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Originally published in 1967, this book is a history of church puritanism as a movement and as a political and ecclesiastical organism; of its membership structure and internal contradictions; of the quest for 'a further reformation'. It tells the fascinating story of the rise of a revolutionary moment and its ultimate destruction.

The cruelest thing we can do is to let people remain in their sin when there is liberty to be lived. Ronnie W. Rogers  
Pastor Ronnie Rogers superb volume on discipline has provided the most detailed study that to my knowledge has been written in recent years. Dr. Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Seminary Writing as a biblical theologian, Ronnie Rogers establishes the foundation for church discipline. But Ronnie writes also as an experienced pastor who has worked out the biblical teaching on church discipline in real life. Dr. C. Richard Wells, distinguished professor of pastoral theology, The Criswell College Senior Pastor, South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, SD Its hypocrisy for a local church to claim to believe the Bible and then willingly ignore the Bible's teaching on church discipline. Its refreshing to see a local church pastor like Ronnie Rogers cry out so clearly against the apathy and disobedience that prevails in most churches on this issue. Dr. Donald S. Whitney, associate professor of spiritual formation, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
No American denomination identified itself more closely with the nation's democratic ideal than the Baptists. Most

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antebellum southern Baptist churches allowed women and slaves to vote on membership matters and preferred populists preachers who addressed their appeals to the common person. Paradoxically no denomination could wield religious authority as zealously as the Baptists. Between 1785 and 1860 they ritually excommunicated forty to fifty thousand church members in Georgia alone. Wills demonstrates how a denomination of freedom-loving individualists came to embrace an exclusivist spirituality--a spirituality that continues to shape Southern Baptist churches in contemporary conflicts between moderates who urge tolerance and conservatives who require belief in scriptural inerrancy. Wills's analysis advances our understanding of the interaction between democracy and religious authority, and will appeal to scholars of American religion, culture, and history, as well as to Baptist observers. Jesus, in his ministry, received the empty, the broken, the lost and the diseased. Mark Lauterbach shows how compassion, mediated through a functioning body of believers, provides the answers to human waywardness and maintains the integrity of the church. Although this is a book about church discipline, it is really about a spirit-empowered community. Mark uses real situations from his experience to help us turn principles into practice.

A Guide for Ministry

Mormon Liturgy and Cosmology

A Manual for Church Members

Instructions, Forms and Helps for Conducting the Many Ceremonies a Minister is Called Upon to Direct

Baptist Church Discipline. Revised Edition

The Elizabethan Puritan Movement

Christ in Church Leadership

**It is indeed strange that we should have to defend, even go to extreme lengths to explain, a**

**doctrine that is both Biblical in origin and historic in practice, yet church discipline is almost entirely forgotten in contemporary Christianity. If a church advocates church discipline, or worse, excommunicates, she will be labeled strict, legalistic, self-righteous, and judgmental. Non-Christians will scorn her as a madwoman, out of touch with reality and out of touch with post-modernity. Anyone who mentions "church discipline" speaks in "an unknown tongue" to the modern church-goer, but the Bible teaches emphatically that churches must "withdraw" their fellowship and privileges of worship from every brother or sister "who walks disorderly" and "put away from among" themselves every member who refuses to repent of gross immorality, schismatic words and actions, or doctrinal heresy. But does a local church possess legitimate and actual disciplinary authority over visitors, guests, friends of churches, or even fellow pastors? It does not; rather, a local church has actual disciplinary authority over its members only. Unlike churches who practice Open Communion or Close Communion who do not know the "doctrine" and "manner of life" of their communicants, and who therefore risk defiling the table and bringing judgment upon their congregations, churches who "fence the table" more effectively protect the elements and guard the flock by endeavoring to ensure that each member of the local body is subjected to Christ, His pastors, and to one another.**

**This practical handbook - aimed at final year**

**undergraduates, Masters-level students, student ministers, church leaders and policy makers interested in local faith communities - guides readers through the various tools, methods of analysis and research skills needed for studying local churches. This resource takes full account of the UK context and is an ideal basis for students undertaking research projects and dissertations. After an historical overview. the handbook identifies theoretical foundations for the study of local churches, drawing on the 4 disciplines of anthropology, sociology, organisational studies and theology. Guidance is provided on both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Research processes covered include such issues as selecting a church, gaining access, selecting methods, analysing data, maintaining confidentiality, research reflexivity, and completing the final report. There is also a critical review of existing literature, as well as case studies and worked examples, demonstrating how key concepts from the 4 disciplines apply to actual local churches. The handbook contains a wide range of contributors with extensive theoretical and practical experience of studying local churches. Highly practical and gracious advice on church discipline. Includes interviews with over 30 pastors from different countries and backgrounds.**

