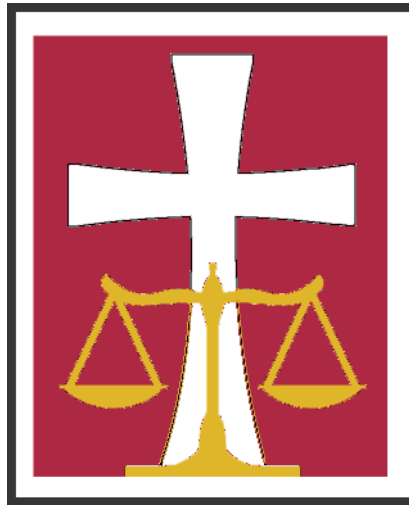


Christian Legal Society



A Call To Discipleship

The Well Discipled CLS Lawyer



CLS Attorney Ministries Committee

Following are some broad objectives we suggest attorneys consider for their spiritual development and maturity. Certain objectives will apply to some but not others.¹

I. Spiritually Mature

- Active in a local fellowship of believers as a worshipper, donor, and disciple and/or teacher.²
- Possesses character and other virtuous traits required of church leaders.³
- Exhibits the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit and seeking to grow in them.⁴
- Has an active prayer life, including time alone with God and prayers for self, family, practice, clients, colleagues, opponents, and judges.⁵
- Knows how to give a personal testimony including how God has used him or her in legal practice to carry out God's purposes on earth.⁶
- Knows how to lead a seeker to a saving Knowledge of God through Jesus.⁷

¹ The CLS Board of Directors approved "The Well Discipled CLS Lawyer" statement in June 2009. The CLS Attorney Ministries Committee thereafter added the Scripture annotations to the statement.

² Hebrews 10:25; 2 Corinthians 9:78; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Peter 2:5; Roman 12:4-8.

³ 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-8; Hebrew 6-1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16.

⁴ Galatians 5:22-25; 1 Corinthians 12:1, 28-30; 2 Peter 1:3-11; John 14:14-17, 26.

⁵ 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 6:6; James 5:16; I Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 6:18.

⁶ I Peter 3:15; Ephesians 6:19-20.

II. Biblically Literate

- Understands and can articulate reasons for signing the CLS Statement of Faith.⁸

Trusting in Jesus Christ as my Savior, I believe in:

- *One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
 - *God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*
 - *The Deity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, God's only Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; His vicarious death for our sins through which we receive eternal life; His bodily resurrection and personal return.*
 - *The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration.*
 - *The Bible as the inspired Word of God.*
- Can articulate arguments for the reliability of scripture.⁹
 - Actively growing in the knowledge of the Word through personal and corporate Bible study participation or other means.¹⁰
 - Relies on scripture for guidance, inspiration, direction, and intimacy with God.¹¹
 - A student of Christian apologetics and knows Messianic prophecies.¹²

⁷ II Timothy 2:24-26; II Peter 3:18; Romans 3:21-26.

⁸ II Timothy 1:12-14; Romans 1:16.

⁹ II Timothy 2:15; Luke 1:1-4; John 5:31-39.

¹⁰ I Peter 2:2.

¹¹ Psalm 119.

¹² Acts 3:11-4:13; 7:1-53; 17:16-31; 23:1-26:29.

III. Politically Literate

- Given thought and prayer concerning the overlapping nature of law, faith and politics including (by way of example and not limitation) the protection of the unborn, racial justice, sexual morality and orientation issues, marriage and family protection, care for the environment, education and poverty issues.¹³
- Able to knowledgeably address world political events in light of God's disclosed plan and purpose for humanity.¹⁴

IV. Socially Involved

- Significant pro bono, church, or other social service work.¹⁵
- Publically identified as a believer at work and among friends.¹⁶
- Attends CLS conferences and local chapter meetings regularly as the Lord allows.¹⁷

V. Legally Equipped

- Can intelligently discuss the role of Biblical law (Torah), natural law, Constitutional law, and positive law in relation to a just society and helping people realize their need for the Savior.¹⁸
- Gives thoughtful consideration as to how his or her faith bears on the policies implicated by important legal decisions that broadly affect our nation.¹⁹

¹³ Matthew 22:15-22; Psalm 139:13-15; Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11; Romans 1:18-27; Ephesians 5:22-31; Ephesians 6:1-4; Psalm 37:3; Luke 2:46; 52, Proverbs 22:22.

¹⁴ Ephesians 1:9-12.

¹⁵ Galatians 5:13.

¹⁶ Matthew 10:32.

¹⁷ Hebrews 10:25.

¹⁸ Psalm 1:2.

- Has meditation/peacemaking skills.²⁰
- Has a well-developed understanding of the Biblical basis for serving clients and other constituents well in the legal field in which the CLS member works.²¹

VI. Has Vision

- The CLS lawyer should know or be actively seeking to know how God wants to use him or her personally to build His Kingdom through the member's practice of law and how God wants to use the law and legal profession to affect America and the world for Messiah.²²
- The CLS lawyer should understand and welcome the challenge to become mature and equipped in Jesus including the personal responsibility to disciple others, particularly lawyers.²³

We recognize this vision for a well disciplined lawyer will grow and become clearer as we implement it:

*The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn,
shining ever brighter till the full light of day.*

Proverbs 4:18

¹⁹ I Kings 3:6-10.

