult Man** (Elizabeth Dodd - Audubon Press Ed.)  
\* **Through the Gates of Splendor** (Elisabeth Elliot)  
\* **Shadow of the Almighty** (Elisabeth Elliot)  
\* **The Savage My Kinsman** (Elisabeth Elliot)  
\* **A Chance to Die (bio of Amy Carmichael)** (Elisabeth Elliot)  
**My Heart in His Hands, Ann Judson of Burma** (Sharon James)  
**Elisabeth Prentiss** (Sharon James)  
\* **Terrorism, Jihad and the Bible** (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
**Beyond Amazing Grace: Timeless Pastoral Wisdom from the Letters, Sermons and Hymns of John Newton** (J. Todd Murray)  
**Bruchko** (Bruce Olson)  
**Let the Nations be Glad** (John Piper)  
**The Legacy of Sovereign Joy** (John Piper)  
**Evidence Not Seen** (Darlene Deibler Rose)  
**My Wife - Her Shining Life** (Jim Rosscup)  
**Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secrets** (James Hudson Taylor)  
**From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya** (Ruth Tucker)

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## ***Parenting***

**The Joy of A Word Filled Family** (John Barrett)  
**Child Training Tips** (Reb Bradley)  
**Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children Into the Joy of Worship** Robbie (Castleman)  
**The Smart Stepfamily** (Ron Deal)  
**Proverbs for Parenting: A Topical Guide for Child Raising from the Book of Proverbs** (Barbara Decker)  
**The If-Then Chart** (Doorposts)  
**Passport to Purity** (FamilyLife)  
**Plants Grown Up** (Pam Forster)  
\* **Polished Cornerstones** (Pam Forster)  
**Making Ordinary Days Extraordinary** (Gloria Gaither & Shirley Dobson)  
**Growing Up Christian** (Karl Graustein)  
**Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations** (Alex & Brett Harris)  
**Get Outta My Face!: How to Reach Angry, Unmotivated Teens with Biblical Counsel** (Rick Horne)  
**Why Christian Kids Rebel** (Tim Kimmel)  
\* **Girl Talk** (Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre)

**The Heart of Anger** (Lou Priolo)  
**Getting a Grip: The Heart of Anger Handbook for Teens** (Lou Priolo)  
**Withhold Not Correction** (Bruce Ray)  
**Sacred Parenting** (Gary Thomas)  
**Age of Opportunity** (Paul David Tripp)  
\* **Shepherding a Child's Heart** (Tedd Tripp)  
**Instructing a Child's Heart** (Tedd & Margy Tripp)  
**Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes... In You and Your Kids** (Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller)  
**Everyday Talk** (John Younts)  
**Parenting** (Paul David Tripp)  
**Practicing Affirmation** (Sam Crabtree)  
**You Never Stop Being a Parent** (Newheiser & Fitzpatrick)

## ***Personal Holiness—Relating to God***

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**The Purity Principle** (Randy Alcorn)  
\* **The Valley of Vision** (edited by Arthur Bennett)  
**Feelings and Faith: Cultivating Godly Emotions in the Christian Life** (Brian Borgman)  
**The Discipline of Grace** (Jerry Bridges)  
**The Pursuit of Godliness** (Jerry Bridges)  
\* **The Pursuit of Holiness** (Jerry Bridges)  
**The Practice of Godliness** (Jerry Bridges)  
\* **Trusting God** (Jerry Bridges)  
**The Rare Jewel of Christian Commitment** (Jeremiah Burroughs)  
**How to Worship Jesus Christ** (Joseph Carol)  
\* **A Call to Spiritual Reformation** (D.A. Carson)  
**Brokenness: The Heart God Revives** (Nancy Leigh DeMoss)  
**Choosing Gratitude: Your Journey to Joy** (Nancy Leigh DeMoss)  
**Discovering God's Will** (Sinclair Ferguson)  
**Grow in Grace** (Sinclair Ferguson)  
**Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild** (Mary Kassian)  
\* **Idols of the Heart** (Elyse Fitzpatrick)  
\* **Loving God with All Your Mind** (Elizabeth George)  
**God's Garden of Grace** (Elizabeth George)  
**A Woman's Call to Prayer** (Elizabeth George)  
\* **The Quest for Meekness and Quietness of Spirit** (Matthew Henry)  
**The Enemy Within** (Kris Lundgaard)  
**Twelve Ordinary men** (John MacArthur)  
**I Really Want to Change... So, Help Me God** (James MacDonald)  
**Humility: The Forgotten Virtue** (Wayne Mack)  
\* **The Cross-Centered Life** (C.J. Mahaney)  
**How Can I Change?** (C.J. Mahaney)  
**Humility: True Greatness** (C.J. Mahaney)  
**Come Walk with Me** (Carole Mayhall)  
\* **Decision Making God's Way** (Gary T. Meadors)  
**Choices that Lead to Godliness** (Donna Morley)  
\* **Knowing God** (J. I. Packer)  
\* **The Hidden Smile of God** (John Piper)  
**Don't Waste Your Life** (John Piper)  
\* **Desiring God** (John Piper)  
\* **The Pleasures of God** (John Piper)  
**God's Passion for His Glory** (John Piper)  
**A Sweet and Bitter Providence** (John Piper)  
**Pleasing People: How To Not Be an Approval Junkie** (Lou Priolo)  
\* **The Pursuit of God** (A. W. Tozer)  
**Instruments in the Redeemers Hands** (Paul David Tripp)  
**A Quest for More: Living for Something Bigger than You** (Paul David Tripp)  
\* **Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life** (Donald Whitney)  
**Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health** (Donald S. Whitney)  
**Devoted to God** (Sinclair Ferguson)