**Duties of Christian Fellowship deals with a matter of perennial concern for every truly Christian church. In just a few pages it sets out in very concise terms the responsibilities all**

**Christians have, first, to their pastors, and then second, to one another within the fellowship of the local church. John Owen was a pastor as well as a theologian and therefore this is a most practical manual of church fellowship. It was likely intended to be read by individuals with self-examination, meditation and prayer, but it would also be very suitable for group Bible study or adult Sunday School classes. This edition is enhanced by a modernized text and the addition of questions which have been added to facilitate group discussion.**

**Spiritual Disciplines Handbook**

**United Methodist Church Book of Discipline  
2016**

**The New Pastor's Handbook**

**A Handbook for Church Discipline and a  
Defense of the Fence**

**Official Handbook and Discipline of God's  
Missionary Church**

**Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church  
(Foreword by Thomas R. Schreiner)**

**Key Documents in Latter-Day Saint Women's  
History**

*It is absolutely essential that a church perceive itself as an institution for the glory of God, and to do that, claims John MacArthur, the local church must adhere unfalteringly to biblical leadership principles. Christ never intended church leadership to be earned by seniority, purchased with money, or inherited through family ties. He never compared church leaders to governing monarchs, but rather to humble shepherds; not to slick celebrities, but to laboring servants.*

*Drawing from some of the best-received material on church leadership, this updated edition guides the church with crucial, effective lessons in leadership. This book is valuable not only for pastors and elders, but for anyone else who wants the church to be what God intended it to be.*

*The history of women interpreters of the Bible is a neglected area of study. Marion Taylor presents a one-volume reference tool that introduces readers to a wide array of women interpreters of the Bible from the entire history of Christianity. Her research has implications for understanding biblical interpretation--especially the history of interpretation--and influencing contemporary study of women and the Bible. Contributions by 130 top scholars introduce foremothers of the faith who address issues of interpretation that continue to be relevant to faith communities today, such as women's roles in the church and synagogue and the idea of religious feminism. Women's interpretations also raise awareness about differences in the ways women and men may read the Scriptures in light of differences in their life experiences. This handbook will prove useful to ministers as well as to students of the Bible, who will be inspired, provoked, and challenged by the women introduced here. The volume will also provide a foundation for further detailed research and analysis. Interpreters include Elizabeth Rice Achtemeier, Saint Birgitta of Sweden, Catherine Mumford Booth, Anne Bradstreet, Catherine of Siena, Clare of Assisi, Egeria, Elizabeth I, Hildegard, Julian of Norwich, Thérèse of Lisieux, Marcella, Henrietta C. Mears, Florence Nightingale, Phoebe Palmer,*

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*Faltonia Betitia Proba, Pandita Ramabai, Christina  
Georgina Rossetti, Dorothy Leigh Sayers, Elizabeth Cady  
Stanton, Harriet Beecher Stowe, St. Teresa of Avila,  
Sojourner Truth, and Susanna Wesley.*

*This thoroughly revised and updated edition of Bruce  
Milne's excellent handbook expounds the great themes of  
God's Word and how they fit together. Each chapter deals  
with one aspect of biblical truth, and the main sections  
conclude with practical reflection.*

*A well-rounded and practical approach to the issues and  
crisis faced by pastors everyday*

*Handbook to Happiness*

*Practices That Transform Us*

*A Handbook*

*God's Loving Plan for Restoring Believers to Fellowship  
with Himself and with the Body of Christ*

*The Case and Guide for Church Discipline*

*Handbook of Church Discipline*

*The Pastor's Book*

*A Bible-based study of church membership  
and church discipline with contributions  
from respected theologians including Mark  
E. Dever, Thomas R. Schreiner, Bruce Riley  
Ashford, Danny Akin, John S. Hammett,  
Benjamin L. Merkle, Nathan A. Finn,  
Gregory A. Wills, and Andrew M. Davis.*

*A Study Guide and a Teacher's Manual  
Gospel Principles was written both as a  
personal study guide and as a teacher's*

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manual. As you study it, seeking the Spirit of the Lord, you can grow in your understanding and testimony of God the Father, Jesus Christ and His Atonement, and the Restoration of the gospel. You can find answers to life's questions, gain an assurance of your purpose and self-worth, and face personal and family challenges with faith.