²⁰ Matthew 5:9.

²¹ Titus 3:13-14.

²² Hebrews 13:20-21; I Thessalonians 5:23-24; I Corinthians 10:31.

²³ Hebrews 6:1, Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 3:6-11.



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CLS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

**"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
Let us not give up meeting together . . . but let us encourage one another."
*Hebrews 10:24-25***

The _____ Christian Legal Society invites you to participate in our mentorship program. This is an opportunity for experienced attorneys to have a lasting impact on a law student or young attorney, by sharing their faith and living out their Christian commitment in the legal profession. Those beginning their careers will benefit from the guidance of experienced attorneys who have expressed a desire to help and encourage law students and young attorneys.

The goals of the mentoring program are to:

1. Provide a vehicle for local law students and young attorneys to become involved with the Christian legal community in the _____ area;
2. Give law students and young attorneys a personal mentor to contact outside of their school or work environment;
3. Offer law students and young attorneys spiritual guidance, prayer and encouragement;
4. Give local attorneys an opportunity to be involved in the CLS student chapters at local law schools; and
5. Increase the visibility of, and law student and attorney participation in, CLS as an active part of their professional, educational and spiritual experiences.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
ATTORNEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Firm / Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Your Area of Law Practice: _____

Geographic area in which you are most involved (circle one): *Specify regions within city*

Below are suggested mentor activities. Please mark the activities that interest you to help us find a student or young attorney who has similar interests. Please feel free to add any comments below.

- ___ I will offer to take a student or young attorney to lunch.
- ___ I will invite a student or young attorney to my office to see my workplace.
- ___ I will invite a student or young attorney to spend a morning/afternoon with me at my office.
- ___ I will call a student or young attorney once or twice a month to see how he/she is doing and offer encouragement.
- ___ I will be available for the student or young attorney if he/she would like to call me.
- ___ I am willing to talk to the student or young attorney about the type of law I practice and how best to prepare to enter that field of law.
- ___ I will help the student or young attorney prepare for interviews, including resume review and interview preparation.
- ___ I will be available to offer spiritual guidance on what it means to be a Christian attorney in the workplace, in legal practice, and in everyday life.
- ___ I will pray for the student or young attorney, remembering the stress and pressure of law school or the workplace.
- ___ I will be willing to host an out-of town student or young attorney for a home-cooked meal during a holiday.

Is there a particular person that you would like to mentor? If so, whom?

Would you be willing to serve as mentor to two students? _____

Additional ideas or comments that will help us select a student/young attorney for you:

Are you interested in any of these potential activities with local CLS student chapters:

- ___ I would attend a prayer meeting with attorneys and students at a law school.
- ___ I would consider participating in a roundtable discussion with one or two other attorneys and students.
- ___ I would be willing to give a 45 minute presentation and question/answer period to the students on a topic of interest.
- ___ I would be interested in a brown-bag lunch with the students at a law school.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
LAW STUDENT / YOUNG ATTORNEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Date: _____ **Year in School or in Practice:** _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Email : _____

Law School: _____

Area of law you practice or are interested in: _____

Geographic area in which you are most involved (circle one):

Please check the possible mentor activities that interest you:

- _____ Regular meetings with my mentor (once a month).
- _____ Visit to my mentor's office.
- _____ Moral support and general tips on how to prepare for exams.
- _____ Learning more from my mentor about the types of law that interest me (indicated above) and how best to prepare to enter that field of law.
- _____ Assistance in preparing to apply for summer clerkship and/or full-time positions and advice on what attorneys are looking for in an applicant and in a resume.
- _____ Spiritual guidance on what it means to be a Christian attorney in the workplace, in legal practice, and in everyday life.
- _____ Guidance on how to handle stress and balance priorities in a legal career: professional, family and Christian commitments.

Additional ideas or comments that will help us select a mentor for you:

Would you prefer a mentor who is of the same gender? *Modify if necessary. Some chapters mandate same gender pairing only.*

Is there a particular person that you would like to be your mentor? If so, whom?

Sample Discipleship Plan

The following is a suggested plan for discipleship. It is not meant to be exhaustive or followed exactly. For example, the mentor and the person being disciplined may both work in the same area but live two hours apart thereby making the attendance of each other's churches (one of the suggested activities below) very difficult. Feel free to pick the suggestions that work best for your circumstances.

Week 1: Go Over Vision

Read and discuss CLS Well Disciplined Lawyer vision statement. Do both "Paul" and "Timothy" agree with the goal? Why or why not?

Read and discuss the scriptural basis for the elements of the vision statement.

Week 2: Consider and Decide on Course of Study

Consider using resources listed in the attached list of books and study guides.

Decide on a length of discipleship program. We recommend at least 13 weeks, up to a year.

Weeks 3 through 13 (or as many as 52): Meet for Prayer, Study of Materials, and Personal Accountability and/or Suggested Activities.

Suggested Activities: These may occur at various times throughout the relationship.

1. Co-counsel a pro-bono matter or volunteer to work together at local CLS legal aid clinic.
2. Go on home or hospital calls to pray, counsel or befriend the sick, lonely or shut in.
3. Attend the CLS annual conference together. Plan to attend classes at the conference that will help achieve discipleship goals.
4. Attend CLS regional student conference together.
5. Watch together and discuss a spiritually themed movie. (A list of ideas is attached.)
6. Schedule discipleship meetings just before or after CLS chapter meetings to pray for attendees and the chapter ministry.
7. Arrange to attend a local CLS Law Student Chapter meeting to give your testimony or to talk about practice issue for believers.
8. Attend services at mentor's or disciple's church.

