

Loving God with All Our Minds

Books and Films to Encourage, Inspire, and Equip in a Biblical Worldview

Including Lists for Youth and Adults

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Discipling Nations via a Biblical Worldview

Jesus said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:18-20).

We have been given a clear commission to disciple the nations. Many modern Christians have relegated this command of Jesus in the Great Commission to only converting individuals. Christians in the past had a much broader view of this commission. Matthew Henry said that “the principal intention of this commission” is to “do your utmost

to make the nations Christian nations.”

The discipling of nations begins with the regeneration of individuals. All Godly change in society begins in the heart of man, and since only God can change the heart, all change for good begins with God. This is why Christianity must be introduced into any nation that desires liberty, justice, and prosperity. Fallen, sinful man must be transplanted from the kingdom of darkness, by the power and grace of God, into the Kingdom of light. Men need a new heart, but Christianity does not stop there. Men also need a new mind; they need to learn how to think Biblically and apply all of God’s Word to all areas of life.

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The Bible teaches that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength (Mark 12:30). To live as God desires, and to disciple our nation as Christ commands, we must have a passionate heart and soul for Him, willing to do anything He asks and to follow Him anywhere. But we must also love God with all our mind and strength. We must exert energy to develop a Biblical worldview.

Jesus said that we will “make disciples of all the nations” by “teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.” We need to learn all that the Bible teaches in regard to personal and civil life. We must learn to think as Jesus thinks, to have a Biblical worldview. We must cultivate a passionate mind. The Bible instructs us that:

- We are to have knowledge with our zeal (Rom. 10:2).
- We are transformed by renewing our mind (Rom. 12:2). Our worldview (how we think) determines our actions. We love God with our minds when we think Biblically. We must bring the mind of Christ to bear upon our thoughts (which will affect our actions).
- We are to study to show ourselves approved and handle accurately the Word of Truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

- We must search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11).
- Our battle is not only in the spiritual but also the mental realm. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says “we are destroying **speculations** and every lofty thing raised up against the **knowledge** of God, and we are taking every **thought** captive to the obedience of Christ.” We must prepare in knowledge; for truth is a weapon and we need to learn to handle it accurately (2 Tim. 2:15).

Our growth and preparation as Christians includes the spiritual, mental, and physical arena. We must prepare in character **and** thought if we truly hope to see God’s purposes fulfilled for us, and if we desire to see Godly revival and reformation occur — to see the nations become Christian nations. In fact, the extent and quality of reformation will be determined by how believers view all of life from the Bible’s perspective.

Therefore, to disciple nations, we must understand what the Bible teaches regarding personal growth and discipleship, and we must introduce the lost to these things. In addition, we must grow in a Biblical worldview, especially in the knowledge of how the nations can align themselves with the precepts of Godly government.

The lists of books that follow are to assist adults and youth in developing a Biblical worldview. These

books will implant Godly principles and character, teach good and great ideas, and inspire the student of any age to a life of learning and excellence.

The first list contains picture books for the youngest children. Next follows books for elementary age youth and then junior and senior high age. While written for youth, these will be enjoyed by all ages, and if you have never read them, begin now. You will not regret it. These books would be good to read aloud at home (see the next section), to read on your own, or to study in various classes in school. The key classics are especially good to study in literature class, in addition to reading aloud or on your own. (You can get teaching syllabi for most of the key classics from the Foundation for American Christian Education; see face.net)

I was not introduced to most of these books while in school, but since then, as I have read them for enjoyment or used them in teaching my children, I have been inspired to see all that can be imparted through excellent literature — including a love of God, a love for family, a love for God’s word, a love of learning, and an understanding of God’s plan for man.

The next lists contain resource books for adults or older children on many aspects of Biblical worldview and providential history. There are many other good books that could be

included in these categories, but these will fill your time with many profitable hours, preparing you to be useful to God and His kingdom.

Some of the following books are out of print, but might be found in good libraries, at used book stores, or on-line at places that sell used books (such as Amazon.com, bibliofind.com, alibris.com, bookfinder.com, Abebooks.com).

Reading Aloud Program

Having a reading aloud program in the home is one of the best things a family can do to develop the character and thinking of their children. But it does much more than this. In addition to shaping character and implanting principles, reading good literature, especially aloud, breeds creativity and godly imagination. It enables you to go places and meet people otherwise impossible. Literature not only reflects the heart of a people and nation, but it also helps shape the character and ideals of a nation.

Good literature will reinforce the view that God is the author of history and that He is directing the course of events to accomplish His plan for mankind. It tells us who we are as a people, where our principles and ideals come from, and why we are here — our purpose as a nation.

Rosalie Slater writes, “Literature supplies parents and teachers with one of their most useful and beloved avenues of teaching and learn-

ing. Literature is the handmaid of history. It strengthens the study of America's Christian History — Providential History — the Hand of God in all history."

The home is the center of education. It is the first sphere of government in our society. What is built in character (or lack of character) in the home affects, not only the individual child, but all of society. The government, education, and character which comes out of the home constitutes the government, education, and character of the nation.

