# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS BY CATEGORY DOUGLAS JACOBY, 12 NOVEMBER 2019

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**Biblical Languages & Translation** 

**Christian Students** 

Newly converted All disciples Mature believers High School students Campus Leaders

**Church History and Doctrine** 

Early Christianity Protestantism

**Restoration Movement** 

Counseling & Psychology

**Evidences** 

Creation & Evolution
Debate Series

**Helpful Websites for Christian Evidences** 

Leadership / Church Building

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**Websites for Parents and Teachers** 

**Preaching & Teaching** 

**Publishing a Book** 

Religion and Culture in the Broader Biblical World

**Spiritual Life** 

**Evangelism** 

Wealth, Possessions, & Poverty

Theology

**Baptism** 

Holy Spirit / Miracles Pacifism / Non-resistance

World Religions / Worldviews

Worship

Miscellaneous

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The Killer Within: An African Look at Disease, Sin and Keeping Yourself Saved, by Mike Taliaferro. To be reprinted by 2017.

The Lion Never Sleeps: Preparing Those You Love for Satan's Attacks, by Mike Taliaferro

A Quick Overview of the Bible: How All the Pieces Fit Together, by Douglas Jacoby

# For all disciples

Caring Beyond the Margins: What Every Christian Needs to Know About Homosexuality, by Guy Hammond

The Disciplined Life: The Mark of Christian Maturity, by Richard S. Taylor

Getting the Most from the Bible: A Guide to In-Depth Study, by G. Steve Kinnard

How to Read a Book: The Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading, by Mortimer J. Adler and Charles Van Dorn

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The Lion Handbook to the Bible

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Strong in the Grace: Reclaiming the Heart of the Gospel, by Thomas A. Jones

Will the Real Heretics Please Stand Up: A New Look at Today's Evangelical Church in the Light of Early Christianity, by David W. Bercot

Your Bible Questions Answered, by Douglas Jacoby

# For mature believers

Compelling Evidence, by Douglas Jacoby

The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas à Kempis

The Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan

Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life, by William Law

# High school students

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Making the Most of College: Students Speak Their Minds, by Richard J. Light

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Website of the American Association of Christian Counselors. Applications of biblical counseling principles to family relationships.

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While you and I may not agree with everything James Dobson teaches, most of our readers will agree with most of it. His website is the official site of Focus on the Family.

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