Recommended Books and Study Guides

Listed below are books and study guides we recommend. The lists are split between those that are not focused on the legal profession and those that are. Following the lists is a short description of each of the listed items.

BOOKS/STUDY GUIDES – Non-Legal

VISION STATEMENT STRENGTH

1. As Iron Sharpens Iron (Hendricks)	1, 6
2. Experiencing God (revised/expanded) (Blackaby)	1
3. Living the Spirit-Formed Life (Hayford)	1, 6
4. 30 Discipleship Exercises (Riggs/Phillips)	1, 6
5. Operation Timothy (CBC)	2, 1
6. Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger (Sider)	4
7. Issues Facing Christians Today (Stott)	3, 4
8. The Healing of Jabez (Mauck)	1
9. Personal Disciple-Making (Adsit)	1
10. Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Tripp)	1, 6
11. Christian Coaching (Collins)	1
12. Cost of Discipleship (Bonhoeffer)	1
13. Heart and Mind Discipleship (C.S. Lewis Institute)	1, 2, 6

BOOKS/STUDY GUIDES – Legal

VISION STATEMENT STRENGTH

1. Paul on Trial (Mauck)	3, 5
2. Redeeming Law (Schutt)	5
3. One Nation Under God (Gibbs/Newcombe)	3, 5
4. The Believer's Guide to Legal Issues (Bloom)	5
5. Justice/ Transforming Society/ Political Action (3) (Colson)	3, 4, 6
6. CLS Seven Deadly Malpractices (CLS)	1
7. The Truth About Same-Sex Marriage (Lutzer)	4

8. Let Us Pray: A Plea for Prayer in Our Schools (Murray)	3
9. In God We Trust (Camp)	3
10. Natural Law for Lawyers (Budziskewski/Ventrella)	5
11. The Lawyer's Calling (Allegretti)	5, 4

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF BOOKS/STUDY GUIDES – NON-LEGAL

1. *As Iron Sharpens Iron*, by Howard and William Hendricks

As *Iron Sharpens Iron*, respected authors Howard and Bill Hendricks show that the most dramatic spiritual and personal growth often happens through the influence of a mentor. Rooted in biblical principles, this book is both a profound and practical guide to mentoring relationships for men. You'll learn how to: - Identify the kind of mentor you need - Maximize your mentoring relationship - Model your relationship after biblical examples - Grow through the shared wisdom of another believer - Influence others as you replicate the mentoring process. Whether you are looking for a mentor or wish to mentor someone else, this book provides specific steps to begin the relationship and make the most of it.

Howard Hendricks - a faculty member since 1951, Dr. Hendricks sees the adult children of former students now attending his classes. He is also the former Bible teacher and chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys football team. William D. Hendricks is president of The Giftedness Center, a Dallas-based consulting firm specializing in organizational design and strategic people management. Bill is the author or coauthor of a dozen books, including the classic *Your Work Matters to God*, *Living By the Book*, and most recently, *The Power of Uniqueness*.

2. *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God (revised and expanded)*, by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby and Claude King

A modern classic that has sold millions of copies worldwide, *Experiencing God* is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. By understanding how God is working through us even as we try to fathom His ways, we can begin to clearly know Him.

Henry Blackaby is founder and president emeritus of Blackaby Ministries International, an organization built to help people experience God. He and his wife Marilynn have five children and fourteen grandchildren and live in Rex, Georgia.

Richard Blackaby is president of Blackaby Ministries International and the oldest child of Henry and Marilynn Blackaby. He holds degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dallas Baptist University. He lives with his wife and children in Canada.

Claude King is editor-in-chief for undated resources at LifeWay Christian Resources. He holds degrees from Belmont College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and lives with his wife in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

3. *Living the Spirit-Formed Life*, by Jack Hayford

We can easily lose sight of the importance of the spiritual disciplines the Lord has given us for victorious living in Christ. Jack Hayford invites readers to rediscover the power and the blessing that come from such disciplines as prayer and fasting, feeding on God's Word, submission to His will, daily worship and experiencing the release of repentance and forgiveness. Hayford examines and celebrates what it really means to be an effective disciple of Christ in modern times.

Jack W. Hayford is founding pastor of The Church On The Way in Los Angeles, and is chancellor of The King's College and Seminary. His ministry reaches around the world through television, radio, his books and music he has written. His books with Regal include I'll Hold You In Heaven, Worship His Majesty The Christmas Miracle and Living the Spirit-Formed Life. Pastor Hayford is the general editor of The Spirit-Filled Life Bible and an advisory editor for Ministries Today magazine.

4. *30 Discipleship Exercises*, by Charlie Riggs and Tom Phillips (BGEA)

Designed by the Follow-Up Department of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, this book is a unique word study encouraging the in-depth study of Scripture to find practical ways to apply Scriptural truths to everyday situations. Great for those who travel, for individual study, and for use in discipleship. However you choose to use it, expect to be nourished as you feed on the Word of God.

The late Charlie Riggs of The Navigators served with BGEA for over 40 years, becoming Director of Crusades and Counseling and friend to many national ministries. In his later years, Charlie Riggs became a volunteer counselor with Prison Fellowship. Dr. Tom Phillips is Vice President of Crusades and Training of BGEA.