Literature helped to form the character and ideals of America. Those same ideals and that same character will be formed in our children as we implant the same truth in them. Literature will help greatly in this.

Every home should have a regular time for reading aloud. Reading aloud together as a family is one of the best ways to build family ties, impact children, and pass the torch of liberty to the next generation. You should plan and prepare for your reading aloud program. Good books, with the Bible as the central text, are essential for success. The lists that follow under the first section, "Literature and History Books for Children and Youth," are excellent to use to read aloud. The adult reader will enjoy them as much as the child. This is the characteristic of good literature: readers of all ages will enjoy

it. If you as an adult do not like the book, do not feed it to your children.

Part of your preparation should include consideration of your speech. Noah Webster wrote in his introductory essay on language published in his 1828 dictionary that "language as well as the faculty of speech, was the immediate gift of God." Rosalie Slater explains in her excellent work, *A Family Program for Reading Aloud*, "This gift includes the *Voice*, source of sound, *Tone*, or accent and inflection of the voice, and *Expression*, that which identifies the ideas, convictions, and feelings of the speaker. These three elements are both internal and external." Preparation makes the one reading aloud much more desirous to hear.

Reading aloud cultivates the important skill of listening. It enables the hearer to take a mental trip through an author's mind. Hearing good literature allows us to experience new things. Slater says, "It expands the horizons of mind and heart. It increases our awareness of time — past, present and future." "Literature helps to furnish our mental homes with permanent fixtures, with 'all things wise and wonderful.'"

Reading aloud and studying excellent literature will produce those things necessary to build a free nation: a love of God (consider the books *Joel*, *Boy of Galilee* and *Ben Hur*), a love of God's written Word

(see *Robinson Crusoe*), a love for home and family (*Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin*, Little House series), a love for individual Christian character (*The Matchlock Gun*), a love for the chain of Christianity (*Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates*), a love of country (*Justin Morgan Had a Horse*), a love of learning (*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*).

It is never too soon or too late to start your reading aloud program. Begin when your children are babies using picture books and continue as long as they are in the home. Your children will love it, especially since it is mom and dad who are reading to them. But you are likely to enjoy it more than they do. It will also help lay the foundation for the success of the nation and the advance of God's Kingdom in the earth.

To learn more about reading aloud and the importance of reading in general, see these resources: *A Family Program for Reading Aloud* by Rosalie June Slater (face.net); *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease; *Honey for a Child's Heart* by Gladys Hunt. Each one of these contains lists of many good books for your use once you exhaust those I have given below.

Literature and History Books for Children and Youth

Picture Books

1. *The Little Engine that Could* by Watty Piper
2. *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
3. *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
4. *The Story about Ping* by Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wiese
5. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton
6. *Katie and the Big Snow* by Virginia Lee Burton
7. *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gag
8. *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
9. *Chester the Worldly Pig* by Bill Peet
10. *Ella* by Bill Peet
11. *Horton Hears a Who!* by Dr. Seuss
12. *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown
13. *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton
14. *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
15. *Little Toot* by Hardie Gramatky
16. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit and other stories* by Beatrix Potter
17. *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams
18. Marguerite de Angeli's *Book of Nursery and Mother Goose Rhymes*
19. *Time of Wonder* by Robert McCloskey

20. *Don't Count Your Chicks* by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
21. *Animals Everywhere* by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
22. *Maybelle, the Cable Car* by Virginia Lee Burton

Elementary School Age

Key Classics

1. *The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh
2. *Robert Fulton: Boy Craftsman* by Marguerite Henry
3. *Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin* by Marguerite Henry
4. *Little House In the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
5. *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri
6. *Abigail Adams* by Evelyn Witter
7. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham
8. *Noah Webster, Father of the Dictionary* by Isabel Proudfit

History/Biography

1. *Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims* by Clyde Robert Bulla
2. *Julia Ward Howe* by Jean Brown Wagoner
3. *William Bradford, Pilgrim Boy* by Bradford Smith
4. *Christopher Columbus* by Josephine Pollard
5. *George Washington* by Norma Coumow Camp
6. Various biographies published by Bobbs-Merrill Co.
7. Ingri & Edgar Parin D'Aulaire's books (Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Pocahontas, Columbus)
8. *If You Lived in Colonial Times*

9. *If You Sailed on the Mayflower*
10. *The Life of Washington* by Josephine Pollard
11. *Marco Polo* by Gian Paolo Ceserani
12. *Meet the Pilgrims* (and others in the series: Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Christopher Columbus, etc.) by Random House Publishers
13. *TrailBlazer of the Seas* (Matthew Fontaine Maury) by Jean Lee Latham
14. *Abe Lincoln Grows Up* by Carl Sandburg
15. *Abraham Lincoln* by David J. Collins
16. *Alone* by Richard E. Byrd
17. *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates
18. *The Story of Phillis Wheatley, Poetess of the American Revolution* by Shirley Graham
19. *Snowflake Bentley, Man of Science, Man of God* by Gloria May Stoddard

