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Resources

Bible

- A great place to start is with The Bible Projects Video Series on “**How to Read the Bible**” <https://bibleproject.com/videos/collections/how-to-read-the-bible>
- **YouVersion Bible App** – Free app with hundreds of Bible translations, reading plans, and devotionals you can access anywhere
- **The Bible Project** – Videos, podcasts, and reading plans that help you see the big story of Scripture and understand themes throughout the Bible.
- **GotQuestions.org** – A trustworthy site that provides clear, biblically grounded answers to thousands of spiritual questions. While I don’t always agree with everything they say I appreciate all the scripture they use in coming to their conclusions.
- **Life Application Study Bible** – A study Bible designed to help you connect Scripture to everyday life with notes, insights, and application questions.
- **BlueLetterBible.org** – A free online Bible study tool with commentaries, dictionaries, concordances, and original language resources.
- PDFs—“Reading the Bible—Where to Start, SPACEPETS, The Bible Overview

Prayer

- <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/prayer/how-to-pray.html> Cru is a college ministry and missions organization. This article is a fantastic guide to building a prayer life.
- <https://www.navigators.org/resource/prayer-tools/> Navigators is a discipleship ministry. This article has links to a wide variety of resources.

- Lately, I've been using (and liking) the **Lectio365 app**. It's a guided prayer resource with a morning, afternoon and evening prayer that you can read or listen to. There's prompts for you to add your own thoughts along the way. Here's a link: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/>
- If you like to read, here are some excellent books:
 - "Prayer" by Richard Foster
 - "Prayer" by Tim Keller (full disclosure - this is on Tom's to-read list, but it comes highly recommended)
 - "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson (great for "asking" prayer)
 - "Whisper" by Mark Batterson (great for listening to God)

Theology

- <https://youtu.be/F-jXDBEJA6w?si=Kmqe42bXhInESfor>
 - This is a rapid fire of a lot of theological terms. Don't worry about "learning" all of them. Mostly, I just want to introduce the scope of the topic of theology.
- Biblical vs Systematic Theology
 - https://youtu.be/OcSI5LuKzZc?si=vWdtVswgLNHjJD2_
 - These are the 2 primary approaches to theology. It's good to understand how they are similar and how they are different. There are other approaches (like narrative theology), but these 2 are most common.
- 5 basic doctrines
 - https://youtu.be/1hsXqYV9KD4?si=_1ODMWdiokXBH03k
 - After all the detail of the other videos, I thought it would be good to re-center on the core theological doctrines that we hold dear.
- Apologetics
 - <https://answersingenesis.org/apologetics/>
 - Books: (all great! organized from simplest to most complicated to read)
 - More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell
 - The Case For Christ by Lee Strobel
 - The Reason For God by Tim Keller
 - Mere Christianity by CS Lewis
 - Evidence That Demands A Verdict by Josh McDowell

- Comparative Religions
 - Video overview of world religions <https://youtu.be/FTDXllw8i20?si=6cXvoBWu134qPT5A>
 - Web site with a TON of comparative religion resources <https://www.patheos.com/library/lenses/side-by-side>
- Comparative Theologies
 - Video overview of different church traditions/theologies <https://youtu.be/tzLS4O7YaUg?si=egmJEWXd3UrVCmea>
 - Analysis of how 4 different theologies are reflected in the American church landscape <https://preppychurchboy.wordpress.com/2014/05/19/what-tribe-do-you-belong/>

Sharing Your Faith

- **Focus on the Family: Evangelism Article** – [Sharing Your Faith with Others and How to Evangelize](#) – A practical guide with encouragement and tips for everyday evangelism.
- The Book **Case for Christ** by Lee Strobel. A powerful book written by a former atheist journalist who investigated the claims of Christianity and found compelling evidence for faith.
- **GotQuestions.org** – A helpful resource when you encounter tough questions people might ask about God or the Bible.
- **The Bible Project – Gospel Videos** – Short, creative videos explaining the story of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in a way that's easy to share.
- **Life on Mission App** – A free app that helps you learn and practice simple, conversational ways to share the gospel with people around you.
- **Life Conversation Guide (3 Circles)** – *[Attached PDF]* – A simple tool you can use to explain the gospel in everyday conversations.