



## Annotated Reviews

**ADDINGTON, THOMAS, & STEPHEN GRAVES, BUSINESS CONSULTANTS ■**  
*The Cornerstones for Life at Work*, Cornerstone Alliance, 1997. *Four books, each 60 pages.*

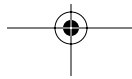
It is disheartening that this boxed set applies only to men. (Most women work—including Christian women.) Aside from this irritation the books do a basic job of helping men invite God into their working lives. Dealing with calling, serving, skill and character in turn, each book serves as a workbook/devotional/meditation. While the books are not in-depth, they would be appropriate as a jumping-off point for a Promise Keepers-type Bible study or group.

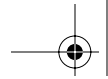
**ALDERSON, WAYNE T., & NANCY ALDERSON MCDONNELL,**  
SEMINAR LEADERS ■ *Theory R Management: How to Utilize Value of the Person—Leadership Principles of Love, Dignity and Respect*. Thomas Nelson, 1994.  
*239 pages, hard.*

Alderson is experienced in applying biblical relational principles of reconciliation to management-labor challenges and conflicts. As the manager of the failing Pitron Steel Foundry, he turned it around only to be “outplaced” when the company was bought out. That opened the door to his new career as a peacemaker in businesses. Here he tells about the process, its foundations and some of the challenges that can be expected. He has found a way to treat workers and managers in light of the image of God they bear. This is an excellent model for applying core Christian principles in the marketplace without preaching or proselytizing.

**ALLAN, TOM, RECTOR ■** *The Face of My Parish*. Loudoun, 1984. *117 pages.*

Allan tells the story of his parish church moving from an irrelevant institution to an active congregation. He honestly relates the struggles and conflicts that he and his





church went through. His chapter “The Place of the Layman” is particularly helpful in showing the challenges that arise with lay involvement.

**ALLEGRETTI, JOSEPH G., PROFESSOR** ■ *The Lawyer's Calling: Christian Faith and Legal Practice*. Paulist, 1996. 141 pages.

This excellent, insightful book is based on philosophical and theological principles that can be easily transferred to other professions. Allegretti analyzes Niebuhr's *Christ and Culture*, transferring Niebuhr's categories to individuals who have attempted to integrate faith and work. His insights into professionalism and the concept of covenant is not just for lawyers but anyone interested in grappling with the integration of faith and work.

**ALLEN, ROLAND, MISSIONARY** ■ *The Case for Voluntary Clergy*. Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1930. 275 pages.

Although Allen's comments are directed toward the Church of England, his criticisms can be applied to any tradition. His basic argument is that the qualifications required for ministry today are not those used by the apostles. Allen contends that if we want to see expansion of the church, then the clergy should earn their own livelihood in secular employment.

*Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?* 1912. Reprint, Eerdmans, 1962. 231 pages.

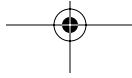
Allen calls us to reexamine our missionary methods in light of Paul's methods. He notes the many differences between New Testament and present missionary methods—the goal of establishing self-supporting and self-governing churches, laying down simple but strong theological foundations, and an emphasis on being led by the Spirit rather than the enforcement of moral law.

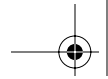
*The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church*. Eerdmans, 1962. 157 pages.

Drawing on his experience of missionary work in China, Allen argues for a change in missionary strategy so that spontaneous expansion of the church can take place. Such expansion occurs not under the foreign control of missionaries but from national Christians spontaneously sharing with others what they themselves have found.

**ANDERSON, JAMES D., & ELSA A. PORTER, PRIEST; WRITER** ■ *The Project on Moral Character and Development at Work*. Cathedral College of the Laity, 1989. 17 pages.

This booklet reports the findings of a project sponsored by the Cathedral College of the Laity, whose basic mission is “to ask and answer practical questions





concerning the integration of religion and public life.” The year-long project involved seventeen executives who addressed the following questions: What is the impact of the marketplace today on the development of moral character? What policies and practices bring out the best in people? What brings out the worst? What can leaders do to design organizations that bring out the best in people morally, socially and economically? Though brief, their conclusions are interesting. An important model for faith-work research.

**ANDERSON, JAMES D., & EZRA E. JONES, CHURCH MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS** ■ *Ministry of the Laity*. Harper & Row, 1986. 224 pages.

The authors assert that real lay ministry springs from strong, moral character developed not just through church activities but also through everyday life. “This book aims to help laypeople see themselves as subjects who can act in ministry, not as objects who are ministered to. It explores practical exercise of faith in the settings of family, neighborhood, church, work, and society” (dustcover flap). An insightful perspective needed by clergy.

**ANDERSON, RAY S., PROFESSOR** ■ *Minding God's Business*. Eerdmans, 1986. 143 pages.

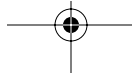
“This volume presents ‘a biblical and theological basis for understanding the unique characteristics of Christian organizations and what it means to manage such organizations in a Christian way.’ Included are parachurch organizations as well as congregations. Anderson explores the theological basis for such organizations, starting with an analysis of God’s work in this world, moving through a discussion of management methods towards an appraisal of what it means to be a Christian leader” (introduction).

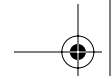
*On Being Human: Essays in Theological Anthropology*. Eerdmans, 1982. 226 pages.

Inspired by Barth’s remark that “theology has become anthropology since God became man,” Anderson defines what it means to be human. Not merely philosophical, the book builds a foundation for contemporary issues facing the church (e.g., marriage and family, abortion) and brings fresh light to the pastoral ministry.

**ARMBRUSTER, WALLY, ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE** ■ *Let Me Out! I'm a Prisoner in a Stained Glass Jail*. Multnomah Press, 1985. 126 pages.

Armbruster, a forty-four-year veteran of one of the world’s largest advertising agencies, creatively imagines what God might say if he took the pulpit next Sunday. Fully illustrated, the book is designed to be read in an hour. It poses a highly provocative and honest challenge to religious conventions and platitudes that fail to





touch our workaday lives. An original and helpful articulation of marketplace concerns.

