

## Growing Up Christian

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Christianity is a faith rich in celebrations, ceremonies, and traditions. Readers of this informative volume learn about what it means to be a follower of Christianity today. They also discover the many stories and beliefs that the Christian faith is rooted in. Vibrant photographs correlate closely with the engaging text, allowing for a greater understanding of the content. The unique page layout presents information in accessible sections, allowing for readers of many ages and levels to enjoy and understand this essential volume.

Revised and updated, this invaluable teaching tool looks at Christianity as a world religion, and examines the implications for all those involved in religious education. The Apostle Paul realized that he was an infant in the faith after his encounter with the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus. He experienced what was required to become a member of Christ's body and to walk as a mature Christian. Therefore, he wanted to share these truths with the Ephesians and with us. What does he do? First, he presents doctrine regarding the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus Christ, and God the Father. Then, he focuses on the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Why? He knew we needed to acquire knowledge of God's Word and develop a personal relationship with the Triune God. He concludes this portion of Scripture with comforting words and stern warnings. The former assures us of attaining spiritual maturity, whereas the latter warns against the predators espousing false doctrine, trickery, cunning craftiness, and deceit, which are only overcome by an intimate knowledge of the Son of God.

My family moved to forty acres on a dead end road in Christian Country when I was eight years old. My family was relocating to recover from the death of one of the year-old twins. Like all kids of that era my brother Donny (who was fourteen months younger than I) and I had chores to do and we were expected to do them correctly and on time. Then we were free to pursue our favorite pastime-horses. And Donny found so much more time to "invent." He believed he could improve any method of anything he came across, and set out to prove it. For five years our family had an ideal life until Mom got cancer. My parents instilled in their children a work ethic that has served me well: that truth and integrity is the foundation of life. My parents farmed and Dad worked in the coal mine and broke horses to work. Mom trained them to ride, I spent many wonderful hours with my little brothers watching Mom work horses to accept the saddle and ride. For many years it was difficult to write of our time on Christian Forty and the death of my mother, but with the death of our only child it seems the time is right. While we had some valley low times we also had many mountain highs. My mother had a saying: "If it were not for the valley lows the mountain highs would not be as enjoyable." We were taught that a handshake and your word amounted to the same as a written contract. Of course our lives changed after the death of our mother. She asked Dad not to separate her children. Our life became difficult but Dad held true to his word and kept our family together. My parents regarded success not in how much you acquired but what you did with it.

It seems that much of American Christianity has lost sight of the goal of growing to maturity in Christ. This loss of vision has had serious consequences for the quality of

our witness and ministry. In *Aiming at Maturity*, Steven W. Rankin seeks to bring back into focus key qualities of spiritual maturity and summarizes important biblical passages to show the scriptural foundations that call for spiritual maturity. Rankin also addresses certain tendencies in popular Christian culture to reduce doctrinal truths to sound bites with the laudable but counterproductive goal to make doctrine memorable, therefore applicable. Thinking more expansively about certain key doctrines related to the work of Christ and the impact of grace contributes to growth toward maturity in a way that popular descriptions of these doctrines do not. Finally, Rankin also challenges readers to consider the important role of emotions in developing Christlike dispositions, which contribute toward producing the fruit of a mature Christian life. By looking at relevant modern research, *Aiming at Maturity* shows the inherent connection between thoughts and feelings that draw us closer to the actual biblical description of the heart.

