

10 MUST-READS FOR CHRIST FOLLOWERS
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My father and grandfather both became Christians when they were adults, but they also both grew spiritually at a tremendous pace. How? They were voracious readers. Even though they were laymen, they both developed their own personal Christian libraries that would rival that of many preachers. And they both understood the Bible and the Christian life as well as any preacher I ever met. As I grew up in Christ, I was blessed to not only inherit their love of reading great Christian books, but also both of their libraries. And now I can say from personal experience that one of the best things you can do to grow in Christ and to become more useful to him is to begin building a personal library of great Christian books and read voraciously. Great men and women of the faith have gone before us and have been generous enough to share their insights into the Christian life. It is wise to benefit from their wisdom.

The list included here are ten must-reads for Christ followers. This is a great list with which to begin your library. That being said, I recommend that your priority and habit be the daily reading of the Bible. Nothing can or should ever take priority over God's Word. With that habit in place, and with a growing knowledge of the Scriptures, the reading of great Christian books can take you further, faster in your walk with Jesus Christ. I also recommend that you read these books in the order listed below. Enjoy!

1. [Basic Christianity](#), by John Stott
2. [Honest to God](#), by Bill Hybels
3. [The Purpose-Driven Life](#), by Rick Warren
4. [Becoming a Contagious Christian](#), by Bill Hybels
5. [Too Busy Not to Pray](#), by Bill Hybels
6. [Experiencing God](#), by Henry Blackaby
7. [Classic Christianity](#), by Bob George
8. [Mere Christianity](#), by C.S. Lewis
9. [Knowing God](#), by J.I. Packer
10. [Baptism and Fullness](#), by John Stott