Why Build a Biblical/Theological Library?

Books are to the minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ what tools are to the carpenter: the essentials of the trade. A call to ministry is a call to preparation, and the building of a ministerial library is a must, not an option.

As the apostle Paul faced his impending death, he still remained a student, requesting of Timothy that he bring the books when he came to visit him in prison (2 Tim. 4:13). This booklet has been prepared for those who desire to follow in Paul's steps. Over 600 titles are listed as those books which should be acquired first as you begin your library. Each is an important title which you will find helpful in ministry for our Lord. Most titles are written from an evangelical perspective, having been authored by individuals who affirm the full authority and inspiration of Scripture (Matt. 5:17-18; 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:20-21).

However, though a good library is necessary as a solid foundation for ministry, training under godly men and women is also important (2 Tim. 2:2). You may be someone who senses God's calling for further study and preparation. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary exists for this very purpose, with a faculty and program of study designed to enable the student to be a careful and equipped teacher of Holy Scripture. Whether your calling is to be a missionary or evangelist, pastor or teacher, counselor, educator or minister of music and worship, Southern Seminary is a community of faith which can better prepare you for service in the body of Christ.

If you would like to know more about Southern Seminary and how we might help you, complete the attached card at the back of the booklet and mail it to receive further information. We are committed to training men and women in sound evangelical scholarship to reach a lost world for Jesus Christ (Matt 28:16-20). If God leads you our way, we will look forward to working with you.

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

May God’s Richest Blessings Abide,

Daniel L. Akin, Academic Vice President
Dean, School of Theology
GENERAL REFERENCES TO THE BIBLE


General Resources


OLD TESTAMENT

INTRODUCTION


**History and Background**


**Archeology**


**Theology**


**Word Studies**


**Special Studies**


**Pentateuch**


**Joshua-Judges-Ruth**


**Samuel-Kings-Chronicles**


Vos, Howard F. *1,2 Samuel.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983.


**Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther**


Job-Psalms-Proverbs


**Ecclesiastes-Song of Solomon**


**Isaiah-Jeremiah-Lamentations**


**Ezekiel-Daniel**


**The Minor Prophets**


Hosea-Joel-Amos-Obadiah


Jonah-Micah-Nahum-Habakkuk-Zephaniah

(see Allen, L.C. above)

(see Armerding, Carl E. above)

(see McComiskey, Thomas E. above)


**Haggai-Malachi-Zechariah**


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**Matthew**


The Sermon on the Mount


Mark


Luke


John


Acts


Romans


1 Corinthians


2 Corinthians


Galatians


Ephesians


**Philippians**


**Colossians-Philemon**


**Thessalonians**


**1, 2 Timothy-Titus**


**Hebrews**


**James**


**1,2 Peter and Jude**


1,2,3 John


Revelation


BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Hebrew


**Greek**


**THEOLOGY**

**Surveys, Dictionaries, and Encyclopedias**


**Systematic Theology**

Boyce, James P. *Abstract of Systematic Theology*. James P. Boyce, 1887.


**Biblical Theology** (see OT and NT sections)

**Philosophical Theology/Philosophy of Religion**


**Feminist Theology**


**Historical Theology**


Contemporary Theology


Prolegomena


Revelation and Scripture


**Apologetics**


Hermeneutics


Theology Proper


Angelology


Anthropology


Christology


**Pneumatology**


**Soteriology and the Christian Life**


Ecclesiology


Eschatology


CHURCH HISTORY


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Leadership and Management


**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**


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