5. *Operation Timothy*, by Christian Business Men's Committee

This is a great discipleship tool to help men and women deepen their walk with Christ, connecting a new believer (Timothy) with a mature believer (Paul) in a life-on-life encounter to dramatically assist you in your discipleship journey. It begins with a simple decision to get to know Jesus better, and then by God's grace, the transformation begins. Four workbooks teach basic discipleship issues: Prayer, Messianic Prophecies, Bible Reliability, Giving, Worship, Evangelism.

Christian Business Men's Connection is an Indiana ministry with the mission to present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to professionals in business, and to develop businesspeople to carry out the Great Commission.

6. *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, by Ron Sider

Ron Sider applies a Biblical perspective to issues of wealth and poverty, and what God's expectations are of those blessed with wealth. The book is divided into three parts and nine chapters.

The three parts are (1) Poor Lazarus and Rich Christians, examining the divide between the wealthy and the poor; (2) A Biblical Perspective on the Poor and Possessions; and (3) Implementation, with suggestions on how Christians can address the divide.

Ron Sider is known worldwide for providing leadership to the movement of evangelicals who recognize not just the spiritual, but also the social and political implications of a high view of Scripture. His book *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* was lauded by *Christianity Today* as being among the top 100 books in religion in the 20th century and the seventh most influential book in the evangelical world in the last 50 years.

Dr. Sider has published 30 books in addition to *Rich Christians*, including *Evangelism, Salvation and Social Justice*; *Christ and Violence*; *Cry Justice: The Bible on Hunger and Poverty*; *Completely Pro-Life*; *Good News and Good Works: A Theology for the Whole Gospel*; *Living Like Jesus*; *Just Generosity: A New Vision for Overcoming Poverty in America*; *The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience: Why Are Christians Living Just Like the Rest of the World?*; *The Scandal of Evangelical Politics: Why are Christians Missing the Chance to Really Change the World?*; and *I Am not a Social Activist: Making Jesus the Agenda*.

7. *Issues Facing Christians Today*, by John Stott

John Stott provides a Bible-based analysis of most of the key social issues Christians face in contemporary culture. The 1984 edition of the book is divided into four parts and seventeen chapters. The four parts are (1) Christians in a Non-Christian Society, providing a general overview of how Christians interact with their culture; (2) Global Issues; (3) Social Issues; and (4) Sexual Issues. There are more recent editions, including one released in 2006.

John Stott is the founder of John Stott Ministries, which is the U.S. chapter of the Langham Partnership International (LPI), a network of three integrated programs—Langham Scholars, Langham Literature and Langham Preaching—and multiple supporting national member movements. LPI's vision is to see churches being equipped for mission and growing to maturity through the ministry of Christian leaders and pastors who believe, study, expound, and apply the Word of God.

8. *The Healing of Jabez*, by John Mauck

An "introduction to Jesus" book for hurting people. Good for a new believer lawyer or a lawyer who wants to grow in knowledge of how to share his or her faith. In this book, Mauck takes us through the process of receiving spiritual healing through the message of Jabez. According to one reader, this book "helps us to understand where our pain is coming from and how to ask for and receive healing through the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. I recommend "The Healing of Jabez" to individuals for self study and to those in churches and other organizations for group study. It is well organized, easy to read, thought provoking and highly effective. Also an excellent tool for pastors and others who minister to those dealing with the struggles of life."

9. *Personal Disciple-Making: A Step-By-Step Guide for Leading a New Christian From New Birth to Maturity*, by Christopher Adsit

Howard Hendricks, chairman of the Center for Christian Leadership at Dallas Theological Seminary calls Adsit's book, "...the most comprehensive, practical approach to discipling I've seen to date." The first eight chapters give practical help in what is involved in the discipling process. The next twelve chapters focus on initial follow-up of a new Christian -- the first twelve things you should do with a new believer in Christ. The final section helps the reader lay out a plan for a lifetime of discipling, using the *Personal Disciplemaking Tool Kit*.

Chris Adsit, Associate National Director of Discipleship for the Military Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, has been on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ since June, 1974.

10. *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*, by Paul David Tripp

Tripp explains how his work follows an "all of my people, all of the time" model. If you followed the Lord for a thousand years, you would still need the ministry of the body of Christ as much as you did the day you first believed. This need will remain until our sanctification is complete in Glory. This is a comprehensive treatment of how God uses people as tools of change in the lives of others, people who themselves are in need of change.

Paul David Tripp directs Changing Hearts, Changing Lives and is a member of the faculty and counseling staff at the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation, Glenside, Pennsylvania.

11. *Christian Coaching*, by Gary Collins

Dr. Gary R. Collins has taken the successful principles of coaching and given them a God-centered application for our lives and the church. Through stories, insights, and interviews with influential coaches, Collins gives us a model of Christian coaching that inspires vision, passion, and a sense of purpose. Christian Coaching demonstrates the characteristics of an effective coach, how to incorporate those characteristics into one's life, and how to coach and lead others with the same leadership style Jesus demonstrated: servant leadership.