Literature

1. *The Matchlock Gun* by Walter D. Edmonds.
2. *Justin Morgan Had a Horse* by Marguerite Henry
3. *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi
4. *Pilgrim's Progress Simplified* by Laurel Hicks & John DeKonty
5. *Joel, Boy of Galilee* by Annie Fellows Johnston
6. *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
7. McGuffey's Primer and Readers
8. Aesop's Fables
9. Anderson's Fairy Tales

10. *The Children's Homer* by Padraic Colum
11. *Blue Willow* by Doris Gates
12. Books by Marguerite Henry
(*Misty of Chincoteague*, *Mustang*, *King of the Wind*, *Brightly of the Grand Canyon*, etc.)
13. *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Kate Douglas Wiggin
14. Books by Holling Clancy Holling
(*Paddle to the Sea*, *Tree in the Trail*, *Minn of the Mississippi*)
15. *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
16. *Johnny Tremain* by Ester Forbes.
17. *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis
18. *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame
19. Little House Series by Laura Ingels Wilder
20. *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
21. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
22. *The Yearling* by Marjorie Rawlings
23. *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling
24. *Lassie Come Home* by Eric Knight
25. *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson
26. *Savage Sam* by Fred Gipson
27. *Bob, Son of Battle* by Alfred Olivant
28. *My Friend Flicka* by Mary O'Hara
29. *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan
30. *Mother Carey's Chickens* by Kate Douglas Wiggin
31. *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery

32. *The Famous Five Series* by Enid Blyton
33. *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
34. *Freckles* by Gene Stratton-Porter

Poetry

1. *American History in Verse* compiled by Burton Stevenson
2. *A Child's Garden of Verses* by Robert Lewis Stevenson
3. *A Child's Book of Poems*, pictures by Gyo Fujikawa
4. *Children's Own Longfellow*

Junior High and High School Age

Key Classics

1. *Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates* by Mary Mapes Dodge
2. *Men of Iron* by Howard Pyle
3. *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
4. *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott
5. *Sir Walter Scott* by Pearle Henriksen Schultz
6. *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper
7. *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
8. *Spirit of St. Louis* by Charles Lindbergh

History / Biography / Autobiography

1. Mott Media Sower Series (Isaac Newton, Johannes Kepler, Christopher Columbus, Robert E. Lee, George Washington Carver, Francis Scott Key, Suzanna Wesley, etc.)
2. Foxe's Book of Martyrs
3. John Wesley's Journal

4. *The Travels of Marco Polo the Venetian*
5. *Kon Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl
6. *The Federalist Papers* by Madison, Hamilton, and Jay
7. *Journals of Lewis and Clark*
8. *Apostle of Liberty: the World-Changing Leadership of George Washington* by Stephen McDowell
9. *The Making of George Washington* by William Wilbur
10. *Miracle at Philadelphia* by Catherine Drinker Bowen
11. *Mourt's Relation*
12. *Pocahontas* by Grace Steele Woodward
13. Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography
14. *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller
15. *The Thread that Runs so True* by Jesse Stuart
16. *Up From Slavery* by George Washington Carver
17. *John Adams* by David McCullough
18. *The First Heroes, The Extraordinary Story of the Doolittle Raid — America's First World War II Victory* by Craig Nelson
19. *Of Whom the World Was Not Worthy* by Marie Chapiro
20. *The Book of Abigail and John, Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784*, edited by L.H. Butterfield
21. *William Penn, Quaker Hero* by Hildegard Dolson
22. *Michael Faraday and the Dynamo* by Mabel Miller

23. *The Flying Scotsman* (Eric Liddell) by Sally Magnusson

Literature

1. *Ben Hur* by Lew Wallace
2. *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan
3. *Silas Marner* by George Eliot
4. *Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer
5. *Quo Vadis* by Henryk Sienkiewicz
6. *A Wonder Book* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
7. *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
8. *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne
9. *Idylls of the King* by Alfred Lord Tennyson
10. *The Story of King Arthur and His Knights* by Howard Pyle
11. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
12. *Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling
13. *The Robe* by Lloyd C. Douglas
14. *Christy* by Catherine Marshall
15. *Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss
16. *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
17. *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens
18. Shakespeare's plays
19. *The Last of the Mohicans* by James F. Cooper
20. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
21. *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas
22. *The Five Little Peppers and How They Grew* by Margaret Sidney

23. *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo
24. *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
25. *The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain
26. *Westward Ho!* by Charles Kingsley
27. *Wuthering Heights* by Bronte
28. *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott
29. *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
30. *The House of the Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
31. *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* by Pyle
32. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe
33. *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving
34. *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain
35. *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville
36. *The Scarlet Letter* by Hawthorne
37. *A Sketch Book* by Irving
38. *The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien

Poetry

1. *A Concise Treasury of Great Poems*
2. *My American Heritage*, Ralph Henry and Luvile Pannell (Editors)
3. *The Home Book of Verse*, Burton Stevenson (compiler)

