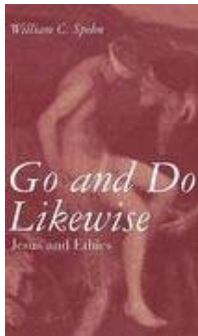


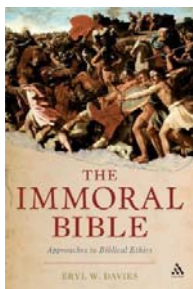
Westcott Book Suggestions



Go and Do Likewise: Jesus and Ethics, William C. Spohn

William Spohn was an American Roman Catholic moral theologian. In this book he addressed the intersection of scripture, ethics and spirituality. It is a helpful way into an examination of the relationship between our ethical vision and our spiritual lives. It also offers an extremely helpful model for relating scripture to contemporary ethics through what Spohn calls 'analogical imagination'. This book will benefit those wanting to brush up on Christian Ethics (particularly from the virtue ethics tradition), to those considering how to relate scripture and ethics, and to any who seek deeper integration between their spirituality and other aspects of their Christian lives.

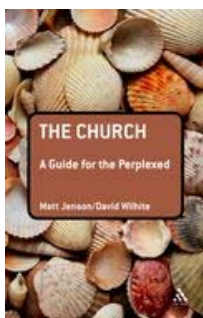
Beth Phillips, Tutor in Theology and Ethics



The Immoral Bible: Approaches to Biblical Ethics, Eryl Wynn Davies

This lucid and thoughtful study examines a number of different strategies that biblical scholars have used to understand (or at time explain away) those 'aspects of the Hebrew Bible that are likely to offend the sensibilities of the contemporary reader'. It is helpfully focused on the gruesome stories of Israel's 'holy war' in Joshua 6-11. The book goes beyond a mere survey of academic trends by virtue of Davies' strong advocacy of a 'reader response' approach which encourages readers to take a critical or resistant stance toward the texts, and to cultivate a conversation with Scripture through which we not only challenge the Bible but allow it to challenge and change us.

Andrew Mein, Tutor in Old Testament



Five books on Ecclesiology

I recommend some excellent recent books on ecclesiology. They are from Protestant perspective but are amenable to Christians of all traditions. James K. A. Smith's *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview and Cultural Formation* (Baker Academic, 2009) is the first of a series of books he is writing on culture. It casts the Christian life as an education in desire, and sees the church as the community where this happens, particularly through the liturgy. *The Church: A Guide for the Perplexed* (T&T Clark, 2010) comes from two more Americans, Matt Jenson and David Wilhite. It is wonderfully theological, enthusiastic and honest. Also by two Americans is Kevin DeYoung and Ted Kluck's *Why We Love the Church:*

In Praise of Institutions and Organised Religion (Moody Publishers, 2009). Although all of the books listed here are accessible, this is the only one I would call 'popular' rather than 'academic'. It is the last book you might have expected from two young evangelicals from a university town in Michigan. Their previous book was called *Why We Are Not Emergent (By Two Guys Who Should Be)*, which probably tells you all you need to know. My final suggestion is *Holding Together: Gospel, Church and Spirit* (Canterbury Press, 2008) from the Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth. It covers a great deal of doctrinal ground, including a chapter on the Blessed Virgin Mary, gathered round a gently ecclesiological focus.

Andrew Davison, Tutor in Doctrine