

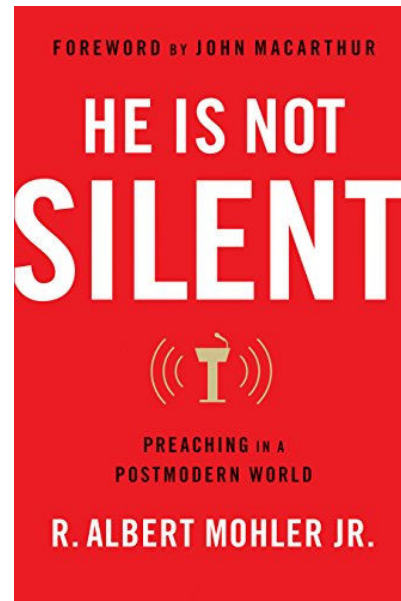
Theological Roundtable 2023: 2 Timothy Preparatory Reading List

Topical Reading

He Is Not Silent

Albert Mohler

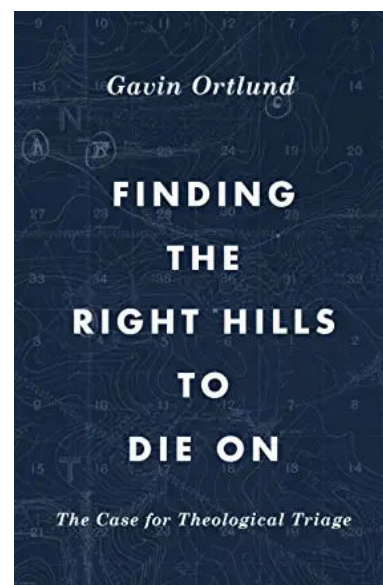
Preaching, the practice of publicly expositing the Bible, has fallen on hard times. How did this happen? After all, as John A. Broadus famously remarked, "Preaching is characteristic of Christianity." In this powerful book, Albert Mohler Jr. shows us how. In a style both commanding and encouraging, Mohler lays the groundwork for preaching, fans the flame on the glory of preaching, and calls out with an urgent need for preaching. This message is desperately needed yet not often heard. Whether you're concerned or enthused by the state of the church today, join Mohler as he examines preaching and why the church can't survive without it.



Finding the Right Hills to Die On

Gavin Ortlund

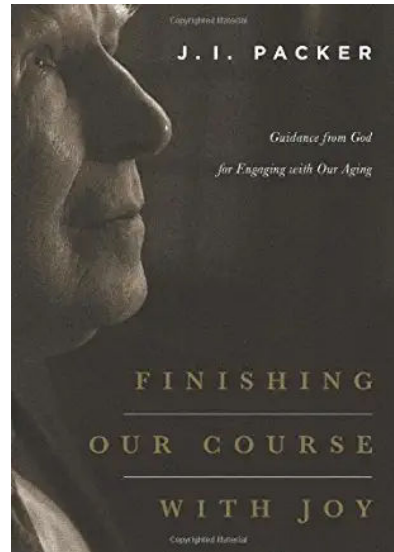
In theology, just as in battle, some hills are worth dying on and others are not. But how do we know which ones? When should doctrine divide, and when should unity prevail? Just as a medic on a battlefield treats the severely wounded first and then moves on to the less serious injuries, we must prioritize doctrine in order of importance. Pastor Gavin Ortlund implores us to cultivate humility as we prioritize doctrine into four ranks—essential, urgent, important, and unimportant—so that we will be as effective as possible at advancing the gospel in our time.



Finishing Our Course With Joy

J. I. Packer

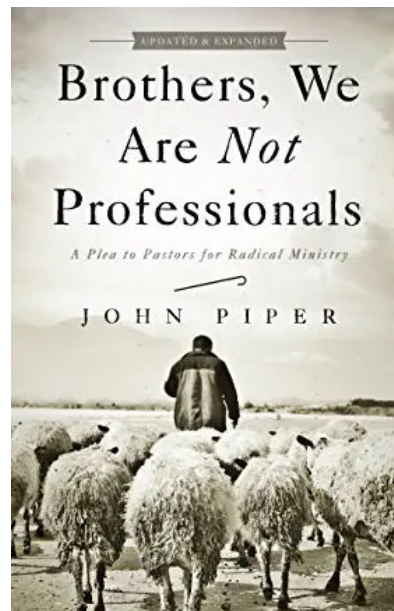
Thinning hair, failing eyesight, and arthritic hands reveal an inescapable truth: we're only getting older. But that doesn't mean we should simply sit back and take it easy. In *Finishing Our Course with Joy*, renowned theologian and author J. I. Packer challenges us to embrace old age as an opportunity for continued learning, careful planning, and heartfelt discipleship. Packer's pastoral words and personal stories encourage us to press on toward the upward call of God with endurance and grace—that we might continue to glorify God in our aging and finish our lives with joy.