Informatie in korte hoofdstukken over de veranderingen die er in je lichaam plaatsvinden tussen je 9de en 15de jaar en over seks en wat daar allemaal mee samenhangt. Met humoristische, verduidelijkende tekeningen in kleur. Vanaf ca. 9 jaar. Wilskracht, onderlinge solidariteit en een rotsvast geloof brengen een nieuwe toekomst. Langzaam ontluikt de liefde: Als de jonge pionier Clem Claridge tijdens zijn reis naar het verre Westen van Noord-Amerika verongelukt, blijft zijn jonge vrouw Marty alleen achter. Een van de andere pioniers, een weduwnaar met een dochtertje, vraagt haar ten huwelijk. Dat stelt Marty voor een enorm dilemma. In this updated edition, the chapter on courtship has new stories and insights that reflect the experiences of the now-married Duggar daughters and how they lived out the principles of courtship all the way to the altar. Airing weekly throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, TLC's *19 Kids and Counting* has made the huge Duggar family into a media phenomenon. The Duggar children are frequently asked, "Tell the truth; do you really agree with the lifestyle your parents have created for you?" Now, the four eldest Duggar girls—Jana, Jill, Jessa, and Jinger—open up about the blessings and advantages of living the Duggar lifestyle. With a backdrop of the key relationships in their lives—relationship with self, parents, siblings, friends, boys, and God—the four Duggar girls also open up about their own personal faith and convictions, boys, dating, peer pressure, manners, living in a large family, politics, and much more. You'll learn how the family navigates the difficult years between twelve and sixteen and what the girls look for in a man, all in a frank and fun book that will inspire teens and adults alike. Including light-hearted stories about the younger kids' antics, *Growing Up Duggar* is a wise and entertaining trip into a family like no other. Speaking in and to a culture that worships power and comfort while cultivating fear as a manipulative tool, Matthew Dickerson offers a transformative alternative: authentic discipleship and disciple making. What does it mean to live as disciples of Christ, what would it look like to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and how can we be open to that transformation? How can a follower of Christ live as salt and light in the midst of a power-hungry fear-mongering society? And how can we both teach and model that disciple life as we obey Christ's command to make disciples? In the tradition of spiritual theology and formation, *Disciple*

Making in a Culture of Power, Comfort, and Fear draws deeply from Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy--viewed as a reflection on Jesus' great disciple-making commission--as well as on Dickerson's own experiences in disciple-making ministry on college campuses and his local church. Dickerson's writing is deeply informed by Scriptures, by the works of such important Christian thinkers, theologians, and writers as Eugene Peterson, John Stott, and Richard Foster, and also by the literature of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien whose works he has been teaching and writing about for more than thirty years.

Home and family are key, yet relatively unexplored, dimensions of religion in the contemporary United States. American cultural lore is replete with images of saintly nineteenth-century American mothers and their children. During the twentieth century, however, the form and function of the American family have changed radically, and religious beliefs have evolved under the challenges of modernity. As these transformations took place, how did religion manage to "fit" into modern family life? In this book, Margaret Lamberts Bendroth examines the lives and beliefs of white, middle-class mainline Protestants (principally northern Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and Congregationalists) who are theologically moderate or liberal. Mainliners have pursued family issues for most of the twentieth century, churning out hundreds of works on Christian childrearing. Bendroth's book explores the role of family within a religious tradition that sees itself as America's cultural center. In this balanced analysis, the author traces the evolution of mainliners' roles in middle-class American culture and sharpens our awareness of the ways in which the mainline Protestant experience has actually shaped and reflected the American sense of self.

*Growing Up with God* is the story of Maria and Lucas, two best friends who are on the journey of discovering themselves in the very normal, but also epic journey of hearing from God's heart. Maria has a life-changing moment at Summer Camp when she hears from God for the first time. He tells her something beyond belief, that she is going to be an actor! And not in 20 years as an adult, she can pursue her acting career now! The problem is, with every step, something seems to stand in her way. The problem is, with every step, something seems to stand in her way. Lucas is a boy with a one-track mind: Soccer is life. The only thing more important than that is his relationship with God. Lucas is learning to listen to God's heart, even if that means befriending the weird new kid in school. Maria and Lucas find themselves on a true adventure that causes them to grow in their connection to God, each other, and make new friends along the way. It's a journey of doubt and frustration followed by joy in the very real pursuit of learning what it is to walk in relationship with Jesus. From Shawn Bolz, author of *Translating God*, comes an emotionally intelligent and spiritually relevant story that equips youth of all ages to tap into God's heart and hear His voice in their lives. Shawn has taken his gift of teaching on the prophetic and presents it in a way that children of all ages can experience how God is not limited by our age. When He speaks, everyone gets to hear Him and see

powerful and wonderful things happen through their faith. This book was created to work alongside the Growing Up with God Workbook, which can be used by individuals or Sunday school groups.

Congratulations, your daughter is approaching puberty now! Have you started talking to her about her development yet? Maybe you are not sure what to say to your daughter or how to say it. Or is she already in the intermediate or final stages of puberty? Not to worry, we have got you covered. Children are a gift from God, but the gift comes with a responsibility. God made you his custodian so that you can advance the fulfillment of His purpose by training your daughter to live a life that glorifies His name. He would like to collaborate with you in making His will known to your daughter. Remember your daughter is a friend to someone, a daughter-in-law to another woman, a workmate, as well as a national and global citizen. When you fulfill God's purpose in her, you indirectly do so in the lives of many others. In *Raising Christian Girls 101*, you will learn: The influence that parents have on their daughters What to expect during your daughter's development How to start conversations with your daughter The spiritual part of supporting your daughter through her puberty How to make the task easier by letting God guide you How to talk about sex, abortion, and homosexuality And so much more! No matter your education, stature, or color, God has given you all the tools that you need to grow your daughter for His Glory. This book enlightens you on some of the tools that God gave you for the sacred purpose as well as how to use them. To effectively support your daughter through her puberty according to the will of God, buy this book today

What does religion mean for a child? How is it understood and what does it do to form moral and other attitudes? This book contains a collection of writings by adults about what religion meant to them as children, designed to try and answer these and other questions.