**ARMSTRONG, KAREN, WRITER** ■ *The Gospel According to Woman: Christianity's Creation of the Sex War in the West*. Doubleday, 1986. 366 pages.

This is a historical survey of Western women's mixed experience in the male-dominated spiritual and secular cultures. Feminist Armstrong avoids none of the church's failures toward women, but she does not abandon her faith. She confronts and details painful subjects like sexual abuse, martyrdom, witchcraft trials, marginalized and subjugated womanhood.

**ASH, MARY KAY, BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR** ■ *Mary Kay: The Success Story of America's Most Dynamic Businesswoman*. Harper & Row, 1987. 200 pages.

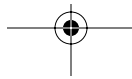
Ash begins by admitting that work was her life. She feared retirement. The book is her retirement review of the "beauty consultants" company she founded. She recounts taking her company public and twenty years later taking it private again in order to focus on the golden rule and open opportunities for women to own their own business units. Ash is a very quotable cheerleader for a cultural rather than a distinctly biblical Christian way of life and work. The book is a warm and personal tale with interesting vignettes from her family and work life. She engages the prevalent sexism and male bias in the business world, but does not offer much on faith implications for work.

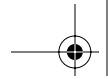
**ASHCROFT, JOHN, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL** ■ *Lessons from a Father to His Son*. Thomas Nelson, 1998. 222 pages.

Ashcroft writes in a winsome style with instructive anecdotes, touching memories and very wise insights. It includes refreshing perspectives on the dangers of fame and power, and the rampant sickness of racism. There are many quotable principles for life, relationships, parenting and following Christ. For example, "In my father's view—and I think he was right in this—the factory floor in Detroit can be holy ground; the stock market exchange on Wall Street can be holy ground; the local elementary school; the fire hall; the Elks Lodge; even the chew-'em-up-and-spit-'em-out halls of Washington, DC" (p. 208). Recommended for parents, leaders and pastors.

**AUER, ALFONS, PROFESSOR** ■ *Open to the World: An Analysis of Lay Spirituality*. Trans. Dennis Doherty and Carmel Callaghan. Helicon, 1966. 337 pages.

Auer has written one of the few books on lay spirituality appropriate for a secular milieu. He writes: "Our chief concern is to show that man and the world are intelli-





gible not in themselves but only insofar as they are seen to be intimately bound up with the mysteries of creation and salvation.” He begins with a historical review of lay spirituality, followed by a theological basis for a lay spirituality today. Auer concludes with practical applications for technology, marriage and politics.

**AYLWARD, GLADYS, WITH CHRISTINE HUNTER, MISSIONARY ENTREPRENEUR** ■ *Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman*. Moody Press, 1974. 153 pages.

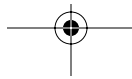
This is a moving tale of faith. Aylward was rejected as a missionary candidate, became a maid, saved scrupulously, and then paid her own way from England to China. She and another female Christian expatriate managed an inn as a place of Christian hospitality and witness for mule drivers. Aylward became a Chinese citizen and adopted Chinese customs. She was contracted by the government to unbind the feet of Chinese women when that practice was prohibited. When she returned to England, she was deeply concerned about its worship of celebrities rather than God. Sadly, Aylward has been perceived as a professional missionary when she really is a crosscultural entrepreneur.

**AYRES, FRANCIS O.** ■ *The Ministry of the Laity: A Biblical Exposition*. Westminster Press, 1962. 136 pages.

Along with Hendrick Kraemer's *A Theology of the Laity* (see reviews), this book has served as a foundation for much of the discussion on the laity. Ayres argues that ministry is the responsibility of every Christian. He even defines maturity in terms of fulfilling one's ministry. The first half of the book discusses the calling, freedom, commission and gifting of the minister; the second half outlines how ministry can be fulfilled by every Christian.

**BADCOCK, GARY D., THEOLOGIAN** ■ *The Way of Life*. Eerdmans, 1998. 147 pages.

Gary Badcock is concerned with the theological underpinnings of the Christian idea of vocation. He makes it quite clear that for God there is no real distinction between work, ministry and daily life. The book is a refreshing change from the usual how-to marketplace book, digging deeper into the foundation on which such practical books ought to be based. Badcock introduces concepts from Karl Barth (see review) and Hans Urs von Balthasar (see review) and then draws a conclusion that follows Jesus' own: what is required is to love God and your neighbor as yourself.





**BAKER, JAMES, PROFESSOR** ■ *Brooks Hays*. Mercer University Press, 1989. 218 pages.

Hays, a lawyer and congressman from Arkansas, viewed his career in government as his parish. With refreshing candor, he discusses the hard things in his life. Hays also served as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1950s-1960s. Unlike many others of that time, his faith was not compartmentalized. As early as 1918 he was trying to get his college peers to engage “the Negro question of the South.” The author does a good job weaving together family, politics, government and faith.

**BAKKE, RAY, URBANOLOGIST, PROFESSOR** ■ *A Theology As Big as the City*. InterVarsity Press, 1997. 221 pages.

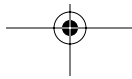
While urban dwellers grew from 8 to 50 percent of the world’s population during the twentieth century, the white Christian church fled to the suburbs. Christians ready to reenter the urban world will find the story of Bakke’s own journey and thirty-year urban ministry enlightening. Bakke guides us through the Old and New Testaments, introducing us to Brother Moses, Sister Ruth and other biblical urban leaders. An international urban expert, Bakke says, the Bible is a “map God used to get me into the city.” He ends with a chapter on the first-to-twentieth-century saints who etched “the soul of the city.”

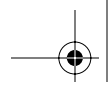
**BAKKE, RAY, WITH JIM HART, PROFESSOR** ■ *The Urban Christian*. InterVarsity Press, 1987. 198 pages.

The author makes a fresh call for Christian response to the cries of the city. Bakke’s groundbreaking sense of mission is born of twenty years of life and work in Chicago. He tells stories of people’s life experiences in the city and describes his own struggle to be faithful in that setting. This book is a valuable resource to those working, living or rearing a family in the city, and for those interested in learning how to view urban life in the light of the Scriptures.