Brothers, We Are Not Professionals (2nd Edition)

John Piper

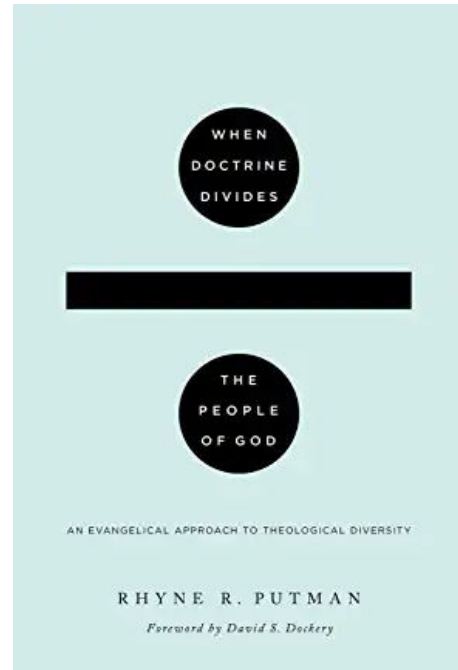
In this revised and expanded edition of *Brothers, We Are Not Professionals* that includes a new introduction and select all-new chapters, best-selling author John Piper pleads through a series of thoughtful essays with fellow pastors to abandon the professionalization of the pastorate and pursue the prophetic call of the Bible for radical ministry.



When Doctrine Divides the People of God

Rhyne R. Putman

As evangelicals, we desire to be biblical—we want our doctrine to be rooted in the Bible, our lives to be guided by the Bible, and our disagreements to be resolved by the Bible. And yet, conflicts within our church communities continue to appear and seemingly multiply with time. Interpretations of the Bible and deeply held convictions often put Christians at odds. Encouraging us toward grace in disagreement and firmness in truth, Rhyne Putman reflects on how Christians can maintain the biblical call for unity despite having genuine disagreements.



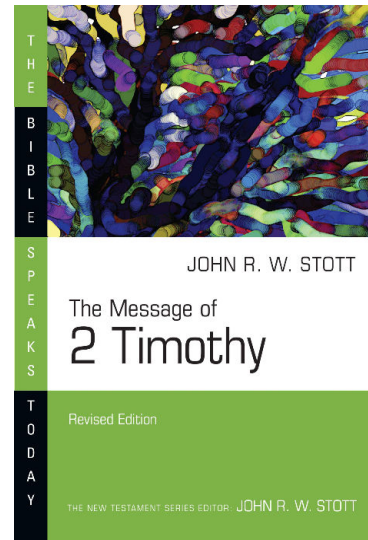
The first three commentaries below are less technical, more accessible. The last three are based on original language exegesis and are more scholarly in tone. Notice that all but the first of these include the complete pastoral epistles.

Biblical Commentary

The Message of 2 Timothy

John R. W. Stott

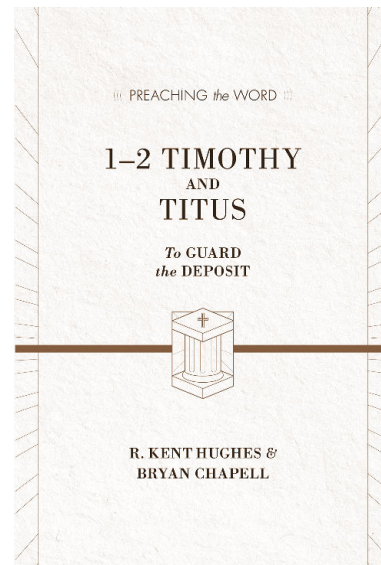
In this revised The Bible Speaks Today volume, Stott explores the perennial lessons of Paul's final epistle. We see Paul call the young leader Timothy to courageously persevere in the truth and in his calling, not yielding to the pressures of public opinion or the surrounding culture. Highlighting key themes such as guarding, proclaiming, and suffering for the gospel, Stott also considers the historical background and applications for readers today.