Biblical Worldview & Providential History Resource Books

Providential History / Government

1. *America's Providential History* by Mark Beliles and Stephen McDowell
2. *America, A Christian Nation? Examining the Evidence of the Christian Foundation of America* by Stephen McDowell
3. *Defending the Declaration* by Gary Amos
4. *Contending for the Constitution* by Mark Beliles and Doug Anderson
5. *Building Godly Nations* by Stephen McDowell
6. *The American Dream* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles
7. *Original Intent* by David Barton
8. *The New England Clergy of the American Revolution* by Alice Baldwin
9. *The Light and the Glory* by Peter Marshall and David Manuel
10. *From Sea to Shining Sea* by Peter Marshall and David Manuel
11. *Christianity and the Constitution* by John Eidsmoe
12. *The Christian History of the Constitution of the United States of America* by Verna Hall
13. *The Christian History of the Constitution, Christian Self-Government with Union* by Verna Hall
14. *The Christian History of the American Revolution, Consider and Ponder* by Verna Hall

15. *The Bible and the Constitution of the United States of America* by Verna Hall and Rosalie Slater
16. *Real Threat and Mere Shadow, Religious Liberty and the First Amendment* by Daniel Dreisbach
17. *Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation between Church and State* by Daniel Dreisbach
18. *The Bulletproof George Washington* by David Barton
19. *Ethics: An Early American Handbook* (republished by WallBuilders)
20. *Key Biblical Principles for Civil Government* by Robert Fugate
21. *Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States* by B.F. Morris
22. *America's God and Country* by William Federer
23. *The Pulpit of the American Revolution* by John Wingate Thornton
24. *The Second American Revolution* by John Whitehead
25. *Religion and the Founding of the American Republic* by James H. Hutson
26. *God and Government*, 3 volume series by Gary DeMar
27. *Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England* by W. De Loss Love Jr.
28. *The American Covenant, the Untold Story* by Marshall Foster and Mary-Elaine Swanson
29. *Setting the Record Straight: American History in Black & White* by David Barton
30. *In God We Trust Tour Guide* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles
31. *In Search of Democracy* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles
32. *The Question of Freemasonry and the Founding Fathers* by David Barton
33. *Restraining Judicial Activism* by David Barton
34. *The Second Amendment* by David Barton
35. *Separation of Church and State* by David Barton
36. *Chaplains of the American Revolution* by J.T. Headley

Biblical Worldview

1. *Liberating the Nations* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles
2. *Building Godly Nations* by Stephen McDowell
3. *Watchmen on the Walls* by Anderson, Beliles, and McDowell
4. *The Ten Commandments and Modern Society* by Stephen McDowell
5. *The Institutes of Biblical Law* by R.J. Rushdoony
6. *How Should We Then Live?* by Francis Schaeffer
7. *A Christian Manifesto* by Francis Schaeffer
8. *Biblical Solutions to Contemporary Problems: A Handbook* by Rus Walton
9. *The Hebrew Republic* by E.C. Wines
10. *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?* by D. James Kennedy
11. *God, Man, and the Law* by Herbert Titus
12. *Understanding the Times* by David Noebel
13. *In the Shadow of Plenty* by George Grant

14. *Equal Justice Under God's Law, Building Nations with the Blueprint of God's World* by Stephen McDowell
15. *Rendering to Caesar the Things That Are God's* by Stephen McDowell
16. *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem
17. *The Forest in the Seed* by Scott D. Allen and Darrow L. Miller
18. *Discipling Nations, The Power of Truth to Transform Cultures* by Darrow L. Miller
19. *Truth and Transformation, A Manifesto for Ailing Nations* by Vishal Mangalwadi
20. *Uncle Sam's Plantation, How Big Government Enslaves America's Poor and What We Can Do About It* by Star Parker
21. *The Book That Made America, How the Bible Formed Our Nation* by Jerry Newcombe
22. *How Now Shall We Live?* by Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey
23. *Modern Art and the Death of a Culture* by Hans Rookmaaker
24. *Art Needs No Justification* by H. R. Rookmaaker
25. *None of These Diseases* by S.I. McMillen
26. *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis
27. *What is a Family?* by Edith Schaeffer
28. Biblical Blueprint series, edited by Gary North
29. *Total Truth, Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity* by Nancy Pearcey
30. *The Battle for the Mind* by Tim Lahaye
31. *The Book That Made Your World* by Vishal Mangalwadi
32. *Greater Health God's Way* by Stormie Omartian
33. *By This Standard, The Authority of God's Law Today* by Greg L. Bahnsen
34. *Law and Liberty* by Rousas John Rushdoony

Primary Sources

1. *America's Providential History, A Documentary Sourcebook*, compiled by Stephen McDowell, published by the Providence Foundation
2. *Of Plimoth Plantation* by William Bradford
3. *A Defense of Liberty Against Tyrants (Vindiciae Contra Tyrannos)* by Junius Brutus
4. *Christopher Columbus' Book of Prophecies*, reproduction of the original manuscript with English translation by Kay Brigham
5. *Journal of First Voyage to America* by Christopher Columbus
6. Writings of Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Madison, and various Founders
7. *The Federalist* by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay
8. *Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress Held at Philadelphia September 5, 1774*
9. *Notes of Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787* by James Madison
10. *Annals of the American Revolution* by Jedidiah Morse