*Growing Up : A Story of the Girlhood of Judith Mackenzie* "I was not sure whether it were to write a book, or to teach, or to go as a foreign missionary; I think I hoped it would be the foreign missionary, because that was the most self-sacrificing. The book was all one great joy. The teaching was absorbing, but I must go away to study. I was afraid to go away, I did not like to go away from Bensalem, I would miss my mother away from Bensalem, and you, and all the parsonage, and the whole village. But I thought I was called; as called as Roger was to preach, or any woman, saint, or heroine, who had done a great thing. You cannot think what it was to me. It made me old. I wanted God to speak out of Heaven and tell me what to do. It began to lose its selfishness, after that. The first thing that began to shake my confidence was something Mrs. Lane said that afternoon she talked to Jean and me about what women were doing and could do. She did not make woman's work attractive; she took the heart out of me. I did not know why she should do that. I knew better all the time. I knew what women had done and were doing. I knew she was doing a noble work, literary work, work in prisons, temperance work; the instances she gave me seemed

trivial, as if she were laughing at me. But something opened my eyes; I felt that I might be disobedient to my heavenly vision, that I was looking up into the heavens for my call, and the voice might be all the time in my ear. That was the night I came back here and found you so cozy and satisfied under your own roof-tree, with the voice in your ear, and the work in your hand. The world went away from me. I stayed. I am glad I stayed. My only trouble is, and it is a real trouble, that God did not care for my purpose, or my prayers; that he has let them go as if they never entered into his mind; I thought they were in his heart as well as mine.”

Psychotherapy and ethnography are jointly employed to produce an account of HIV-positive children's lives (and deaths) in Zimbabwe that is sensitive to emotions and their social contexts.

There are many strange, weird, and totally off the wall ideas flying around about what a Christian is and what a Christian is supposed to be. I am no expert, but Jesus is. So I took the direction to do a study about this very subject. One thing I found, through studying, is that confessing Jesus as Lord is just the beginning; and after that faith filled confession is made the person who made it must grow and add to his life.

Growing up God's way for Boys is a colourful, fully illustrated book available as separate versions for boys and girls. It is intended for children approaching or experiencing puberty, typically represented by the 10-14 years old age range. The artwork has been specially produced for the book and includes accurate biological drawings as well as 'cartoon' illustrations to keep the young reader interested. Most importantly of all, the Bible is the constant reference point, so that what the Bible has to say about the matters dealt with is always front and centre. The result is that this book conveys essential biblical ethical teaching as well as the facts about puberty. For example, here's an extract from the teaching on the chapter on 'Physical Intimacy' (in this case in the girls version): So special that God has given us rules It might seem attractive to live in a world where there are no laws. (Of course it would mean that your parents would never be able to tell you that you were doing something wrong!) But have you ever thought what would happen if there were no laws about how we should drive a car? The laws of the road make it safe for us to drive. If there were none, many more people on the road would get injured and driving would be a very frightening experience. God has given us a law regarding how we relate to the opposite sex in sexual intimacy. This law is the seventh of the Ten Commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery' (Exodus 20:14). From this verse and other passages in the Bible, we learn that all sexual activity outside marriage is wrong. The word adultery means either being married and experiencing sexual intimacy with someone who is not your husband, or experiencing sexual intimacy with someone else's husband. In the New Testament, God warns us to 'flee from sexual immorality' (1 Corinthians 6:18). The term 'sexual immorality' includes any sexual activity that is not between a husband and his wife. The fact that God has

given us a specific command to keep sexual intimacy for marriage shows how important God considers sexual intimacy to be. The husband and wife are important to Him, their marriage is important to Him, and the new life that may result from sexual intimacy is important to Him. God's law about sexual intimacy is for our safety and well-being - it protects us, it protects marriage, and it protects young life.