**BALDA, WESLEY D., EDITOR, POLICEMAN, RESEARCHER, WRITER** ■ *Heirs of the Same Promise*. Mission Advanced Research and Communication, 1984. 109 pages.

This book is an excellent resource for beginning a study of ethnic evangelism in America. The first third of the book uses Acts as a Bible study guide to ethnic outreach. The last two-thirds contains readings in ethnic evangelism, including chapters on work with Hispanic, Native American, Jewish, Chinese American and South Asian people. It also includes two readings on urban evangelism.





**BALDWIN, STANLEY C., WRITER** ■ *Take This Job & Love It*. InterVarsity Press, 1988. 144 pages.

Baldwin encourages Christians to seek renewal in a wide range of work-related areas, suggesting that even cleaning floors can bring God glory. He gives biblical and practical advice on getting along with the boss, making a boring job interesting and overcoming work-related stress. Other chapters address problems of moral compromise and the challenge of changing careers. Discussion questions follow each chapter.

**BANKS, ROBERT, J., LAY ADVOCATE, PROFESSOR** ■ *All the Business of Life: Bringing Theology Down to Earth*. Albatross, 1987. 176 pages.

Banks practices what he preaches in this book on lay theology. Telling stories and experiences that have shaped his own thinking, he encourages readers to think for themselves and to develop a biblical theology that integrates their vocation with other areas of life. As a clergyman Banks learned through his own mistakes that unless the church serves the everyday needs of the ordinary Christian, it remains aloof from its own members and inhibits their growth.

*Faith Goes to Work: Reflections from the Marketplace*. Alban Institute, 1993. 189 pages.

Fourteen authors reflect on how they minister to God, God's people and the world through their occupations. The profiles include "A Business Owner's Mission: Working as a Christian in a Car Sales Firm," "The Teacher as Revealer and Role Model: Education as a Reflection of the Incarnation," and "High-Technology Work and the New Creation: Dealing with Intangibles, Ambiguities, and Consequences." This is a great addition to the marketplace movement because it presents real people in real situations.

*God the Worker: Journeys into the Mind, Heart and Imagination of God*. Judson Press, 1994. 292 pages.

As the church gropes for new wineskins amid a culture that is exploring all kinds of spirituality, Banks helpfully explores the images that God offers of himself: composer and performer, metalworker and potter, garment maker and dresser, gardener and orchardist, farmer and winemaker, shepherd and pastoralist, tentmaker and camper, and builder and architect. Knowing God in his work leads us to discover how we were designed and what we can become—fellow workers with God. This is very helpful for pastoring congregations who struggle with workplace identity, ethics and witness.





*Redeeming the Routines: Bringing Theology to Life.* Victor, 1993. 196 pages.

Banks, in his very readable style, addresses the priority of and need for a theology that relates the practical and mundane to God and his purposes. But don't expect this book to give easy "answers" on specific subjects of daily living. Instead, Banks defines what a theology of everyday life would look like and how it could be developed in community. Two appendixes are also very helpful. The first appendix is a brief overview of lay theological education since 1945, and the second lists currently available resources for lay theological education.

*Theology Of, By and For the People.* Fuller Theological Seminary, 1989. 14 pages.

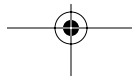
Banks asserts from the start that "the people of God" must be the "main reference point" for biblical interpretation and exposition. The Bible is essentially a people's book and not merely a book for religious professionals or learned scholars. Therefore, the church's applications of God's Word to everyday life, its efforts to educate and its communal agenda must be decided or made with the help of the layperson. The goal is not to usurp the pastor's role, but rather the pastor's role should be to serve and assist the layperson.

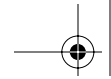
*The Tyranny of Time: When 24 Hours Is Not Enough.* InterVarsity Press, 1985. 265 pages.

This book is an extremely well-researched and penetrating analysis of the modern view of time in the West and its effect on our lives. Banks shows how the pressure of time has affected the social, political and religious fabric of the Western world, as well as each person's sense of well-being within it. Placing the notions of our "wristwatch society" in historical and biblical perspective, Banks holds out hope of liberation from its oppressive effects.

**BANKS, ROBERT, & KIMBERLY POWELL, EDs.,** PROFESSOR; MEDICAL CHAPLAIN ■ *Faith in Leadership: How Leaders Live Out Their Faith in Their Work and Why It Matters.* Jossey-Bass, 2000. 244 pages.

Powell and Banks brought together fourteen essays by credible business people such as Joseph Maciarelo of ServiceMaster and academicians such as Shirley Roels, dean of academic administration at Calvin College, along with a foreword by Max De Pree. Topics include the usual subjects but also cover some unexpected and sensitive ground. For instance, Roels examines vulnerability at work. Janet Hagberg, codirector of the Silent Witness National Initiative, addresses how sharing power can be an extension of faith. Winston Gooden of Fuller Theological Seminary's School of Psychology suggests that faith supports risk-taking. Though at times a bit opaque, the book provides interesting food for thought for any Christian executive.





**BANKS, ROBERT J., & R. PAUL STEVENS, PROFESSORS** ■ *The Complete Book of Everyday Christianity: An A-to-Z Guide to Following Christ in Every Aspect of Life*. InterVarsity Press, 1997. 1,166 pages.

Banks and Stevens recruited experienced leaders from across the church to write succinct, practical and biblically informed articles on issues such as adoption, automobiles, chocolate, craftsmanship, debt, divorce, entertainment, gardening, gossip, partying, sex, shopping malls, storytelling, taxes, tourism and several hundred more of our day-to-day responsibilities and rhythms. It will help laypeople to connect faith with all of life, and serves as a quick but substantive reference for pastors and teachers as they build bridges between the Bible and life. Helpful indexes are included.

**BANKSON, MARJORY ZOET, WRITER, SPEAKER, RETREAT LEADER** ■ *The Call to the Soul*. Innisfree, 1999. 191 pages.

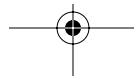
Bankson, former president of Faith at Work and a retreat leader, lays out a six-stage “soulcycle” for monitoring and evaluating the reception of and response to God’s call. She believes people receive and release several calls—to jobs, to child rearing, to care for the terminally ill and the like—from God in a lifetime. Ultimately, she says, we seek to answer four questions: Who am I? What is my work? What is my gift? and What is my legacy? While some treatments of “calling” are objective and systematic, Bankson’s is subjective and personal. She uses analogies, metaphors, images and archetypes that are fertile guides to reflection, but they can be frustrating for those who prefer more objective methods.