11. *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* by John Calvin
12. *American Archives* edited by Peter Force
13. *Political Sermons of the American Founding Era, 1730-1805*, Ellis Sandoz, ed., published by Liberty Fund
14. *Colonial Origins of the American Constitution, A Documentary History*, Donald S. Lutz, editor, published by Liberty Fund
15. *Lex Rex* by Samuel Rutherford
16. *A Selection of the Principal Voyages, Traffiques and Discoveries of the English Nation* by Richard Hakluyt
17. *The Spirit of Laws* by Baron De Montesquieu
18. *An American Dictionary of the English Language* by Noah Webster, first published in 1828, republished by Foundation for American Christian Education
19. *Democracy in America* by Alexis de Tocqueville
20. *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat
21. *Celebrate Liberty! Famous Patriotic Speeches of Sermons* compiled by David Barton
22. *Sources of Our Liberties*, Richard L Perry, editor
23. *The Exhaustive Concordance of the United States Constitution*, Dennis Bizzoco, Editor
24. *The New England Primer* (reprinted by WallBuilders)
25. *Advice to the Young* by Noah Webster (reprinted by WallBuilders)
26. *American Political Writings During the Founding Era, 1760-1805* by Charles S. Hyneman and Donald S. Lutz
27. *Letters of John Quincy Adams to His Son, on the Bible and Its Teachings*
28. *New Letters of Abigail Adams, 1788-1801*, edited by Stewart Mitchell
29. *Elementary Catechism on the Constitution of the United States* by Arthur J. Stansbury
30. *Tobacco, Corn, & Caviar, Jamestown Founding Documents* edited by Curtin Shaw Reinhardt
31. *Christianity as a Life-System* by Abraham Kuyper

General History

1. *History of the United States* by George Bancroft
2. *The Story of Liberty* by Charles Coffin (plus others in the series)
3. *History of the United States* by John Fiske
4. *The Rise of the Republic of the United States* by Richard Frothingham
5. *The Making of America* by Cleon Skousen
6. *History of the United States* by Noah Webster
7. *History of the United States, or Republic of America* by Emma Willard
8. *Universal History* by Katherine Dang
9. *The Celtic Church in Britain* by Leslie Hardinge
10. *The Rise of the Dutch Republic* by John L. Motley
11. Charles Rollin's *Ancient History*
12. *Modern Times* by Paul Johnson

13. *A History of the American People* by Paul Johnson
14. *The Forbidden Book* by Dr. Craig Lampe
15. *Undaunted Courage* — Meriwether Lewis, *Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West* by Stephen E. Ambrose
16. *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara
17. *History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century* by J.H. Merle D'Aubigne
18. *General History of the Christian Religion* by Augustus Neander
19. *1776* by David McCullough
12. *The Book of Abigail and John, Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784*, edited by L.H. Butterfield
13. *John Adams* by David McCullough
14. *Noah Webster, The Life and Times of an American Patriot* by Harlow Giles Unger
15. Biographies by Genevieve Foster (designed for students but enjoyed by adults)
16. *George Washington, The Character and Influence of One Man* by Verna Hall
17. *Pocahontas* by Grace Steele Woodward

Biographies

1. *Apostle of Liberty: the World-Changing Leadership of George Washington* by Stephen McDowell
2. *The Life of George Washington* by Jared Sparks
3. *The Life of William Penn* by Samuel M. Janney
4. *William Penn* by John W. Graham
5. *Penn* by Elizabeth Janet Gray
6. *The Life and Public Services of Samuel Adams* by William V. Wells
7. *Sketches of the Life and Character of Patrick Henry* by William Wirt
8. *Patrick Henry, Life, Correspondence and Speeches* by William Wirt Henry
9. *Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration of Independence* by David Barton
10. *The Making of George Washington* by William Wilbur
11. *God's Outlaw* (William Tyndale) by Brian Edwards
18. *Unshakable Faith, Booker T. Washington & George Washington Carver* by John Perry
19. *Hand of Providence, The Strong and Quiet Faith of Ronald Reagan* by Mary Beth Brown
20. *Cyrus Hall McCormick* by Herbert N. Casson
21. *Marcus Whitman and the Early Days of Oregon* by William A. Mowry
22. *How Marcus Whitman Saved Oregon* by Oliver W. Nixon
23. *George Washington Carver* by Rackham Holt
24. *The American Leonardo, A Life of Samuel F.B. Morse* by Carleton Mabee
25. *The Pathfinder of the Seas, The Life of Matthew Fontaine Maury* by John Wayland
26. *Matthew Fontaine Maury, The Pathfinder of the Seas* by Charles Lee Lewis