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



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*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.*

*Spiritual discernment is good for more than just making monumental decisions according to God's will. It is an essential, day-to-day activity that allows thoughtful Christians to separate the truth of God from error and to distinguish right from wrong in all kinds of settings and situations. It is also a skill-something that any person can develop and improve, especially with the guidance in this book. Written by a leading evangelical blogger, *The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment* is an uplifting, scripturally grounded work that explains the need for discernment, its challenges, and the steps that will cultivate it.*

*Author Tim Challies does not do the discerning for readers; he simply shows them how to practically apply scriptural tools, principles, and wisdom so that their conclusions about everything-people, teachings, decisions, media, and organizations-will be consistent with God's Word.*

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*A Handbook on Church Discipline*

*Biblical Church Discipline*

*The Transforming Community*

*The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian  
Studies*

*A Handbook for Elders and Pastors*

*A Handbook for Theological Education*

***This is a handbook for pastors, elders, and all Christians who want to see how Scripture presents the process of discipline that should operate in the Christian community. It was written in response to the various concerns that threaten to tear apart marriages, families, friendships, and congregations--concerns that call for a biblical approach to discipline that can heal fractures, restore right relationship, and ensure the health of the church. Developed around the five corrective steps found especially in Matthew 18:15-17, this book helps church leaders deal with the sorts of problems that require the church's disciplinary response. Charting a course that combines discernment with appropriate action, this simple, readable handbook can have a profound effect on the community of believers.***

***Handbook to Happiness counsels hurting people by teaching them to exchange their life for Christs. Instead of trying to live the Christian life, which still centers on our own efforts, we need to allow Christ to live his life in us. This removes all reliance on human effort and frees us to become totally Christ centered. This revision includes personal testimonials, diagrams, and a poem by the author, illustrating his own spiritual and emotional journey.***

***Theology, Church, and Ministry: A Handbook for***

***Theological Education enables readers to understand the key role that theological education plays in preparing God-called ministers for service in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This distinctive resource explains the purpose for theological education, including how it has developed, and how it contributes to the formation and preparation for ministry. Each chapter provides a broad survey of the field, while helping students, prospective students, board members, and church leaders understand why this area of study is important for theological education and the life of the church. All chapters include questions for further reflection and a list of books or key articles for additional study. In addition to the contributions from David Dockery and Timothy George, this distinctive work offers insights from some of the outstanding leaders and thinkers in the field of theological education today, including Timothy Tennent, Mark Bailey, Daniel Akin, Kevin Vanhoozer, Daniel Block, Robert Smith, Dana Harris, Graham Cole, Malcolm Yarnell, Greg Wills, Christopher Morgan, and Constantine Campbell, among others.***

***We live in a time when "how to" methods are touted for nearly every situation facing the church and the believer. Many of these methods offer good advice, but they fall short because they are lacking either a scriptural foundation or a realistic approach rooted in experience. Now comes a book on leadership that is candid in its treatment of real-life situations, yet steeped in the principles of God's Word. Written by Paul Winslow and Dorman Followwill, "Christ in Church Leadership" holds up the leadership model practiced by the servant-leader-- Jesus Christ***

***Himself. This book will change the way you look at your own role as a leader, not only in your church, but in your home, your workplace, in any situation that calls for leadership.***

***A Historical and Biographical Guide***

***God Redeeming His Bride***

***Shepherding God's Flock***

***Duties of Christian Fellowship***

***A Comprehensive and Practical Guide to Pastoral Ministry***

***Democratic Religion***

***Those Who Must Give an Account***

Capitol Hill Baptist Church associate pastor Michael Lawrence contributes to the IXMarks series as he centers on the practical importance of biblical theology to ministry. He begins with an examination of a pastor's tools of the trade: exegesis and biblical and systematic theology. The book distinguishes between the power of narrative in biblical theology and the power of application in systematic theology, but also emphasizes the importance of their collaboration in ministry. Having laid the foundation for pastoral ministry, Lawrence uses the three tools to build a biblical theology, telling the entire story of the Bible from five different angles. He puts biblical theology to work in four areas: counseling, missions, caring for the poor, and church/state relations. Rich in

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application and practical insight, this book will equip pastors and church leaders to think, preach, and do ministry through the framework of biblical theology.