Gary R. Collins is a licensed clinical psychologist with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Purdue University. He is author of numerous articles and over 50 books, including *Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide*, *The Biblical Basis of Christian Counseling*, and *Christian Coaching: Helping Others Turn Potential into Reality*. Gary was general editor of the thirty-volume *Resources for Christian Counseling* series of professional counseling books mostly published in the 1980s, the *Word Christian Counseling Library* of cassette tapes, and the twelve-volume *Contemporary Christian Counseling* series of books that appeared in the early 1990's. In December 2001 NavPress published Gary's book *Christian Coaching*, a book that has been revised and updated, scheduled for publication in 2009. The third edition of *Christian Counseling* (revised, expanded and completely updated) was published by Thomas Nelson publishers in 2007, followed by an accompanying *Casebook of Christian Counseling*, also published by Nelson.

12. Cost of Discipleship, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Cost of Discipleship* is a classic presentation of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Bonhoeffer explores what he terms "costly grace" and much of the book is an excellent treatment of the Sermon on the Mount. Bonhoeffer grew up in Germany before World War II and actively opposed Adolph Hitler and the Nazi party, paying the ultimate price for the dictates of his conscience.

13. Heart and Mind Discipleship, by the C.S. Lewis Institute

The C.S. Lewis Institute's *Heart and Mind Discipleship* is a high-quality, high-impact 10-week, small group DVD program with a curriculum providing fundamental truth for authentic spiritual growth. This study is more than just another academic exercise. It enables those who desire to grow in their faith to take that "next step" toward Christian maturity and discipleship. Ten thirty-minute sessions focus on topics such as God's Plan for Our Growth, the Cost of Discipleship, the Authority of the Bible, the Mission of the Church, and more.

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF BOOKS/STUDY GUIDES – LEGAL

1. Paul on Trial, by John Mauck

A commentary on Acts focusing on the numerous legal proceedings Paul faced and the context of legal charges facing Paul in 62/63 A.D., which led Luke to write about those proceedings, and charges. Helps the Christian lawyer to understand numerous legal issues surrounding faith in Jesus in the first century, and the inclusion of Gentiles in God's plan of salvation and consider which of the response of Luke or Paul are applicable to legal practice 2,000 years later.

John W. Mauck is an attorney, speaker, and biblical scholar who partners with men and women to discover God's powerful solutions amidst the pain of church splits, litigation, and reconciliation counseling. The most satisfying moments in his 30-year career as principal attorney of Mauck & Baker, LLC have occurred when his work resulted in churches being given the right to build, thus allowing the Gospel to be preached and lived. For John, "being a lawyer is about serving God."

2. Redeeming Law, by Michael P. Schutt

Dean of Students at Regent Law School, Michael Schutt believes that Christians belong in the legal profession and should regard it as a sacred calling. Schutt offers this book as a vital resource for preconceiving the theoretical foundations of law and gives practical guidance for maintaining integrity within a challenging profession. A hopeful and practical book for law students and those serving in the legal profession.

Michael P. Schutt is associate professor of law at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Virginia, director of the Institute for Christian Legal Studies (ICLS) a cooperative ministry off the Christian Legal Society and Regent Law School, and also serves InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

as the national coordinator of the Law School Ministry. Before joining the Regent Law faculty, he practiced law in Forth Worth, Texas.

3. *One Nation Under God: Ten Things Every Christian Should Know about the Founding of America*, by Dr. David C. Gibbs, Jr. with Jerry Newcombe

Here are ten incontrovertible, heavily documented, and politically incorrect historical facts that prove that Christianity played a pivotal role in uniquely shaping the most free, prosperous, and powerful nation in history.

Dr. David C. Gibbs, Jr is founder and president of Christian Law Association, a nationwide legal ministry of helps since 1969 dedicated to defending Christian liberty in America. The CLA provides legal assistance to Bible-believing churches and Christians who are experiencing legal difficulty in practicing their religious faith because of government regulation, intrusion, or prohibition of one form or another.

Jerry Newcombe is a senior producer of The Coral Ridge Hour, the internationally syndicated television outreach of Dr. D. James Kennedy. Jerry is the author or co-author of ten books, five with Dr. Kennedy.

4. *The Believer's Guide to Legal Issues*, by Stephen Bloom

The Believer's Guide to Legal Issues promotes a `system of Christian legal ethics that restores relationships, values integrity, and promotes peace. It confronts an out-of-control secular legal system that destroys relationships, idolizes greed, and celebrates revenge. This book is a comforting companion and helpful counselor for the Christian who is bewildered, overwhelmed, and increasingly uneasy with "all this legal stuff", and how it fits in with his or her Christian moral and beliefs.

Stephen Bloom is a practicing attorney and a frequent speaker on Christianity and the law. He is an adjunct instructor at Messiah College, where he teaches courses in personal finance and economics of social issues, and serves as a consultant at the United Methodist Stewardship Foundation of Central Pennsylvania. He is the former host of the "Practical Counsel-Christian Perspective" radio program. Mr. Bloom has been actively involved in the leadership of numerous community, church, and ministry organizations.

This book considers appropriate Biblical responses to typical practice issues in criminal law, estate planning, personal injury litigation, divorce, real estate and other issues faced by lawyers in a solo small firm or general practice.

5. *Justice, An Influencer Discussion Guide*, by Charles Colson

Chuck Colson's "Justice" Bible study guide provides an in-depth and thoughtful set of Bible studies on Biblical justice. The guide is divided into six "sessions": (1) The Justice of God, (2) The Holy Nation, (3) Defending the Defenseless, (4) Crime and Punishment, (5) "I Was in Prison . . .", and (6) Restitution and Restoration.