27. *An American Life*, Ronald Reagan, the Autobiography
28. *The Spirit of Churchill* by Deborah Brezina
29. *Samuel Adams, A Life* by Ira Stoll
30. *Kingdom Missionaries Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, The Founding of the Oregon Territory* by Stephen McDowell
31. *The Business Biography of John Wanamaker, Founder and Builder* by Joseph H. Appel
32. *John Wanamaker* by Herbert Adams Gibbons
33. *Master Surgeon, A Biography of Joseph Lister* by Laurence Farmer
34. *The Crusader, Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism* by Paul Kengor
35. *George Washington the Christian* by William J. Johnson
36. *Abraham Lincoln the Christian* by William J. Johnson
37. *Robert E. Lee the Christian* by William J. Johnson
38. *Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence* by B.J. Lossing (reprinted by WallBuilders)
39. *Wives of the Signers, The Women Behind the Declaration of Independence* by Harry Clinton Green and Mary Wolcott Green (reprinted by WallBuilders)
40. *Gail Borden, Dairyman to a Nation* by Joe B. Frantz
41. *Yankee Stargazer, The Life of Nathaniel Bowditch* by Robert Elton Berry
42. *The Diary of A Young Girl* by Anne Frank
43. *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom
44. *Witness* by Whittaker Chambers
45. *The Life of John Birch* by Robert H.W. Welch, Jr.
46. *Spurgeon, a New Biography* by Arnold Dallimore
47. *A Man Called Peter* by Catherine Marshall
48. *Rees Howell, Intercessor* by Norman Grubb
49. *Martin Luther* by Basil Miller
50. *John Wesley* by Basil Miller
51. *George Muller* by Basil Miller
52. *George Whitefield* by Arnold Dallimore
53. *God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew
54. *Here I Stand, a Life of Martin Luther* by Roland Bainton
55. Biographies of famous Christian leaders (Calvin, Knox, Luther, Bunyan, Edwards, Finney, Booth, Carey, Hudson Taylor, C.T. Studd, Livingstone, Moody, Graham, ...)
56. *Orators of the American Revolution* by E.L. Magoon
57. *Columbus and Cortez, Conquerors for Christ* by John Eidsmoe

Christian Education

1. *A Guide to American Christian Education* by James Rose
2. *Restoring America's Christian Education* by Stephen McDowell
3. *Teaching and Learning America's Christian History* by Rosalie Slater
4. Teaching syllabi and manuals by Foundation for American Christian Education

5. *The Education of James Madison, A Model for Today* by Mary-Elaine Swanson
6. *The Closing of the American Heart, What's Really Wrong with America's Schools* by Ronald Nash
7. *An American Dictionary of the English Language (1828)* by Noah Webster
8. *Why Johnny Can't Read* by Rudolf Flesch
9. *Censorship, Evidence of Bias in Our Children's Textbooks* by Paul C. Vitz
10. *A Family Program for Reading Aloud* by Rosalie June Slater
11. *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease
12. *Honey for a Child's Heart* by Gladys Hunt
13. *The Closing of the American Mind* by Allan Bloom
14. *Is Public Education Necessary?* By Samuel L. Blumenfeld
15. *The Big Book of Home Learning* by Mary Pride
16. *What the Bible Says About Child Training* by J. Richard Fugate
4. *Economics: Principles and Policy from a Christian Perspective* by Tom Rose
5. *Honest Money* by Gary North
6. *Inherit the Earth, Biblical Principles of Economics* by Gary North
7. *Almighty and Sons, Doing Business God's Way* by Dennis Peacock
8. *Transforming Medicine and Business with Biblical Principles, Examples of Joseph Lister and John Wanamaker* by Stephen McDowell
9. *Whatever Happened to Penny Candy?* By Richard J. Maybury
10. *Common Sense Economics, What Everyone Should Know about Wealth and Prosperity* by James Gwartney, Richard L. Stroup, and Dwight R. Lee
11. *God and Government, Vol. 2, Issues in Biblical Perspective* by Gary DeMar
12. *Business as Mission* by Michael Baer
13. *The 9 to 5 Window* by Os Hillman
14. *Biblical Principles for Starting and Operating a Business* by Patrice Tsague
15. *God is at Work* by Ken Eldred
16. *The Church in the Workplace* by C. Peter Wagner
17. *God at Work (I & II)* by Rich Marshall
18. *Marketplace Miracles* by Rick Heeren
19. *Beyond Babel* by Gerald Chester
20. *Why America Doesn't Work, How the Decline of the Work Ethic Is Hurting Your Family and Future*

Economics, Business, and the Marketplace

1. *The Economy from a Biblical Perspective* by Stephen McDowell
2. *Honest Money and Banking* by Stephen McDowell
3. "Christian Economics" by Charles Wolfe in *A Guide to American Christian Education*, Jim Rose, editor.