**BARBER, ELIZABETH WAYLAND, PROFESSOR** ■ *Women’s Work: The First 20,000 Years*. W.W. Norton, 1994. 334 pages.

This book looks at the range of women’s work in the last 20,000 years. The author, a doctor of linguistics and archaeology, makes the most of recent archaeological techniques. Since much of women’s contribution came through items such as food and clothing, Barber follows (and uncovers) the contribution women have made to society via the art of textiles. The book is well-written and accessible, filling a historical gap that has until now been pretty much ignored by historians and archaeologists. This is not a “Christian” book, but in it readers should find a valuable and unusual contribution to the history of women through the ages.

**BARCIAUSKAS, ROSEMARY C., & DEBRA B. HULL, PROFESSORS** ■ *Am I My Sister’s Keeper?* Meyer-Stone, 1989. 256 pages.

In this well-researched book the authors surveyed three-hundred professional women and interviewed forty more who are trying to combine career and family.





They systematically reflect on this data from religious, cultural and historical perspectives, and conclude that the dichotomy between loving and working is not women's but society's problem. The authors note that self-sacrificial caring, the ethic of our mostly feminine home and private lives, has been separated from individual achievement, the primary ethic of our mostly masculine work and public lives. The Christian ideal of agape love can restore the balance in all our public and private relationships. Though drawing heavily from their own biblical tradition, the authors seek unity among women of all persuasions.

*Loving and Working: Reweaving Women's Public and Private Lives.* Meyer, Stone, 1989. 217 pages.

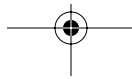
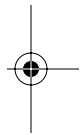
This book explores the reweaving of women's public and private lives by developing the idea of Christian vocation. Even in evangelical and Roman Catholic circles the tide has turned: women's public vocation is no longer being denied. Yet such affirmations mean little if women's traditional domestic responsibilities remain exactly the same—that is, if some of those responsibilities are not assumed by men. "When women are denied work and when men are denied intimacy, both women and men fail to achieve their full human potential and all of us are diminished." The answer is to rediscover a view of vocation that provides for both loving and working.

**BARNES, CRAIG M., PASTOR** ■ *When God Interrupts: Finding New Life Through Unwanted Change.* InterVarsity Press, 1996. 160 pages.

This excellent study may be one of the most refreshing modern works on the problem of suffering. Barnes pulls no punches: suffering and failure are at the heart of spiritual maturity. Barnes's writing is extremely personal and full of stories that go beyond an intellectual treatise on the subject. The reader will come away with a deeper understanding of the centrality of suffering in spirituality and a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

**BARNES, GEOFFREY** ■ *The Forgotten Factor: The Story of Lay People in the Church.* Uniting Church Press, 1991. 62 pages.

Barnes addresses church history's usual preoccupation with the professional clergy. Starting with the New Testament church, Barnes discusses the position and role of the laity from the monastic movement to European Christendom (chap. 1) and through more recent historical movements (chap. 2). Chapter three is devoted to laywomen in the church. Barnes's fourth chapter deals with how the church might be made whole.





**BARNETTE, HENLEE H., PROFESSOR** ■ *Clarence Jordan: Turning Dreams into Deeds*. Smyth & Helwys, 1992. 107 pages.

This tribute to Jordan suffers from unevenness. Jordan is known and respected for his Cotton Patch Version of the New Testament and the founding of the experimental interracial Koinonia Farms community, which gave birth to Habitat For Humanity. The author obviously admires Jordan, but the collection of materials is too eclectic: two Jordan lectures, some correspondence, several personal reflections by several friends and an all-too-brief sketch of the subject's life. Jordan's rich faith and life as a pioneer in economic stewardship and racial reconciliation is addressed only minimally.

**BARTH, KARL, PROFESSOR** ■ *Church Dogmatics III/4, The Doctrine of Creation*. ed. G. W. Bromiley & T. F. Torrance. T & T Clark, 1961.

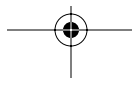
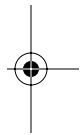
Barth's theology of work is integrated with the fundamental themes of theology and Scripture. He rejects cocreationism or any view that elevates human culture, warning that we should neither overspiritualize nor elevate work to the level of worship. He vigorously disputes the way human dominion over creation has been used to provide a rationale for capitalism, the development of technology and the work ethic. Barth offers five criteria for defining proper work: (1) objectivity: setting ends and devoting one's self to them, (2) worth: is it honest, constructive work? (3) humanity: the social and cooperative dimension of work, (4) reflectivity: the person must be the active subject and not just passive object of work, and there must be room for reflection, and (5) limitation: work must not become an absolute; rest is also commanded. Barth broadens the concept of vocation to go beyond the job and to include the work of caring for children, the sick, the elderly, the unemployed, and the work of mothers and housewives.

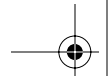
**BECK, ROY HOWARD, JOURNALIST** ■ *Prophets & Politics: Handbook on the Washington Offices of U.S. Churches*. Institute on Religion and Democracy, 1994. 193 pages.

Designed to serve as a guide to how religious leaders and their groups function in national government, this book is data rich with people, addresses, budgets, charts and schedules. It offers practical helps on contacting these people. Beck recommends ideas, policies and networking preferences, and also gives his assessment of lobbying activities and priorities.

**BECKETT, JOHN D., BUSINESS OWNER** ■ *Loving Monday: Succeeding in Business Without Selling Your Soul*. InterVarsity Press, 1998. 176 pages.

Beckett has faced the daily challenges of growing a small, family business into a





major one in the turbulent 1990s, yet he loves his work. This book is a refreshing blend of personal story, theological and philosophical reflection, and practical application. Beckett is one of a few marketplace authors who is not a professor or pastor but a lifelong businessperson. With facility, he discusses and rejects the dualistic worldview that so often divides life into sacred and secular realms. Reflecting his own holistic understanding of life and faith, Beckett moves the reader easily between the worlds of family, employee development, theology and profitability.