Look and Live (Matt Papa)  
Living Life Backward (David Gibson)  
Ordinary/Sustainable Faith in a Radical, Restless World (Michael Horton)  
Voices from the Past/Puritan Devotional Readings (ed. Richard Rushing)

## ***Relating to Others***

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\* From Forgiven to Forgiving (Jay Adams)  
\* Building Up One Another (Gene Getz)  
Conversation Peace (Mary Kassian)  
Relationships: A Mess Worth Making (Timothy S. Lane)  
Words that Hurt, Words That Heal (Carole Mayhall)  
The Peacemaker (Ken Sande)  
Who Are You to Judge (Dave Swavely)  
\* War of Words (Paul David Tripp)  
\* When People Are Big and God is Small (Edward Welch)  
The Compelling Community (Dever and Dunlop)  
Loving the Way Jesus Loves (Philip Ryken)

## ***Spiritual Warfare***

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\* How to Overcome Evil (Jay Adams)  
\* Power Encounters (David Powlison)  
A Man's Greatest Challenge (Dai Hankey)

## ***Studying God's Word***

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How to Study Your Bible (Kay Arthur)  
Precept Upon Precept Bible Studies (Kay Arthur)  
\* A Place of Quiet Rest (Nancy Leigh DeMoss)  
\* Moments With the Savior (Ken Gire)  
Living By the Book (Howard Hendricks)  
Keys to Spiritual Growth (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
Twin Pillars of the Christian Life (Wayne and Joshua Mack)  
Beyond the Quiet Time (Alister McGrath)  
The Great Physician (G. Campbell Morgan)  
\* Profiting From the Word (A. W. Pink)  
Knowing Scripture (R.C. Sproul)  
\* David: A Man of Passion & Destiny (Charles R. Swindoll)  
\* The Word of God in the Child of God (George Zemek)  
Women of the Word (Jen Wilkin)  
Knowable Word (Peter Krol)  
Reading the Bible Supernaturally (John Piper)

## ***Theology***

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\* Reckless Faith (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
Our Sufficiency in Christ (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
\* Battle for the Beginning (John MacArthur, Jr.)  
\* Chosen by God (R. C. Sproul)  
The Mystery of the Holy Spirit (R. C. Sproul)  
\* The Five Points of Calvinism—Defined, Defended, and Documented (David Steele, Curtis Thomas, S. Lance Quinn)  
\* The True Christians Love to the Unseen Christ (Thomas Vincent)  
\* Doctrine of Repentance (Thomas Watson)  
Delighting in the Trinity (Michael Reeves)

## ***Miscellaneous***

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Why We Love the Church (DeYoung and Kluck)  
Just Do Something (Kevin DeYoung)

- \* **Jonathan and Sarah: An Uncommon Union** (Edna Gerstner)
- \* **Out of the Depths** (David Martyn-Lloyd Jones)
- \* **A Spectacle Unto God** (Don Kistler)
- \* **Mother** (Kathleen Norris)
- Golden Hours: Heart Hymns of the Christian Life** (Elizabeth Prentiss)
- The Basket of Flowers** (Christopher von Schmid)
- Life in the Body of Christ** (Curtis Thomas)
- \* **Discourse on Love** (Thomas Vincent)
- Lit! A Christian's Guide to Reading Books** (Tony Reinke)
- The Path to Loneliness** (Elizabeth Elliott)

## ***Recommended Authors***

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| Jay Adams                | Joel Beeke            |
| D.A. Carson              | Nancy Leigh DeMoss    |
| Pat Ennis & Lisa Tatlock | Sinclair Ferguson     |
| Jim & Elizabeth George   | Deborah Howard        |
| Kent & Barbara Hughes    | Peter & Rebecca Jones |
| John MacArthur, Jr.      | Wayne Mack            |
| C.J. and Carolyn Mahaney | Stephen Nichols       |
| J.I. Packer              | Martha Peace          |
| John and Noel Piper      | Ed Welch              |
| David Powlison           | Lou Priolo            |
| Ken Sande                | R.C. Sproul Sr.       |
| C. H. Spurgeon           | Curtis Thomas         |
| Gary Thomas              | William Thrasher      |
| Kevin DeYoung            | Paul David Tripp      |
| Tedd Tripp               | George Zemek          |
| Elizabeth Elliott        | Jerry Bridges         |