- *and What You Can Do* by
Chuck Colson and Jack Eckherd,
21. *Economics in One Lesson* by
Henry Hazlitt
 22. *Capitalism and Freedom* by Mil-
ton Freedman
 23. *Free Market Economics, A Sylla-
bus* by Bettina B. Greaves
 24. *Free Market Economics, A Basic
Reader* by Bettina B. Greaves
 25. *The Road to Serfdom* by F. A.
Hayek

Top 50 Recommended Books

I have been asked what I consider to be the top books to equip people in a Biblical worldview in order to enable them to most effectively disciple the nations, to impact society with Biblical truth. Following are 50 books I have chosen. There certainly are many others that could be on this list, some of which I am sure I will add in the future as I become aware of them. But these will go a long way in preparing God's people to be watchmen on the walls and to know how to bring God's kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. Please note that I am assuming the Christian is already grounded in the fundamentals of the faith and understands the basic doctrines necessary to to be a mature believer; thus, I have listed only a few books dealing with the personal nature of the Christian faith.

You will notice that many books on the list are those published by the

Providence Foundation. I list these books because we culled deep truths from many excellent primary sources and reduced them to be most easily understood. Thus, examining the bibliographies of our books will give you many other sources to study.

I have also included numerous biographies of influential Christian people. The best way to learn history, and hence of God's plan and purpose for man, is by studying men that God has prepared and used to advance His Kingdom in the earth.

1. *America's Providential History* by
Mark Beliles and Stephen
McDowell
2. *Systematic Theology* by Wayne
Grudem
3. *The Institutes of Biblical Law* Vol.
1 by R.J. Rushdoony
4. *The Story of Liberty* by Charles
Coffin
5. *The Knowledge of the Holy* by
A.W. Tozer
6. *God's Outlaw* (William Tyndale)
by Brian Edwards
7. *An American Dictionary of the
English Language* by Noah Web-
ster (1828)
8. *Apostle of Liberty: the
World-Changing Leadership of
George Washington* by Stephen
McDowell
9. *Hand of Providence, The Strong
and Quiet Faith of Ronald Reagan*
by Mary Beth Brown
10. Booklets by Stephen McDowell
that introduce various topics of
Biblical transformation: *The Ten*

- Commandments and Modern Society; America, A Christian Nation? Examining the Evidence of the Christian Foundation of America; Rendering to Caesar the Things That Are God's; Equal Justice Under God's Law; Kingdom Missionaries Marcus and Narcissa Whitman; Transforming Medicine and Business with Biblical Principles*
11. *Liberating the Nations* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles
 12. *Building Godly Nations* by Stephen McDowell
 13. *How Should We Then Live?* by Francis Schaeffer
 14. *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?* by D. James Kennedy
 15. *The Light and the Glory* by Peter Marshall and David Manuel
 16. *None of These Diseases* by S.I. McMillen
 17. *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
 18. *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat
 19. *The Hebrew Republic* by E. C. Wines
 20. *William Penn* by John W. Graham
 21. *The Making of George Washington* by William Wilbur
 22. *Samuel Adams, A Life* by Ira Stoll
 23. *A Read Aloud Program* by Rosalie Slater
 24. *The Closing of the American Heart* by Ronald Nash
 25. *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
 26. *Fair Sunshine* by Jock Pervis
 27. *America's Providential History, A Documentary Sourcebook* edited by Stephen McDowell
 28. *The Christian History of the Constitution of the United States of America, Christian Self-Government* compiled by Verna M. Hall
 29. *Understanding the Times* by David A. Noebel
 30. *The American Dream* by Stephen McDowell and Mark Beliles
 31. *Original Intent* by David Barton
 32. *The Economy from a Biblical Perspective* by Stephen McDowell
 33. *Almighty and Sons, Doing Business God's Way* by Dennis Peacock
 34. *Biblical Blueprint Series*, General Editor Gary North
 35. *Biblical Solutions to Contemporary Problems: A Handbook* by Rus Walton
 36. *The Making of America* by Cleon Skousen
 37. *The Book That Made Your World* by Vishal Mangalwadi
 38. *Up From Slavery* by George Washington Carver
 39. *The Second American Revolution* by John Whitehead
 40. *John Adams* by David McCullough
 41. *Noah Webster, The Life and Times of an American Patriot* by Harlow Giles Unger
 42. *Setting the Record Straight: American History in Black and White* by David Barton
 43. *Matthew Fontaine Maury, the Pathfinder of the Seas* by Stephen McDowell
 44. *The Celtic Church in Britain* by Leslie Hardinge

45. *The Forest in the Seed* by Scott D. Allen and Darrow L. Miller
46. *Cyrus Hall McCormick* by Herbert N. Casson
47. *By This Standard, The Authority of God's Law Today* by Greg L. Bahnsen
48. Foxe's Book of Martyrs
49. *Inherit the Earth, Biblical Principles of Economics* by Gary North
50. *The Crusader, Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism* by Paul Kengor

Movies

The books listed above are for the purpose of equipping in a Biblical worldview. Many of the following films do the same thing, although in a less direct manner (many are like good literature books as opposed to teaching books; for direct Biblical worldview teaching see the Providence Foundation Biblical Worldview University classes). While many of these movies directly deal with Biblical themes and principles, most of them are simply good, wholesome movies that are for enjoyment.