In 1976, Chuck Colson founded Prison Fellowship, which, together with churches of all confessions and denominations, has become the world's largest outreach to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families, with ministry taking place in 113 countries around the globe.

Transforming Society, An Influencer Discussion Guide, by Charles Colson

Chuck Colson's "Transforming Society" Bible study guide provides a thoughtful set of Bible studies on how Christians are called to transform the societies in which they live. The guide is divided into six "sessions": (1) Who Speaks for God?, (2) Salt and Light, (3) Taking the Gospel into the World, (4) The Hungry and the Homeless, (5) The Struggle for Hearts and Minds, and (6) Gifts and Burdens.

Political Action, An Influencer Discussion Guide, by Charles Colson

Chuck Colson's "Political Action" Bible study guide provides a useful set of Bible studies on how Christians are called to participate in the political process. The guide is divided into six "sessions": (1) The Coming of the Kingdom, (2) Living Between the Times, (3) The Cost of Discipleship, (4) Dual Citizenship, (5) The Christian and Politics, and (6) The Paradox of Power.

6. *CLS' Seven Deadly Malpractices*, Christian Legal Society Bible Study Resource

This resource remains the best attorney-targeted Bible study that *CLS* has ever produced. A series of seven studies, based on "seven deadly sins," : pride, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust. Christian lawyers will face temptation from these seven sins, and the temptations increase within the practice of law. These brief Bible studies address these temptations and promote self-examination, discussion, and spiritual growth.

7. *The Truth about Same-Sex Marriage*, by Erwin W. Lutzer

Lutzer sorts truth from spin and takes on some tough questions, such as how did we get to his point? Why is marriage as God intended better-and healthier? How can I talk to my kids about this? How do we get our message out in the media? Is there still time?

Erwin W. Lutzer has served a senior pastor of the world-famous Moody Church in Chicago, where he provides leadership to Chicago pastors. A renowned theologian, Dr. Lutzer is the featured speaker on three radio programs, and has authored several books.

8. *Let Us Pray: A Plea for Prayer in Our Schools*, by William J. Murray

In 1963, William J. Murray was the original plaintiff whose mother took her antiprayer campaign all the way to the Supreme Court. Murray has become a passionate advocate for the restoration of prayer in public schools. His book looks at the historical roots of the controversy from the Enlightenment to America's Founding Fathers, from religious tolerance in the colonies to the Bill of Rights, as he examines the growing secularization of society and the decline of morality in public schools.

William J. Murray is the Chairman of the Religious Freedom Coalition and author of several books including *My Life without God*, and is the editor of *The Complete Constitution of the United States*. He publishes a monthly conservative journal and lives in Dallas, Texas.

9. *In God We Trust: How the Supreme Court's First Amendment Decisions Affect Organized Religion*, by Kathryn Page Camp

How the U.S. Supreme Court Decides Religious cases. Gives an insightful review of the political social realities that have influenced this Court's Free Exercise and Establishment jurisprudence helpful for disciples who want more practical knowledge of federal procedures. *In God We Trust* is an essential resource for pastors, pre-law students, educators, reporters, lawyers, judges and others who care about issue surrounding the separation of church and state. Kathryn Page Camp is a regulatory attorney practicing in Chicago, Illinois. Presently she is Associate General Counsel for the National Futures Association.

10. *Natural Law for Lawyers*, by J. Budziskewski and Jeffrey Ventrella

In the chaos of legal chatter, how can we know what is right? J. Budziszewski provides a clear, brief, and practical introduction to a tradition which is mostly ignored in law school but was once the foundation of legal education and is presently enjoying a renaissance: the Natural Law. At the root of this tradition is the idea that the legislative decrees of governments depend on a higher law for their authority - a law human beings discover rather than enact, but whose foundational principles we "can't not know."

J. Budziszewski is a professor of government and philosophy at the University of Texas. He is the author of many books, including *What We Can't Not Know: A Guide*, *The Revenge of Conscience*, *Evangelicals in the Public Square*, and three books for young people about Christian faith.

11. *The Lawyer's Calling: Christian Faith & Legal Practice*, by Joseph Allegretti

Allegretti, who teaches legal ethics at Creighton University, defines the crisis of the legal profession as a spiritual crisis rather than a crisis of ethics, commercialization, or public relations. His response in this book is an exemplary exercise in professional ethics that goes beyond examination of codes of conduct to rethink "vocation" and "profession" in the context of legal practice. Drawing on formal training and experience in both law and theology, Allegretti uses H. Richard Niebuhr's familiar typology to characterize Christian attitudes toward law and to advocate what Niebuhr described as a "transformative" practice. Allegretti's discussion of covenant, care, and calling--thoroughly informed by Calvin, Luther, and Carol Gilligan--will be of interest not only to lawyers but also to other readers who struggle with a separation between job and calling. (*Steve Schroeder*)

Spiritually Themed Films

Amazing Grace (2006)

Amazing Grace recounts William Wilberforce's battle to abolish slavery in the British Empire. The film depicts the process by which Wilberforce learned to allow his faith to affect his actions in the political arena. Rated PG.

Amistad (1997)

Amistad is the story of a group of slaves that attempted to take a ship and return to Africa. Much of the film is devoted to the trial of the slaves after their attempt to return failed. Rated R (for violence).

