***Ron's List for a Desert Island***

Books that have shaped my life and ministry

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Even if a man’s resources are not so providentially limited, it would be foolish, not to mention poor stewardship, to spend money on books that will inevitably land in the ash-heap of irrelevance. We should rather endeavor to invest in *tools* that have stood, and will stand, the test of time by their beneficial influence in the lives of those who use them.

Adams, Jay *Competent to Counsel*

**Ames, William *The Marrow of Theology***

‘… since the present state of the church seems to demand that grace be promoted in every way, I consider it better to do some violence to your modesty than to fail in my duty.’ P.67

Baxter, Richard *The Reformed Pastor*

Bennet, Robert *Valley of Vision: Puritan prayers and devotions*

**Berkhof, Louis *Systematic Theology***

**Blanchard, John *Right with God:*** *A straightforward guide to help those searching for personal faith in God*

Boettner, Lorraine *Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*

 *Roman Catholicism*

**Boice, James *Foundations of the Christian Faith:*** *A Comprehensive & Readable Theology*

**Bridges, Charles *The Christian Ministry***

 ***Proverbs***

 ‘The best work on the Proverbs.’ Spurgeon

**Brown, John *Christian Pastor's Manual***

**Bruce, F.F. *New Testament History***

**Bunyan, John *Pilgrim's Progress***

Charnock, Stephen *Existence and Attributes of God*

Conybeare & Howson *The Life and Epistles of St. Paul*

‘… a living picture of St. Paul himself, and of the circumstances by which he was surrounded.’

**Edersheim, Alfred *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah***

**Fox, John *Fox's Book of Martyrs***

Friesen, Gary *Decision-making and the Will of God*

Grudem, Wayne *Systematic Theology*

Halley, Henry *Halley’s Bible Handbook*

**Hodge, Charles *Systematic Theology***

**Kaiser, Walt *Toward an Exegetical Theology:*** *Biblical Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching*

‘… as a rule the way in which Scripture is being treated is in exact correspondence with the condition of the Church.’ p.7

**Lloyd-Jones, D.M. *Preaching and Preachers***

**MacArthur, John *Ashamed of the Gospel***

 ***Gospel According to Jesus***

Metzger, Bruce *Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption, and Restoration*

**Murray, Iain *The Forgotten Spurgeon***

‘Controversy for the truth against the errors of the age is, we feel more than ever convinced, the peculiar duty of the preacher.’ Spurgeon

 ***Revival & Revivalism:*** *The Making and Marring of American Evangelicalism 1750-1858*

‘This book has been written in the hope that it may strengthen faith and encourage prayer for another great outpouring of the Spirit of God.’ p. xxii

Nettles, Tom *By His Grace and for His Glory: A Historical, Theological, and Practical Study of the Doctrines of Grace in Baptist Life*

**Packer, J.I. *Knowing God***

 ***God Has Spoken***

 ***A Quest for Godliness:*** *The Puritan Vision of the Christian Life*

**Pink, A.W. *Sovereignty of God***

***Attributes of God***

**Schaff, Philip *History of the Christian Church***

**Sproul, R.C. *The Holiness of God***

My favorite: chapter 9, *God in the Hands of Angry Sinners*

**Steel & Thomas *The Five Points of Calvinism***

**Strauch, Alexander *Biblical Eldership:*** *An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership*

‘This book is aimed primarily at churches that practice eldership but misunderstand its true biblical character and mandate. Its purpose is to define, as accurately as possible from Scripture, what biblical eldership is.’ p.10

**Thomas, Robert *How to Choose a Bible Translation***

 ***Harmony of the Gospels***

Tripp, Tedd *Shepherding a Child's Heart*

Whitney, Don *Spiritual Disciplines*

***The whole Bible***

Ellicott, C.J.

***The New Testament***

Hendriksen, William

MacArthur, John

***The Psalms***

Briggs, Charles

Keil & Delitzsch

Spurgeon, *Treasury of David*

Other *good* tools …

 *Cambridge History of the Bible*

***International Standard Bible***

 ***Encyclopedia* (ISBE)**

 ***Vincent's Word Studies***

 ***Vine's Expository Dictionary***

 *Evangelical Dictionary of*

 *Theology*

 *Unger's Bible Dictionary*