In the movies that present Biblical principles, you can use them for a place of discussion or instruction. For example, *Sergeant York* (my favorite movie), deals with the concept of the propriety of Christians fighting in war and killing other humans. This idea, along with just war theory, could be explored after watching the movie.

While many of these films are not overtly Christian, they will still produce in a society the qualities that good literature produces: love of family, love of God, love of learning, love of liberty, love of truth, and love of virtue and godliness. They also remind us that the art, music, and literature of a nation not only reflect the culture that produced them but will help shape the future of the nation.

(Please note that while most of these films are suitable for all ages, the themes of some are adult level.)

Historical / Biographical

Sergeant York
The Miracle Worker
San Francisco
Chariots of Fire
Johnny Tremain
Unconquered
Young Abe Lincoln
Big Sky
Seminole
Edison the Man
Madam Curie
Braveheart
The Story of Louis Pasteur
Young Thomas Edison
The Story of Alexander Graham Bell
The Glenn Miller Story
The President's Lady
Patriot
Schindler's List
Amistad
Defiance
Shenandoah
Santa Fe Trail
Northwest Passage
The Spirit of St. Louis
Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet
Henry V

Harry Houdini
 The Alamo
 Stars and Stripes Forever
 A Night to Remember
 The Stratton Story

Drama / Life Lessons

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington
 It's a Wonderful Life
 The Devil and Daniel Webster
 You Can't Take It With You
 To Kill a Mockingbird
 Goodbye Mr. Chips
 It Happened One Night
 How Green Was My Valley
 So Big
 Soul Surfer
 Facing the Giants
 The Blind Side
 Mr. Holland's Opus
 Les Miserables
 Life is Beautiful
 The Pianist
 A Christmas Carol
 The Big Country
 Gentlemen's Agreement
 I Remember Mama
 Life with Father
 Invictus
 Mrs. Miniver
 The Farmer's Daughter
 Shop Around the Corner
 Four Daughters
 The Scarlet Pimpernel
 Roman Holiday
 Random Harvest

Musicals

Sound of Music
 Oklahoma
 Singing in the Rain
 Calamity Jane
 The Wizard of Oz
 Yankee Doodle Dandy
 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
 Mary Poppins

Show Boat
 Kiss Me, Kate
 The King and I

Family

Old Yeller
 Boys Town
 Treasure Island
 Heidi
 Follow Me Boys
 Anne of Green Gables
 Room for One More
 National Velvet
 Emma
 March of the Penguins
 Where the Red Fern Grows
 Little House on the Praire
 Lassie Come Home
 Meet Me in St. Louis
 The Princess Bride
 Homeward Bound
 Paulie
 The Kid
 Secondhand Lions
 Cheaper by the Dozen
 Friendly Persuasion
 Tarzan's New York Adventure
 Swiss Family Robinson

Spiritual

The Hiding Place
 A Man Called Peter
 Ben Hur
 The Robe
 Fireproof
 The Passion of the Christ
 The Ten Commandments
 Luther
 Amazing Grace
 The Nativity
 One Night with the King
 The Mission
 Lilies of the Field
 The Keys of the Kingdom
 Angel on My Shoulder
 The Cross and the Switchblade

Adventure/Epic/Suspense

Capt. Horatio Hornblower
 Ivanhoe
 Gunga Din
 Chronicles of Narnia
 The Lord of the Rings
 The Man in the Iron Mask
 The Three Musketeers
 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)
 The Right Stuff
 Gone With the Wind
 Apollo 13
 Spartacus
 Last of the Mohicans
 Gladiator
 The Man from Snowy River
 A Man for All Seasons
 Casablanca
 Mark of Zorro
 Journey to the Center of the Earth
 Call Northside 777
 North by Northwest
 Blackbeard's Ghost
 Davy Crockett
 Count of Monte Cristo
 Scaramouche
 Khartoum
 The Maltese Falcon
 The Invisible Man
 Mutiny on the Bounty
 The Prince and the Pauper

War Movies

Bridge on the River Kwai
 Back to Bataan
 Where Eagles Dare
 To Hell and Back
 The Great Raid
 To End All Wars
 Guns of Navarone
 Stalag 17
 Patton
 Saving Private Ryan
 Glory
 We Were Soldiers

Dam Busters

Comedies

A Southern Yankee
 Nothing But the Truth
 Paleface
 Son of Paleface
 Father Goose

Westerns

The Magnificent Seven
 The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance
 Shane
 Hondo
 Destry Rides Again
 Stagecoach
 High Noon
 Fort Apache
 Red River
 The Searchers
 She Wore a Yellow Ribbon
 The Far Country

Sports

Knute Rockne
 The Pride of the Yankees
 Rudy
 Remember the Titans
 Seabiscuit
 Secretariat
 We Are Marshall

Animated

Wall-E
 Charlotte's Web
 Up
 The Incredibles
 Ice Age
 Toy Story (1,2,3)
 Finding Nemo
 Pinocchio
 The Lion King
 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
 Monsters Inc.
 The Sword in the Stone