**BELMONTE, KEVIN, COMPILER, PROFESSOR** ■ *Choice Treasures: A Wilberforce Anthology*. Riven Oak, 1999. 204 pages.

This is a collection of thoughts and convictions from the great British reformer William Wilberforce (1759-1833). Wilberforce served in the British parliament and was a strong follower of Jesus Christ. He worked for twenty years to abolish slave trade (accomplished in 1807) and slavery throughout the British Empire (1833). He was active in at least sixty-nine philanthropic ventures serving the poor, children, factory workers and conducting scientific research. Wilberforce demonstrated the call to carry the Christian faith into every sphere of life.

*Selected Spiritual Writings of William Wilberforce*. Riven Oak, 1999. 67 pages.

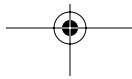
This is a collection of 365 ideas, prayers and reflections from the work of William Wilberforce. Comments about faith, family, politics, friends, social ills, Scripture and God reflect the diligent and disciplined way that Wilberforce sought to be an obedient servant of God in all that he did. This collection can be used as a devotional for busy people.

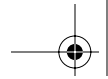
**BENJAMIN, PAUL, RELIGIOUS EXECUTIVE** ■ *The Equipping Ministry*. Standard, 1978. 71 pages.

In this basic text on the equipping ministry, Benjamin shows Jesus and Paul as examples of equippers. He is honest about the practical difficulties of implementing an equipping program in a traditional “one minister” church but argues that the liberating effect for all those involved is worth the struggle.

**BENNE, ROBERT, PROFESSOR** ■ *Ordinary Saints: An Introduction to the Christian Life*. Fortress, 1988. 214 pages.

Benne wrote this book in response to “the need often articulated by [my] students for a straightforward and comprehensive account of the Christian life.” It is an excellent manual for anyone trying to sort out competing responsibilities to self, family, vocation, church and society. Benne discusses these issues in the context of





moral and mental development, and a sense of Christian calling before God. Helpful reading suggestions follow each chapter.

**BENTZ, RON**, REAL ESTATE BROKER ■ *God, Money and You: How to Be Financially Free*. Sheed & Ward, 1989. 151 pages.

A Catholic layman combines his business sense with biblical insights and Catholic Church teachings to offer a no-nonsense approach to financial management. Practical advice includes “get out of debt and stay out; live on a practical, easy-to-use budget; make logical purchasing decisions; teach your children to be good money managers; plan for the future with sound investments,” (back cover copy) and still do something to help the poor.

**BERNBAUM, JOHN A., & SIMON M. STEER**, TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS ■ *Why Work? Careers and Employment in Biblical Perspective*. Baker, 1986. 101 pages.

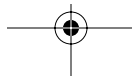
Why should we work? To find fulfillment, gain status or become prosperous? The authors help answer these questions as they summarize essential biblical teaching, survey the primary views of work in the history of Western civilization and interview six contemporary Christians. The virtues of this book are (1) its easy accessibility, (2) its realism (challenges cultural as well as Christian misconceptions about work without oversimplification), and (3) its usefulness (includes biblical passages, discussion questions, an annotated bibliography and a list of thirty-two Christian professional/academic associations). Highly recommended.

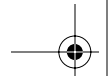
**BERRY, JO**, WRITER, SPEAKER ■ *Making Your Life a Ministry*. Zondervan, 1984. 176 pages.

Berry encourages women to live like Priscilla, who “made her whole life [an] outcropping of her Christianity” wherever she was. Berry states that this most zealous and effective Christian woman in the New Testament was marked by her servant heart and receptivity to God’s Spirit. The book is valuable for its magnification of an important biblical heroine and worker, but it is shallow in its applications to the issues of working women.

**BIELER, ANDRE**, CLERGYMAN, LECTURER ■ *The Social Humanism of Calvin*. John Knox Press, 1961. 79 pages.

The author expands Calvin’s thought beyond the popular stereotypes. Calvin’s obsession with the glory of God is connected to his concern for the restoration of the human person and the society in which he lives. Bieler reclaims Calvin’s views of money as an instrument of God, of the work of man as the work of God and of





commerce as a sign of the interdependence of God's creatures. Bieler finally critiques Calvin's writings, presenting his own view of a "universal Christian humanism."

**BLAMIRE, HARRY, PROFESSOR** ■ *The Christian Mind: How Should a Christian Think?* Servant, 1978. 191 pages.

In this Christian classic Blamires seeks to reform Christian thinking. "Except in the area of personal conduct," says Blamires, "Christians have lost their saltiness intellectually. Thus we have retreated from society and have been trodden underfoot by secularism" (introduction). What should characterize the Christian mind? Blamires discusses six qualities: its supernatural orientation, its awareness of evil, its conception of truth, its acceptance of authority, its concern for the person and its sacramental cast.

*Where Do We Stand? An Examination of the Christian's Position in the Modern World.* Servant, 1980. 158 pages.

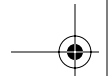
Blamires "seeks to locate the often concealed frontier between faithful Christian witness and the faulty, barren doctrines of secularism." According to him, this is both a diagnosis and a prescription for the church in 1980. Where do we stand, asks Blamires, with regard to secularism, denigration of authority, worldliness, current idolatries and irrationalism? The author discusses far-reaching themes with which the church must wrestle to the end of the twentieth century.

**BLANCHARD, KEN, BUSINESS CONSULTANT** ■ *We Are the Beloved: A Spiritual Journey.* Zondervan, 1994. 95 pages.

Blanchard uses the same warm conversational writing style that made his *One Minute Manager* an international bestseller. This is a very personal plea for readers to rediscover their faith in God, or at least hear Ken declare that they are loved! Each of the three chapters—"My Journey," "Staying on Course" and "Destinations"—is built on a verse from one New Testament letter. This book is a helpful peek into the soul of one of the hot consultants and speakers in modern American business circles.