Wanneer is het goed dat je een ongelukkige jeugd had? Hoe komt het dat zoveel dyslectici buitengewoon succesvol zijn? Denk nog eens goed na of je je kind wel naar de beste school wilt sturen! En waarom zijn de echte toptalenten zo vaak door diepe dalen gegaan? We weten allemaal dat de underdog soms wint: kijk maar naar het verhaal van David en Goliath. En we zien het soms zelf gebeuren maar zien we het goed? In dit boek onthult Malcolm Gladwell de verborgen regels die bepalen wie er succes heeft. Met inzichten uit psychologie, geschiedenis, business en politiek is David en Goliath een schitterend geschreven boek over de onverwachte kracht van het zwakke, kleine en onconventionele.

A collection of six stories about the problems and joys young Christians experience living in the Soviet Union.

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"You little knuckled headed Ediot" Willie's drunken father shouted "git back here so I can git my hands on you! I'll teach you to wake me up!" Willie just kept going as fast as his little '5 year old' legs would carry him. That was young Willie's life to this point. What could be worse? Just keep reading!

Growing Up America brings together new scholarship that considers the role of children and teenagers in shaping American political life during the decades following the Second World War. Growing Up America places young people--and their representations--at the center of key political trends, illuminating the dynamic and complex roles played by youth in the midcentury rights revolutions, in constructing and challenging cultural norms, and in navigating the vicissitudes of American foreign policy and diplomatic relations. The authors featured here reveal how young people have served as both political actors and subjects from the early Cold War through the late twentieth-century Age of Fracture. At the same time, Growing Up America contends that the politics of childhood and youth extends far beyond organized activism and the ballot box. By unveiling how science fairs, breakfast nooks, Boy Scout meetings, home economics classrooms, and correspondence functioned as political spaces, this anthology encourages a reassessment of the scope and nature of modern politics itself.

McGuffey's Readers. Public school. Family prayers. In the 1800s, these were primary — and successful — strategies by which children learned to become Christians. Sunday school was developed to support what was already being done at home and in school. Today many churches still rely on the nineteenth-century model to encourage young people to become disciples of Christ. In Growing Up Christian, Dr. C. Ellis Nelson explores why these strategies are inadequate for the twenty-first century and offers practical, specific guidance for congregations who wish to nurture disciples of Christ more effectively. Part 1 describes the pattern of influences that form our images of God. Given the way culture and family influence the rising generation, Part 2 outlines a strategy for nurturing disciples that capitalizes on the persuasive power of the congregation in fellowship, worship, and instruction. A detailed discussion guide further assists congregations who wish to form a study group to assess and

improve their Christian education.

'Sixty years ago I found myself distracted.' So begins the introduction to *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*. What follows is the record of the collaboration of pastor and congregation in acts of worship and a life together. What Eugene Peterson, for thirty years pastor of a Maryland church, discovered is that the pastor's life is much more than just the preaching. It is also made up of attending to the details in all the circumstances and relationships specific to a people and a place - prayers at a hospital bed, conversations with the elderly, small talk on a street corner. This collection of spiritual writings presents Peterson's distinctive approach designed to communicate to his congregation, and the reader, 'the full counsel of God.' Seven sections containing seven teachings, each expertly crafted to stir the biblical imagination. In these teachings, Peterson walks the reader through Scripture to bring fresh insight to familiar names such as Moses, David, Isaiah, Solomon, Peter, Paul, and John of Patmos.

This book critically examines the lived experiences of bisexual Christians across a range of Christian traditions in the UK and the USA. Shepherd assesses whether current data on elevated rates of depressive illnesses among bisexual people also apply to the bisexual Christian community. Drawing on data collected by the author on bisexual Christians across the lifespan, the book uncovers shocking incidences of biphobia and bi erasure in the Church. Widespread ignorance among pastors of middle sexualities outside of the hetero-/homonormative binary is revealed as well as a corresponding absence of appropriate support resources. Bisexuality and the Western Christian Church will be of interest to students and scholars across a range of disciplines, including gender studies, applied theology, sociology and social psychology. It is also important reading for clergy, and LGBT faith organisations. With a Foreword by Eric Anderson, Professor of Sport, Masculinities, and Sexualities, University of Winchester, UK.