Chariots of Fire (1981)

Chariots of Fire retells the true story of Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams, two men who train religiously and compete in the 1924 Olympics. Liddell is a committed Christian who is challenged to apply his faith to the rigors and demands of competition. Rated PG.

End of the Spear (2005)

End of the Spear is set in the early 1950s when Nate Saint, along with four other young American Christian missionaries, sensed the urgency of a crisis facing the Waodani people in Ecuador. The missionaries went to Ecuador to reach the Waodani people, only to be martyred. The movie recounts the story and shows God's amazing redemptive work through the willingness of the missionaries to risk their lives for the Waodani people. Rated PG-13.

The Hiding Place (1975)

The Hiding Place retells the courage of Christians Corrie ten Boom and her sister as they helped Jews escape the efforts of Nazi Germany to put the Jews in concentration camps for eventual extermination. Rated PG.

Hotel Rwanda (2004)

Hotel Rwanda recounts the story of a hotel owner who steps in to save the lives of the Tutsi people in the country of Rwanda. The movie reminds us of the horrors of genocide and the importance of doing what can be done to protect the innocent. Rated PG-13.

Life is Beautiful (1997)

Life is Beautiful is set in Italy shortly before and during World War II. The main character is a husband and father who does what he can to protect his child from the evils of a concentration camp when he and his son are imprisoned there in World War II. Rated PG-13.

The Mission (1986)

The Mission portrays the story of the people, politics and events that led to a massacre at a South American mission in 1750. Viewers ready to address serious issues will be challenged to a deeper understanding of mercy, forgiveness, Christian love, and faith. Rated PG.

One Night With The King (2006)

One Night With The King retells the Old Testament story of Esther. The story is a source of inspiration and comfort because it illustrates God's divine providence and His personal care for His people. It is an inspiring example of God using what would be perceived as weakness or trouble for the great good. Rated PG.

The Passion of the Christ (2004)

The Passion of the Christ begins with Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and ends with a glimpse of his resurrection. It starkly depicts the suffering and death Christ endured on our behalf. Rated R (for violence).

Schindler's List (1993)

Schindler's List recounts the story of Oskar Schindler, a greedy German businessman who becomes an unlikely humanitarian in Germany during the Nazi regime when he turns his factory into a refuge for Jews. By his actions, Schindler saved about 1100 Jews from being killed at Auschwitz. Rated R (for violence, some nudity at the concentration camp, and language).

Religious Freedom

A Man for All Seasons (1966)

A Man for All Seasons takes place in 16th century England. The story concentrates on the last seven years of Thomas More's life and the struggle between More (the chancellor) and his King, Henry VIII. Henry VIII seeks More's approval for an immoral course and the story depicts More's courage in resisting the King's demands. Rated G.

Becket (1964)

King Henry II of England has trouble with the church and when the Archbishop of Canterbury dies, he develops a plan to avoid the strictures of the church. Rather than appoint a cleric loyal to the church, he will appoint his old drinking buddy, Thomas Becket, technically a deacon of the church, to the position. But Becket takes the job seriously and becomes a more powerful opponent to Henry II than Becket's predecessors. Not rated.

Luther (2003)

Luther recounts the life and times of Martin Luther, the 16th century German monk-turned-historic-church-reformer. Rated PG-13.

Family and Marriage

Facing the Giants (2006)

Facing the Giants tells the story of a football coach who attempts to coach an underdog high school football team with the goal of glorifying God. The story also addresses struggles in his marriage, including whether he and his wife will be able to have children. Rated PG.

Fireproof (2008)

Fireproof is the story of a dedicated firefighter who allows his marriage to burn to the ground. As the couple prepares to enter divorce proceedings, he secretly commits to a 40-day challenge and learns what it means to love God and to truly love his wife. It is a powerful testimony of God's love and redemptive power that can help "fireproof" any marriage. Rated PG.

Flywheel (2003)

Jay Austin wants to sell used cars in the worst way... and that's exactly how he does business at his dealership. His manipulative ways permeate all of his relationships- even his wife and son don't trust him. But as Jay begins working on restoring a classic convertible, he begins to see that God is working on restoring him as well. He begins the ride of his life as he learns to honor God with his business, his relationships, and his life. Not rated.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

It's a Wonderful Life is a heartwarming story of how a heavenly messenger teaches the main character, George Bailey (played by Jimmy Stewart), how he had contributed to the lives of those around him and saved their small town. Not rated.

Places in the Heart (1984)

Places in the Heart tells the story of a woman forced to provide for her family and maintain her farm after her husband is accidentally shot and killed by a drunk. It is set during the Great Depression in Waxachie, Texas. Rated PG.

Shadowlands (1993)

Shadowlands is the story of C.S. Lewis and his wife, Joy Gresham. It recounts how they met and how their relationship grew over time. Joy became terminally ill with cancer at a relatively young age and the film addresses the pain and growth that came from that experience. Rated PG.

Soul Surfer (2011)

Soul Surfer is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through the love of her family, her sheer determination, and unwavering faith. Rated PG.