Adele Calhoun's *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* has become a standard for those who want to expand their knowledge of spiritual practices. Now this beloved resource has been revised throughout and expanded to include thirteen new disciplines along with a new preface by the author, giving us practical guidance in our continuing journey toward intimacy with Christ.

*Shepherding God's Flock* is both a textbook for students of pastoral ministry and a handbook for pastors. Jay Adams is well-known for his practical and thorough approach to the many issues of Christian counseling. That same practicality and thoroughness is found in this unparalleled handbook on pastoral ministry. Not only does it offer pastors one of the best resources in print, but it also provides church elders with an orientation and practical guide to aspects of ministry for which they have responsibility. It is truly a shepherd's handbook. The book is divided into three parts. *Pastoral Life* deals with the pastor, his calling, and the general care he provides the flock.

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Pastoral Counseling provides an overview of the task and a general approach for pastoral counselors. Pastoral Leadership offers a perspective on the ways the pastor can lead the church in its many tasks and responsibilities.

The Power of Godliness is a key work to understand Mormon conceptions of priesthood, authority, and gender. With in-depth research and never previously used documents, Jonathan A. Stapley explores the rituals of ordination, temple "sealings," baby blessings, healing, and cunning-folk traditions. In doing so, he demonstrates that Mormon liturgy includes a much larger and more complex set of ritualized acts of worship than the specific rites of initiation, instruction, and sealing that take place within the temple walls. By exploring Mormonism's liturgy more broadly, The Power of Godliness shows both the nuances of Mormon belief and practice, and how the Mormon ordering of heaven and earth is not a mere philosophical or theological exercise. Stapley examines Mormonism's liturgical history to reveal a complete religious world, incorporating women, men, and children all participating in the construction of the Mormon universe. This book opens new possibilities for

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understanding the lived experiences of women and men in the Mormon past and present, and investigates what work these rituals and ritualized acts actually performed in the communities that carried them out. By tracing the development of the rituals and the work they accomplish, *The Power of Godliness* sheds important new light on the Mormon universe, its complex priesthoods, authorities, and powers. *Help and Encouragement for the First Years of Ministry*

*Studying Local Churches*

*Gospel Principles*

*A Handbook for Church Discipline*

*A Guide to Counseling Families and Individuals in Crisis*

*The Church Leader's Handbook*

*Undermining the Gospel*

Pastors are tasked with the incredibly demanding job of caring for the spiritual, emotional, and, at times, physical needs of their people. While seminary is helpful preparation for many of the challenges pastors face, there's far more to pastoral ministry than what can be covered in the classroom. Designed as a reference guide for nearly every situation a pastor will face, this comprehensive book by seasoned pastors Kent Hughes and Doug O'Donnell is packed full of biblical wisdom and

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practical guidance related to the reality of pastoral ministry in the trenches. From officiating weddings to conducting funerals to visiting the sick, this book will equip pastors and church leaders with the knowledge they need to effectively minister to their flocks, both within the walls of the church and beyond.

More and more church leaders, pastors, and members are looking for guidance on how to practice church discipline in a biblical way. Here is a contemporary and concise how-to guide that provides a theological framework for understanding and implementing disciplinary measures in the local church, along with several examples of real-life situations. Drawing on both Matthew 18 and 1 Corinthians 5, this brief hardback helps leaders face the endless variety of circumstances and sins for which no exact scriptural case study exists, sins which don't show up on any list and need a healthy framework to be corrected appropriately in love. This volume is part of the 9Marks: Building Healthy Churches series. Look for upcoming, quick-read formats of the following marks of a healthy church: expositional preaching, biblical theology, the gospel, conversion, evangelism, church membership, discipleship and growth, and



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church leadership.

Most seminary graduates will begin their ministries with plenty of important head knowledge to share--but with a deficit of some of the most practical aspects of doing ministry, such as - which ministry role most suits them - how to start out strong at a new church - persevering during difficult seasons of ministry - leading meetings and delegating tasks - safeguarding their family - fighting discouragement, pastor envy, and a lack of contentment - navigating special ministry needs, such as hospitals, weddings, and funerals - and much more Through his hard-won wisdom, Jason Helopoulos comes alongside new pastors as a trusted friend and mentor, ready to guide them through their first years of ministry with intelligence and compassion.