Knowledge is power, girlfriend. One day you were an easy-going kid, and the next—wham! You're an emotional roller-coaster. Hair is growing in all-new places, and your best friend whispers the word "bra" in gym class. Now that you're not a little girl anymore, you have lots of questions about growing up, your changing body, and your desires to move beyond kiddie lip gloss. In this book you'll discover all the really weird body stuff you're going through is actually part of God's plan for the beautiful, confident, grown-up you! In addition to health and beauty tips, you'll find answers to some awkward, changing-body questions, ways to create a unique style all your own, and most importantly, you'll discover the true beauty that is revealed as you grow closer to God in this fun, inspirational and interactive book by best-selling author Nancy Rue.

The children were left in awe and wonder when Frankie revealed what he wanted to be when he grows up. They never would have guessed it! Feel the excitement with Frankie and his friends as they learn more about each other. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I enjoyed writing it. Remember, God loves you! *Growing Up With Frankie* is a delightful Christian children's book that is jammed packed with humor, fun, surprises and vibrant colors! Although this book is geared toward children, there is also a wonderful lesson in this book for the adult reading it. This is a good read for any time of the day, especially bedtime! This book will teach children about: 1. The Love of Jesus 2. Cool Occupations 3. Friendship Fall in love with Frankie and his friends!

'Een indringend beeld van de sekte die Scientology is. Karin Spaink Jenna Miscavige Hill groeide op binnen de muren van de controversiële Scientology Kerk. Als nicht van leider David Miscavige had ze een bevoorrechte positie en belandde daardoor bij het elitekader Sea Org. In deze spraakmakende memoir vertelt Jenna openlijk over haar ervaringen binnen de hoogste rangen van de Kerk, over het strenge regime waaraan kinderen onderworpen worden en over

haar uiteindelijke vlucht in 2005. Blind geloof is het schokkende verhaal van een jeugd die werd verwoest door Scientology, van Jenna's dramatische ontsnapping en haar worsteling om een nieuw, eigen leven op te bouwen in de maatschappij. Zij is de eerste en enige van de Miscavige-familie die een blik biedt achter de schermen van 's werelds meest controversiële religie haar praktijken, haar macht, haar volgers en haar geheimen. Jenna Miscavige Hill (1984) is een van de oprichters van [www.exscientologykids.com](http://www.exscientologykids.com), een organisatie die steun biedt aan jongeren die met de Scientology Kerk willen breken. Ze woont met haar man en twee kinderen in Zuid-Californië. Lisa Pulitzer (1964) is co-auteur van Blind geloof, en bekend van de New York Times-bestseller Het begon toen ik veertien was van Elissa Wall, die ook in Nederland een groot succes werd.

Explores the religious habits, rituals, and memories of adult Americans in an attempt to understand the state of spirituality today

If you are serious about being a disciple of Jesus Christ—really, truly serious—a discipleship group can help you achieve that goal. Jesus established this model for us by forming and leading the first discipleship group—and it worked. The men who emerged from that group took the gospel to the world and ultimately laid down their lives for Christ. Discipleship groups can create an atmosphere for fellowship, encouragement, and accountability—building an environment where God can work. In *Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples*, Robby Gallaty presents a practical, easy-to-implement system for growing in one's faith. This guide offers a manual for making disciples, addressing the what, why, where, and how of discipleship. D-Groups, as Gallaty calls them, can teach you and others how to grow your relationship with God, how to defend your faith, and how to guide others in their relationships with God. *Growing Up* provides you with an interactive manual and resource for creating and working with discipleship groups, allowing you to gain positive information both for yourself and for others as you learn how to help others become better disciples for Christ. Finally! A book for Christian husbands from a Christian wife! Marriage can be fun, and marriage can be challenging. The biggest obstacle in marriage is a lack of knowledge. The husband can't understand the wife, and the wife can't understand the husband, but that's about to change! *From His Wife to Her Husband* is a book that teaches Christian husbands how to better understand their wives, and learn how to restructure their marriage the way GOD designed it to be! An absolute must read for all Christian husbands and husband-to-bes! In addition, this book is GREAT for wives and wives-to-be to help them better understand their design, and how to better communicate what they need from their husbands.

In 'Onversneden christendom' legt C.S. Lewis uit wat het hart is van het christelijk geloof. Een klassieker! Er is geen schrijver die zo helder en warm kan uitleggen wat het betekent om christen te zijn als C.S. Lewis. Hij blijft niet steken in een abstracte theologische uiteenzetting, maar maakt het Bijbelse verhaal op een persoonlijke manier tot een prachtig geschenk. Lewis blijft bij de kern van het

geloof en hij verliest zich niet in details en morele kwesties. Wie toe is aan een verfrissing en verdieping van zijn of haar geloofsleven kan nog steeds het best bij C.S. Lewis terecht.

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