Tree of Life (2011)

The Tree of Life is the impressionistic story of a Midwestern family in the 1950's. It follows the life journey through the innocence of childhood to disillusioned adult years as Jack tries to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father. He finds himself a lost soul, seeking answers to the origins and meaning of life while questioning the existence of faith. Rated [PG-13](#). **Nominated: Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Cinematography.**

Pro-Life

Bella (2006)

Bella tells an inspirational story of a failed soccer star who meets a woman fired from her job because of morning sickness. The father of her child has left. It is a story of grace and forgiveness that honors the sanctity of human life. Rated PG-13.

Come What May (2009)

In *Come What May*, a pro-life college law student argues against Roe v. Wade in "moot court" while a pro-abortion mother argues against parental notification before the U.S. Supreme Court. This is a Patrick Henry College student production (and school infomercial) – impressive in that regard but not up to Hollywood standards. Good information on Roe v. Wade decision; good love story role modeling. Not rated.

Demographic Winter (2008)

Demographic Winter is a documentary that details the social and economic consequences of the worldwide population decline. The follow-up to this movie *Demographic Bomb*, was released June 20, 2009. Not rated.

Lines That Divide: The Great Stem Cell Debate (2009)

Lines That Divide is a documentary regarding the stem cell debate that makes excellent use of movie clips and celebrity sound bites in combination with graphics and interviews of scientists on both sides of the debate. The film covers not only ethics but women's health as well as media, political and terminology obfuscation. Not rated.

October Baby (2011)

In *October Baby*, a college freshman's world is rocked when she learns she is the adopted survivor of an attempted abortion. Bewildered, angered, and confused, Hannah embarks on a journey to discover her hidden past ... and find hope for her unknown future. In the midst of her incredible journey, Hannah learns that every life is beautiful.

Discipleship Websites

1. **Got Questions.Org International** (<http://www.gotquestions.org>)

“*What is Christian discipleship?*” "Got Questions Ministries seeks to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by providing biblical, applicable, and timely answers to spiritually-related questions through an internet presence." GotQuestions.org is a volunteer ministry of trained servants who have a desire to assist others in their understanding of God, Scripture, salvation, and other spiritual topics. They are Christian, Protestant, conservative, evangelical, fundamental, and non-denominational. They view themselves as a para-church ministry, coming alongside the church to help people find answers to their spiritually related questions

2. **Making Disciples International** (<http://making-disciples.net>)

Reuven and Yanit Ross, the authors of these manuals, are based in Haifa, Israel. They have been an active part of Carmel Assembly since 1994, and have established a continuing discipleship ministry there. During their years on Mount Carmel, they have developed these materials and have taught them locally and nationally. Reuven and Yanit teach on disciple making and leadership within Israel and internationally. They strongly desire to see many in the Lord's Body embrace true discipleship and grow in maturity as spiritual leaders.

3. **Brent Amato** (<http://brentamato.com>)

Brent Amato is a lawyer and current member of the CLS Board. “You want someone who ‘gets it’ and isn’t afraid to be honest. Someone who understands the challenges you’re facing and speaks with wisdom...a few steps ahead of you on the journey, but close enough to shine some light in your direction...someone to walk you through life’s experiences...guide you to answers and help you discover a new purpose and passion...” (Family Life Publishing, The Empty Nest). Brent has been doing discipleship with men one-on-one for over 30 years. Since sometimes it has taken the form of discipling, mentoring or coaching or a combination of these, Brent has chosen to call the ministry “fellow-traveling,” modeled after Jesus’ fellow-traveling with two believers on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Brent is available to teach these concepts to you, your small group, mid-size group, church or parachurch organization or preach on Fellow-Traveling.SM

4. **All About Following Jesus** (<http://www.allaboutfollowingjesus.org/christian-discipleship.htm>)

Following Jesus is a day-by-day journey, which includes relying on Him to lead the way. In the articles, you will discover helpful guidance from God's Word and practical instruction for following Jesus every day of your life.

5. **Foundations for Freedom** (<http://wwwFOUNDATIONSforfreedom.net>)

The Biblical Foundations for Freedom website specializes in assisting people to both understand the meaning of spiritual growth and to use that knowledge to help them grow. The overview of the whole spiritual growth process identifies three key stages of our spiritual journey. Churches often lack Christian leaders because they miss how leaders are grown through this process. As a Christian identifies where he is on this spiritual growth chart, he can both observe what keeps him from growing further as well as sees what he needs to grow more.

6. **Compass Therapy** (<http://www.compasstherapy.com>)

Traditionally, Christian discipleship has been understood as a process of taking the truth and principles that Jesus taught and trying to make individuals think and behave like Jesus did. But there is a flaw here. If you mechanically stamp the image of Christ onto a person the way you rubber-stamp an envelope, you risk creating superficial Christian behavior that is not organically integrated with the depth dimensions of one's personality.

Dan and Kate Montgomery propose that a more authentic experience of Christian discipleship can emerge from using the Self Compass®: an empirically validated growth tool for promoting healthy personality and relationships while at the same time reflects Jesus' behavior in the Gospels. The Self Compass and its corollary principles, known as Compass Psychotheology, equip Christian discipleship with practical tools for Christians to understand their conflicts, thoughts and feelings, and conscious and unconscious dynamics. Through this knowledge, they can increase communication and communion between one's self, God, and other people.

7. **Discipleship Library** (<http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com/index.php>)

Your online source for the very best in Christian discipleship training resources. The site is digitizing thousands of classic studies that have been presented over the last 60 years and will be making them available for online training or downloading to your multimedia-ready computer.