

Generation TIMOTHY



MENTORSHIP BOOK SUGGESTIONS

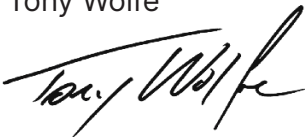


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“Leaders are readers,” my pastor told me almost 25 years ago. Since then, I have developed a love for reading that no volume has quenched. In my own mentoring relationships, I utilize books as discussion starters. It’s simple; My mentee and I read through a book separately then discuss its content and concepts when we are together. I ask leading questions and we discuss how the authors’ ideas square up with Scripture. Then I ask how these ideas are relevant to practical ministry and leadership in my mentee’s personal setting. In each one-hour mentorship meeting, we discuss the assigned book or chapter, work through corresponding growth opportunities for the mentee, and pray together.

I find that most pastors, ministers, and associational leaders have a desire to mentor, and can develop a schedule for mentorship, but often need help selecting books to guide their conversations. For that reason, I have compiled a list of suggested resources in various categories from my own library. These are some of the books that have shaped the way I think, lead, preach, and minister through the years. Consider reading through one of these books as part of your mentoring process and discussing one chapter or one section at a time during sessions. Let your conversations drive you to Scripture, prayer, and practical scenarios. And above all, enjoy not only the reading together but the journey together. The relationship is the win.

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DOCTRINE AND THEOLOGY

- *Special Revelation and Scripture* (David Dockery and Malcolm Yarnell, 2024)
- *A Theology for the Church* (Daniel Akin, ed., 2007/2026)
- *Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal* (Dockery, 2008)
- *Teaching Christianity or De Doctrina Christiana* (Augustine of Hippo, 426)
- *Inerrancy* (Norman Geisler, ed., 1980)

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

- *A Unity of Purpose* (Wolfe, 2025)
- *The Baptist Story* (Anthony Chute, Nathan Fin, and Michael Haykin, eds., 2015/2025)
- *Baptism: A Solemn and Beautiful Emblem of Our Faith* (Wolfe, 2026)
- *Baptists and the Bible* (L. Russ Bush and Tom J. Nettles, 2020)
- *Baptist, Why and Why Not* (J.M. Frost, ed., 1900)

DEVOTION

- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* (Donald S. Whitney, 1991)
- *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* (Eugene Petersen, 2000)
- *Ordering Your Private World* (Gordon MacDonald, 2017)
- *The Glorious Pursuit* (Gary Thomas, 1998)

LEADERSHIP

- *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* (John Maxwell, 1998/2007)
- *Hero Maker* (Dave Ferguson, 2018)
- *The Posture of a Godly Leader* (Mark Hallock, 2019)
- *The Character of Leadership* (Jeff Iorg, 2007)
- *The Ideal Team Player* (Patrick Lencioni, 2016)
- *Humilitas* (John Dickson, 2011)

PREACHING

- *Preaching for the Rest of Us* (Robby Gallaty and Steven Smith, 2018)
- *Biblical Preaching* (Haddon W. Robinson, 1980/2001)
- *On Preaching* (H.B. Charles, Jr., 2014)
- *Engaging Exposition* (Daniel Akin, Bill Curtis, and Stephen Rummage, 2011)
- *Recapturing the Voice of God* (Steven W. Smith, 2015)
- *Preaching for a Verdict* (J. Josh Smith, 2019)
- *Who Will Preach?* (Mark Hallock, 2018)
- *The Shepherd Preacher* (Mark Hallock, 2018)

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

- *10 Women Who Changed the World* (Daniel Akin, 2024)
- *When Everything Is Missions* (Denny Spitters and Matthew Ellison, 2017)
- *What Is the Mission of the Church?* (Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert, 2011)
- *Blueprint* (International Mission Board, 2025)
- *Eight Steps of the Missions Continuum* (Hal Cunningham & Amanda Dimperio Davis, IMB, 2022)

CHURCH PLANTING

- *Gaining By Losing* (J.D. Greer, 2016)
- *Proliferate* (Jason Crandall, 2017)
- *Church Planting Survival Guide* (MBTS, 2014)

CHURCH REVITALIZATION

- *Leading Church Revitalization* (Mark Hallock, 2022)
- *Biblical Church Revitalization* (Brian Croft, 2016)
- *Pulling the Thread* (Dave Kiehn, 2025)
- *Reclaiming Glory* (Mark Clifton, 2016/2023)

EVANGELISM

- *Dying to Grow* (Nathan Lorick, 2013)
- *Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out* (Alvin Reid, 2017)
- *The Unexpected Journey* (Thom Rainer, 2005)
- *The Master Plan of Evangelism* (Robert E. Coleman, 1963)
- *The Heart of the Gospel* (Robert E. Coleman, 2011)

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- *High Impact Teams* (Lance Witt, 2018)
- *Deep Discipleship* (J.T. English, 2020)
- *The Anxious Generation* (Jonathan Haidt, 2024)
- *Doxology & Theology* (Matt Boswell, 2013)
- *Every Member Matters* (Josh Wredberg and Matthew Capps, 2025)
- *Strange New World* (Carl F. Truman, 2022)
- *The Abolition of Man* (C.S. Lewis, 1944)
- *The Christian Mind* (Henry Blamires, 1963)



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