**BLANCHARD, KEN, WITH BILL HYBELS & PHIL HODGES, EXECUTIVE; PASTOR; WRITER** ■ *Leadership by the Book: Tools to Transform Your Workplace.* William Morrow, 1999. 220 pages.

In Blanchard's most overtly Christian book yet, the management guru teams up with coauthors Bill Hybels and Phil Hodges to tell the story of a professor and a minister who train a young professional in management skills and ethics. Citing



Jesus as a source for practical lessons in effective leadership, they explore the concept of servant leadership and offer simple strategies for bringing vision and values to any organization. What this breezily written book lacks in depth it makes up for with spirit and readability.

**BLOMBERG, CRAIG L., PROFESSOR** ■ *Neither Poverty nor Riches*. InterVarsity Press, 2000. 300 pages.

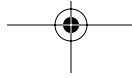
This book presents a theological overview of the concepts of wealth and poverty. Blomberg examines both Old Testament and intertestamental examples before laying out what the New Testament has to say on the subject. He avoids the extremes on both ends of the wealth-poverty discussion, opting instead to give the reader a biblical base to make their own decisions regarding possessions. The work is quite scholarly, moving the reader along in a logical, historical progression of biblical thought on the subject. The book's extensive bibliography will be useful to anyone wishing further study.

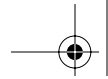
**BLUE, RON, ACCOUNTANT** ■ *Master Your Money*. Thomas Nelson, 1986. 236 pages.

A thorough, clear and well-illustrated guide to personal finance written by an experienced certified public accountant. Blue discusses our attitudes toward money from a Christian perspective, giving practical guidelines for avoiding debt, watching inflation and doing taxes. The book integrates biblical principles of faith and giving with modern principles of wise investment; it also includes charts, worksheets and a glossary of money terms.

**BOA, KENNETH, & GAIL BURNETT, WRITER; EDITOR** ■ *Wisdom at Work: A Biblical Approach to the Workplace*. NavPress, 2000. 142 pages.

Boa and Burnett have created a helpful devotional book organized in five 5-day units. The book takes the reader through different approaches to work, including the value and purpose of work, choosing work, work and identity, wealth, and character. The units are "daily excursions" on the journey to discover the place of work in the reader's life. Unusual for a devotional, the book calls for specific action commitments on the part of the reader. Also unique is its businesslike approach to "calling" and other potentially ethereal subjects. Although at first glance it seems as if Boa and Burnett wrote something very close to a Word in Life study, the book has its own unique and useful approach to the issue of work. This devotional easily could be used as a personal or group study guide.





**BOLLES, RICHARD NELSON**, CLERGYMAN, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR ■ *The New Quick Job-Hunting Map*. Ten Speed, 1979. 57 pages.

Bolles has been widely recognized as a leading authority in his field since his *What Color Is Your Parachute?* first appeared in 1972. Bolles consistently leads the industry of career guidance without any denial of his faith values. This revised and updated “map” from that book helps the reader determine what their skills are and where they might like to use them. An excellent resource, this booklet is filled with warm, insightful and humorous vocational counsel.

*What Color Is Your Parachute? A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters & Career-Changers*. Ten Speed, 1972. 343 pages.

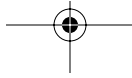
This work has been one of the longest-running top-ten books for years. Rooted in Bolles’s Christian faith and the training he received as an Episcopal priest, this book is an example of how people of faith can serve others without giving offense. Lacking neither realism nor practicality, Bolles uses a wonderful blend of values, humor, wise guidance, exercises and resources that make this valuable for everyone. Excellent for group use or as a gift to friends just beginning their careers or in change. A new edition appears almost every year.

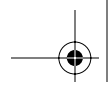
**BOOHER, DIANNA**, BUSINESS CONSULTANT, WRITER ■ *First Thing Monday Morning: Keeping Your Appointment with God*. New Leaf, 1998. 224 pages.

Designed to encourage the Christian businessperson, this book contains a veritable gold mine of practical, biblical advice, written as fifty-two “business briefs” to be read over breakfast. With an expert grasp on the demands of both the corporate business culture and the Scriptures, Booher, a communication consultant to Fortune 500 companies, offers a fresh perspective on integrated, uncompromised Christian living. Good-humored and well written.

**BORMAN, KATHRYN, & JANE REISMAN, EDS.** ■ *Becoming a Worker*. Ablex, 1986. 296 pages.

A sociology of work not necessarily from a Christian perspective, this book is a collection of original papers examining the challenges and constraints on youth entering the U.S. labor market. The authors explore the relative merit of academic learning and part-time employment in preparing youth; discuss the transfer of education to work; and examine the effects of race, class and community on work opportunities. The book also discusses how people become workers and how modern institutions work with or against that process.





**BOSCH, DAVID, PROFESSOR** ■ *Transforming Mission*. Orbis, 1991. 587 pages.

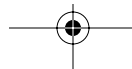
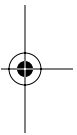
Bosch argues that we desperately need a theology of the laity—something of which only the first rudiments are emerging: “Their ministry (or perhaps we should say their ‘service,’ for ‘ministry’ has become to be such a churchy word) is offered in the form of the ongoing life of the Christian community in shops, villages, farms, cities, classrooms, homes, law offices, in counseling, politics, state craft and recreation.” This raises the question “who will do the theologizing?” Most of the theologies of work have been produced by academic theologians, but if mission and ministry belong to the whole people of God, then surely all God’s people need to be appropriately equipped for this challenge. There is a need for a new level of partnership between missiologists, missionaries and the people among whom they labor.

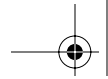
**BRACKNEY, WILLIAM H., WITH RUBY J. BURKE, EDs., PROFESSOR; UNIVERSITY STAFF MEMBER** ■ *Faith, Life and Witness: The Papers of the Study and Research Division of the Baptist World Alliance—1986-1990*. Samford University Press, 1990. 452 pages.