The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies responds to and celebrates the explosion of research in this interdisciplinary field over recent decades. It is thematically arranged to encompass history, literature, thought, practices, and material culture. Whilst the burgeoning of scholarly work has made it impossible for any one scholar to maintain expertise in every aspect of the discipline, this handbook seeks to aid

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both the new researcher in the field and the scholar entering an unfamiliar sub-specialty. Each chapter orients readers to the current 'state of the question' in a given area, reflecting on key research issues to date, highlighting primary sources and giving suggestions as to the likely direction of future work. The Handbook takes the period 100 to 600 CE as a chronological span and examines the vast geographical area impacted by the early church, in Western and Eastern late antiquity.

Becoming a Church that Cares Well for the Abused

The First Fifty Years of Relief Society  
The Discipline of the Wesleyan Church 2016  
Pastor's Handbook

Church Discipline

A Biblical Guide to Victorious Living  
Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual.

Each document has been meticulously transcribed and is placed in historical context with an introduction and annotation. Taken together, the accounts featured here allow readers to study this founding period in Latter-day Saint women's history and to situate it within broader themes in nineteenth-century American religious history.

The Pastor's Handbook (KJV) is intended to meet the continuing need of the Christian minister for guidance and forms as he does the work of the ministry. It seeks to offer options to suit the tastes of the pastor and congregation within

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the parameters of quality, beauty and dignity. To this end, numerous changes, both large and small, have been made—more selected Scriptures, new alternatives for special occasions, some significant additions and changes. At the same time, every effort has been made to keep the book concise and compact to maximize its usefulness. The formulas should be sufficient for the ordinary needs of the minister. They may be modified or supplemented by materials from the pastor's private collection or his own preparation. Some who stress liberty in prayer and preaching dislike set forms, preferring spontaneity and a free style as they worship. If the spiritual vitality of a church is maintained there need be no fear that these forms will become lifeless rituals. The use of forms should never become merely formal. And if the use of forms adds beauty and dignity to the atmosphere of sacredness, who can object? May the blessing of God attend all who glean from this manual, enabling it them to know what to say and how to say it. This is made also for allowing them to know what to do and how to do it especially as the occasion requires. Gratitude is expressed to many pastors and contributors for this volume. Includes the: worship service, baptism, communion, funerals, anointing services, healing services, membership, installation, baby and child dedication, consecration services, ceremonies for buildings and visitation.

Fears of disunity, conflict and even legal problems have caused many church leaders to avoid confronting Christians who are living in sin. Challenging the church's reluctance, Dr. Laney provides a biblical, practical and loving handbook for pastors and lay leaders alike on church discipline.

What is church discipline and how can it be put into practice?

The Master's Plan for the Church

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A Handbook of Christian Belief

A Study of Church Membership and Church Discipline

A Guide to Church Discipline

The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment (Foreword by John  
MacArthur)

Freedom, Authority, and Church Discipline in the Baptist  
South, 1785-1900

The Power of Godliness

*Powerful. Practical. Pastoral. Pastor's Handbook is the major expansion and revision of beloved preacher John R. Bisagno's previously heralded work, Letters to Timothy. Based on his sixty years in ministry, it now includes 160 brief yet powerful chapters of practical insight for handling real life pastoral issues—"things that might have fallen through the cracks in seminary." Bisagno still mentors young pastors in his retirement and recognizes new challenges in this profession known for its high dropout rate. Keeping that in mind, Pastor's Handbook adds helpful entries on such issues as "The Seeker Friendly Church," "Solving Worship Wars," "Multiple Campuses," "New Media," and "Home Groups" as well as "Internet Pornography," "Biblical Inerrancy,"*

*"The High Cost of Overnight Change,"  
"Homosexuality," "Christianity and  
Islam," and more than a dozen other  
timely topics. Bisagno also refreshes  
many of the original chapters,  
factoring in new world issues and his  
updated survey of pastoral colleagues.  
In the foreword, pastor and best-  
selling author Rick Warren (The Purpose-  
Driven Life) writes, "My prayer is that  
an entire new generation of pastors and  
church planters will use this book to  
develop the necessary perspective,  
convictions, character, and skills  
needed for ministry in the 21st century  
from this giant of the 20th century."*

*Theology, Church, and Ministry*

*Know the Truth*

*The Pastor's Handbook KJV*

*A Handbook on Pastoral Ministry,*

*Counseling, and Leadership*

*The Practise of the Gospel in Church  
Discipline*

*Purge Out the Old Leaven*

*How the Church Protects the Name of  
Jesus*