

Apprentice Reading List



Reading is an important discipline in Christian living and a wonderful means of grace. We suggest that you aim as much as possible to read a book every month. We will require you **at the very least to pick one book and one article in each of the 5 main categories**. If possible read from each of the subcategories. The point of reading is engagement, reflection and formation. To help with this you will want to do at least one of the following:

- Read the book or article as a Life Group, discussing in person (ideally) or online (Facebook, Google groups etc).
- Write a brief (200-800 word) [review](#) (Did you agree/disagree? What was helpful/unhelpful?) and submit to the office (we may well publish your review on the blog).
- Where possible, put the content into practice – in preparing a sermon, leading an activity, evangelism etc. – and share how the things you learnt made a difference.

	Category	Subcategory	Books	Articles and blogs online	
1.	Servant Leadership		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marks of a Spiritual Leader – John Piper • Calling Christian Leaders – John Stott (IVP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gospel-Centred Leadership – Steve Timmis • The Christian Ministry – Charles Bridges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Productivity and Leadership – Matt Perman • Shaping and sustaining servant leaders – Michael Allen
2.	Faithful Bible Teaching	Reading the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dig Deeper – Beynon & Sachs • How to read the Bible for all its worth - Gordon Fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God’s Big Picture – V Roberts • According to Plan – G. Goldsworthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical Theologian - Thabiti Anyabwile • Three reasons why you don’t read your Bible – Daniel Hames
		Preaching the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preaching the whole Bible – Graeme Goldsworthy (IVP) • Prepared to Preach – Greg Scharf • Expository Preaching – David Helm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Supremacy of God in Preaching – John Piper • When God’s Voice is Heard – Stott, Packer et al 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proclamation Trust • Simeon Trust • Gospel Coalition • Biblical Preaching
3.	Gospel	Doctrine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cross of Christ – John Stott • The Good God – Mike Reeves • Finally Alive – J Piper (free download) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concise Theology – J I Packer • Authentic Christianity – J Stott • The Pleasures of God – J Piper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The very practical doctrine of total depravity – David Starling
		Christian life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing God – J I Packer • Radical Discipleship – John Stott • Killjoys – Marshall Segal • Holiness – JC Ryle (free download) • Celebration of Discipline – R Foster • Future Grace – J Piper • Crazy Busy – K DeYoung 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hole in Our Holiness - DeYoung • Ordering your private world – Gordon MacDonald • Gospel-Centred Life – Steve Timmis • Spiritual Disciplines – Adele Calhoun • Time for everything – Matt Fuller • What’s Best Next – Matt Perman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Spirit is Willing, the Flesh is Weak – G Scrivener • Contentment – Dave Bish • God Sanctifies His People - Piper

		Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married for God – Christopher Ash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Momentary Marriage – John Piper (free download) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 things young singles in romantic relationships ought to know – Jared Wilson
		Gospel Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Priority of Preaching – C Ash • Hearing the Spirit – C Ash • One-to-One – Sophie Peace • The Christian Ministry – Charles Bridges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brothers we are not professionals – John Piper • Total Church – Chester & Timmis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centrality of the Gospel – T Keller • One-to-one ministry – Tony Payne
		Contemporary Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical Christianity in Modern Africa / Biblical Christianity in African Perspective - W O'Donovan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evangelical Ethics (3rd Ed)- JJ Davis • Captured by a better vision - Timmis • Issues facing Christians today - Stott 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to the Prosperity Gospel – Femi Adeleye • Porn Scars – G & E Scrivener
4.	Partnership		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Support Raising – teamexpansion.org (online) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding the Family Business – Stewardship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 reasons why you need to set appointments – People Raising • Ten elements to include in every prayer letter – prayerletters.com • Problems with 'the call' – P Miles
5.	Mission	World Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How To Be A World-Class Christian - Paul Borthwick 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let the nations be glad – John Piper • Don't Waste Your Life – John Piper (free download) • The Blessing – USCWM (free download) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission in the 21st Century – David Williams • Travelling Team - various
		Prayer & Revival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Spiritual Reformation – Don Carson • Prayer & the Voice of God – Jensen & Payne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy your prayer life – M Reeves • Our Father – Richard Coekin • Too busy not to pray – Bill Hybels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calvin on Prayer
		Apprenticeship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers in the harvest Field – 9:38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing the Baton – Colin Marshall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry apprentices – Col Marshall
		Church History / Biography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festo Kivengere – Anne Coomes • Christian Leaders of the 18th century – JC Ryle (free download) • Breeze of the Centuries / On Giant's Shoulders / Unquenchable Flame – Michael Reeves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of the Black Shadows – Anne Coomes & Stephen Lungu • Light Force / Secret Believers – Brother Andrew • John G Paton – John Piper (or original autobiography John G Paton) – both free downloads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brothers, Read Christian Biography – John Piper

Where to get the books: [ISA Library \(Librarika\)](#), [iServe Africa Bookstore](#), FOCUS Bookstall, Christian bookshops (e.g. Wakestar, Enjoy, Keswick, SU, Biblica, [CLC](#), [CLiK](#), [ACTS](#)), your placement/supervisor's library, local theological college libraries, or online (follow links above). If you are reading as a Life Group you could photocopy a chapter you want to focus on.

Where to get articles: If you have internet access then follow the links. If this is very difficult, ask the office to print them out for you to collect.