These papers are part of an ongoing research collection for the international association of Baptist denominations. This particular volume covers research ranging from doctrine to history, human rights, ethics and pastoral leadership. Of particular interest to the marketplace-faith movement is “Commission on the Ministry of the Laity.” Two of the six papers in this section are by George Peck, one of the early leaders of the mobilization of believers in the workplace. His opening piece is a very good biblical study on the foundation of the ministry of every believer. This is foundational work with excellent scriptural probing.

**BRADLEY, JOHN, CAREER COUNSELOR** ■ *Switching Tracks: Advancing Through Five Crucial Phases of Your Career*. Fleming Revell, 1984. 222 pages.

This is not a Bible study tool. In fact, there’s very little mention of Scripture, but the reader will find insight in each of the work’s sections. The book prompts us to consider how the seasons of our lives and careers are different. Bradley defines the seasons as “passionate pursuit” (ages 20-30), “reevaluation” (early 30s), “confirmation” (35 to 45), “accelerated performance or devastation” (45-55) and “heightened performance or bitterness” (50s and up). A “talent definitions summary” is included in an appendix. One word of warning: the book seems to focus on worldly rather than spiritual definitions of success.





**BRAMLETT, JAMES**, EXECUTIVE PLACEMENT ■ *Finding Work: A Handbook*. Zondervan, 1986. 245 pages.

A how-to handbook on job hunting, goal setting and discernment of vocational calling. This book is a good introduction for persons first entering the labor market. Written in a personable style it includes a helpful index of job descriptions and needed qualifications. However, the orientation of this book is contrary to marketplace thinking—it is geared toward the Christian seeking work in a Christian setting. It contains an extensive listing of Christian employers' addresses.

**BRILES, JUDITH**, WRITER, LECTURER ■ *Faith and Savvy, Too! The Christian Woman's Guide to Money*. Regal, 1988. 264 pages.

Briles has an equipping ministry opening the world of finance to Christian women. She explains concepts of money management clearly and concisely. She includes practical advice about assets, debt, investment, taxes and annuities, and a chapter about how to pass money sense on to one's children. Terms are defined throughout.

**BRINER, BOB**, SPORTS AGENT, TELEVISION PRODUCER ■ *Business Basics from the Bible: More Ancient Wisdom for Modern Business*. Zondervan, 1996. 119 pages.

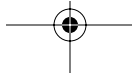
Briner offers practical suggestions for living the Christian lifestyle in the fast-paced world of business. With firsthand knowledge of the temptations and difficulties that present themselves in the secular workplace, Briner's work is extremely relevant. He covers a variety of practical topics, including loneliness on business trips, firing employees and building relationships. Though not comprehensive, the book is a valuable entry packed with practical suggestions for Christian leaders in today's business world.

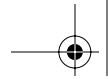
*Final Roar*. Broadman & Holman, 2000. 164 pages, hard.

This posthumous volume is Briner's seventh and "final attempt to shake a sleepy church awake and to offer an apology to the many who are watching the Christian church out in the world" (from the foreword by Barry Landis). This work is blunt and forceful. Briner roars with rebukes and pleas to the American conservative church.

*Roaring Lambs: A Gentle Plan to Radically Change Our World*. Zondervan, 1993. 187 pages.

This book offers Christians a rationale for becoming actively involved in shaping and reshaping American culture, particularly in the areas of media and communications. It's practical in that it outlines definite action steps Christians can take in areas





such as the arts, television, film and journalism. Evangelical in focus, Briner assumes (1) American culture was at one time a Christian culture and (2) that a return to that state of affairs is a desirable goal. There is a basic naiveté to these assumptions that may put off a nonevangelical or a more sophisticated evangelical thinker, especially artists and writers. Thus the whole approach is questionable.

*The Management Methods of Jesus: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Business.* Thomas Nelson, 1996. 114 pages.

Briner lived in the funky world of professional sports entertainment. His faith was tested by glitz, fame and greed, and here he provides insight into how he survived. This is a short but pithy treatment on the personal and relational, not the organizational and systemic, sides of life. The applications are challenging. This easily read book is a good gift for those who are new to the faith or for those who have made little or no connection between faith and workplace leadership.

**BRINER, BOB, & RAY PRITCHARD**, SPORTS AGENT, TELEVISION PRODUCER; PASTOR ■ *Squeeze Play: Practical Insights for Men Caught Between Work & Home.* Zondervan, 1994. 141 pages.

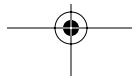
This book is a down-to-earth personal story of lessons on faith, work and family. Briner gives men some basic advice on personal faith applied to matters like loneliness during business travel, communication, family involvement and business relationships. But it is cast in the narrow world of a traveling executive, and this might limit its appeal to other workers. It is a quick read and would be very helpful to believers who have given little thought to faith beyond church life.

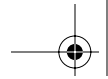
*More Leadership Lessons of Jesus.* Broadman & Holman, 1998. 172 pages.

This book is a commentary on the Gospel of Mark (chaps. 7-10). It is a versatile guide with principles relevant to leadership at home, work, church or community. However, the devotional observations are generalized and undeveloped. As a guide to scriptural meditation, the book has great potential, but those seeking deep commentary may be disappointed.

**BROWN, ROBERT MCAFEE**, WRITER, PROFESSOR ■ *Saying Yes and Saying No: On Rendering to God and Caesar.* Westminster Press, 1986. 143 pages.

Brown confronts the problem of official government policies clashing with ideas about God's kingdom of peace and justice. In respective chapters Brown criticizes American foreign policy toward Grenada, Nicaragua, South Africa and Poland. He devotes other chapters to domestic issues such as the sanctuary movement and national security. Discussion questions follow each chapter.





*Spirituality and Liberation: Overcoming the Great Fallacy.* Westminster Press, 1988. 153 pages.

Brown “intends to offer an alternative to ongoing attempts to compartmentalize life into, roughly, the ‘sacred’ and the ‘secular’ (the former being ‘good’ and the latter ‘evil’).” By examining the issues of liberation and spirituality he seeks to bring some resolution to the dichotomy that persists between the spiritual and the temporal, between prayer and social action.