1 - 2 Timothy and Titus

R. Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell

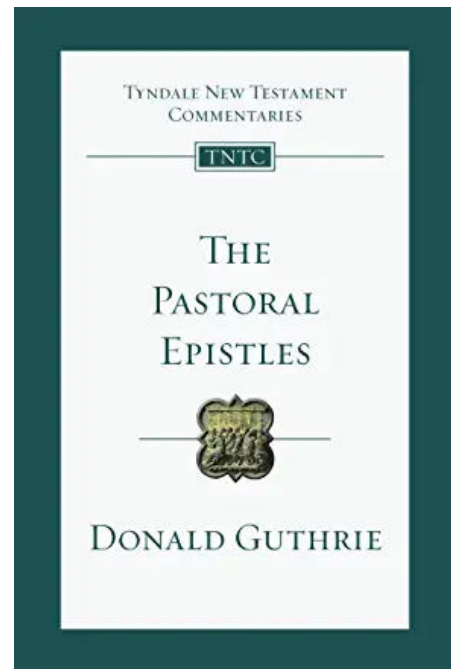
There are substantial reasons to be energized about studying the Pastoral Letters of Paul. Between them they teach the proper ordering of the church (1 Timothy), they present a developed challenge to all Christians (2 Timothy), and they suggest God's priorities for mature ministry (Titus). Experienced pastors R. Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell have done their homework—applying sound principles in interpreting the texts so that we can understand what Paul was really saying. Embracing grace, loving godliness, and sharing Christ were not just charges to the early believers, and are not solely the responsibility of pastors, deacons, and elders in the church. They are exhortations for any of us who call ourselves disciples of Christ today.



The Pastoral Epistles

Donald Guthrie

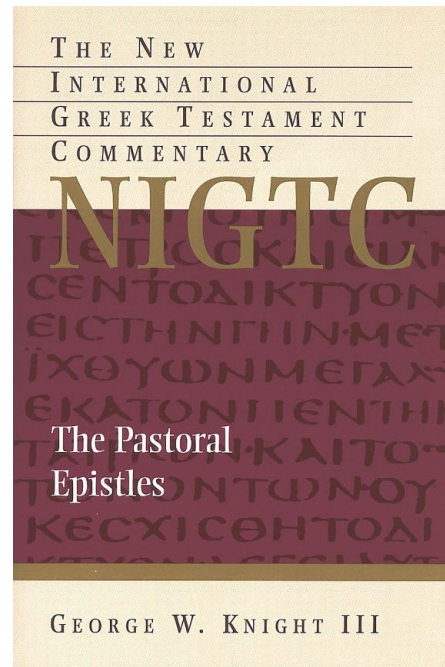
This Tyndale commentary by Donald Guthrie tackles theological topics in these books, including objections over authenticity and linguistic issues. The introduction gives a concise but thorough description of the authorship, date, and historical background of the biblical book under consideration. The commentary itself examines the text section by section, drawing out its main themes. It also comments on individual verses and deals with problems of interpretation. The aim throughout is to get at the true meaning of the Bible and to make its message plain to readers today.



The Pastoral Epistles

George W. Knight III

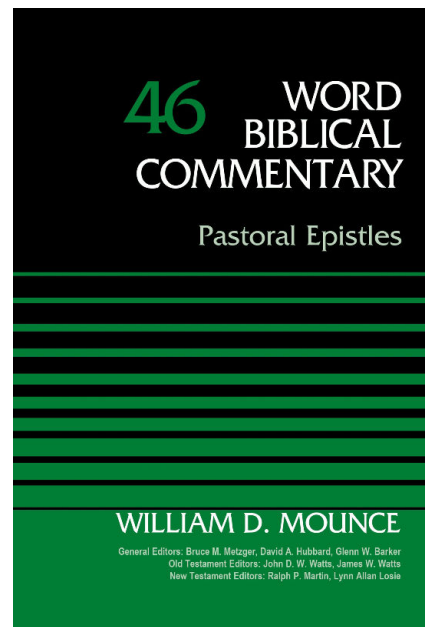
This is a thorough, full- scale English commentary on the Greek text of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. While the author gives careful attention to the comments of previous interpreters of the text, both ancient and modern, his emphasis is on exegesis of the Greek text itself and on the flow of the argument in each of these three epistles. Knight's commentary includes an introduction that treats at length the question of authorship (he argues for Pauline authorship and proposes, on the basis of stylistic features, that Luke might have been the amanuensis for the Pastoral Epistles), the historical background of these letters, and the personalities and circumstances of the recipients.



Pastoral Epistles

William D. Mounce

The Word Biblical Commentary delivers the best in biblical scholarship, from the leading scholars of our day who share a commitment to Scripture as divine revelation. This series emphasizes a thorough analysis of textual, linguistic, structural, and theological evidence. The result is judicious and balanced insight into the meanings of the text in the framework of biblical theology. These widely acclaimed commentaries serve as exceptional resources for the professional theologian and instructor, the seminary or university student, the working minister, and everyone concerned with building theological understanding from a solid base of biblical scholarship.



The Letters to Timothy and Titus

Robert W. Yarbrough

With a spirited devotion to the text, Robert Yarbrough helps unlock the meaning of these short but rich letters in this commentary. In keeping with the character of Pillar New Testament Commentary volumes, *The Letters to Timothy and Titus* offers a straightforward reading of these texts. Their primary concerns—God, salvation, and the pastoral task—remain central to Yarbrough’s thorough and comprehensive exegesis. Engaging with the best scholarship and resources, Yarbrough shows how these letters are as relevant today as they were to the early Christians.