**BRUSO, DICK**, GUIDANCE MINISTER ■ *Bible Promises: Help and Hope for Your Finances.* Here’s Life, 1985. 156 pages.

*Bible Promises* contains topically arranged Bible verses to guide financial decision-making. Subjects include counsel, righteousness, budgeting and partnerships. Bruso is founder of Faithful Steward Ministries of Colorado, which shares these principles of stewardship through a daily syndicated radio program. Carefully written.

**BUFORD, BOB**, TELEVISION EXECUTIVE ■ *Game Plan: Winning Strategies for the Second Half of Your Life.* Zondervan, 1997. 170 pages.

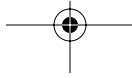
While Buford’s *Halftime* put into words what men feel at midlife, *Game Plan* charts a strategic response: how to disengage; reflect on what you’ve accomplished; clear your plate; identify your truest, God-given self; envision a new or continuing mission; and emerge from the football locker room for “a runaway third quarter (in) the game of life.” Though a business entrepreneur, Buford is a very accessible writer and is broadly empathetic. This is well-researched, rich in literary references and interdisciplinary in scope. Also available on audio cassette.

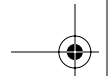
*Half Time: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to Significance.* Zondervan, 1994. 175 pages.

The death of Buford’s adult son shook his world and he began a journey toward a practical faith. He invites other men to weigh carefully what drives them and what it will amount to in eternity. The book comes from a mind honed in building a successful business and then applied to the broader issues of all of life. *Half Time* includes an intriguing introduction from Peter Drucker. It lacks help for those who are wrestling with values and priorities long before they reach their own midpoint.

**BURKETT, LARRY**, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, WRITER ■ *Business by the Book: The Complete Guide of Biblical Principles for Business Men and Women.* Thomas Nelson, 1990. 242 pages.

A book titled “the complete guide” is immediately suspect. No book can be that comprehensive. However, Burkett’s classic work is still a wonderful source of infor-





mation. He pulls no punches. Clear, easy to follow and very practical, this work is an important tool for managers, business owners and entrepreneurs. Burkett grabs the reader right away with “Basic Bible Minimums” and never lets go. Though Burkett’s material is soundly reasoned, readers may not agree with all his recommendations.

**BUSHA, MARY C.**, WRITER, PUBLISHER, BUSINESSWOMAN ■ *Proverbs for Busy Women*. Broadman & Holman, 1995. 123 pages.

Busha has pulled together a great set of short daily devotions from Proverbs and the insights, wisdom and wit of busy women who find their callings in both the marketplace and home. Written by fifty-four women from a variety of vocations, the brief daily reflections of this book form the first of a three-part series. The other two books in the series are *Devotions to Build Up Your Relationships* and *Devotions to Strengthen Your Walk with God*. Good insights from real people.

**BUSINESS EXECUTIVES FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, CATHOLIC BUSINESS LEADERS** ■ *On the Firing Line*. ACTA, 1990. 39 pages.

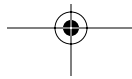
This is a position paper responding to the U.S. Catholic bishops’ letter on economic justice. It came out of a series of dialogues on the specific issue of the manager’s roles and responsibilities in terminations and layoffs. The paper presents ten ideas to prevent or ameliorate the effects of terminations and layoffs, suggests cautions in carrying out specific programs, and includes personal testimony from business and professional managers on the relationship between their faith and work. This business “affinity group” exhibits the tremendous potential of shared Christian discernment in every vocational track.

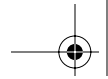
**BUTH, LENORE**, WRITER ■ *The Employed Wife: Earning a Living, Making a Home*. Concordia, 1986. 183 pages.

Buth neither condones nor condemns the two-paycheck family lifestyle; she simply discusses the stress it creates in marriages and suggests ways to cope. Her central purpose is to assist the Christian woman in assessing her roles as wife, parent and worker. She offers helpful biblical counsel on every major domestic issue, including financial responsibility, having children and household division of labor. Based on Buth’s interviews of working couples.

**BUTT, HOWARD**, EXECUTIVE ■ *The Velvet Covered Brick*. Harper & Row, 1973. 186 pages.

Though this book has a dated look, don’t be fooled. It takes up the issues of authority and submission and shows in clear terms that one cannot truly exist with-





out the other. Drawing from his own experience with power struggles, Butt leads us from focusing on ourselves to the exemplary servanthood of Christ. Humility is never outdated. In an age of superegos and extreme competition, here is a refreshing look at leadership that applies to the truck driver as much as the CEO. This book retains its relevancy in spite of the rampant pace of technology.

**BUTT, HOWARD, WITH ELLIOTT WRIGHT, AUTHORS** ■ *At the Edge of Hope: Christian Laity in Paradox*. Seabury Press, 1978. 211 pages.

This is a summary of the 1978 North American Congress on the Laity held in Los Angeles. A distinguished cross-section of Christian laypeople, including Malcolm Muggeridge, Gerald R. Ford, Peter Berger and James Reston, engage in “a mind-stretching, soul-stirring exchange on Christian hope and despair” in twentieth-century North America. A wide range of interesting topics and dialogue.

**BUZZARD, LYNN R., & LAURENCE ECK, PROFESSORS, LAWYERS** ■ *Tell It to the Church: Reconciling Out of Court*. Cook, 1982. 154 pages.

Lawyers Buzzard and Eck show how the church can follow Christ's command to settle disputes between believers. The authors represent a commendable integration of business and church concerns, making lay expertise a resource for the church. Thorough and well written, the book contains helpful, Bible-based and legally specific advice, including suggested procedures for legal arbitration within the church.

**CAHILL, THOMAS, PROFESSOR** ■ *How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe*. Doubleday, 1995. 246 pages.

A refreshingly honest historian openly tells of his biases and notes his interpretations amid other options, opinions or choices. He has crafted an interesting probe into one of the seams of history—the period between the decline of the Roman Empire and the rise of Medieval Europe. His view is that the Christian mission and monastic movement in Ireland preserved the most important documents of the Greeks, Romans, Hebrews and Christians because of their commitment to learning, reading and instructing their converts. He probes the Celtic movement and two of its great leaders, St. Patrick and Columba (Columcille). The work is well researched and even provides readers with a discerning guide to what he considers the best additional resources for further study.

