

## ***Growing In Christ Ji Packer***

Historically, the church's ministry of grounding new believers in the essentials of the faith has been known as catechesis--systematic instruction in faith foundations, including what we believe, how we pray and worship, and how we conduct our lives. For most evangelicals today, however, this very idea is an alien concept. Packer and Parrett, concerned for the state of the church, seek to inspire a much needed evangelical course correction. This new book makes the case for a recovery of significant catechesis as a nonnegotiable practice of churches, showing the practice to be complementary to, and of no less value than, Bible study, expository preaching, and other formational ministries, and urging evangelical churches to find room for this biblical ministry for the sake of their spiritual health and vitality.

They're often mistakenly considered God's "rules"-his outdated list of do's and don'ts that add up to a guilt-ridden, legalistic way of life. But as beloved author and Bible scholar J. I. Packer probes the purpose and true meaning of the Ten Commandments, you'll discover that these precepts can aptly be called God's blueprint for the best life possible. They contain the wisdom and priorities everyone needs for relational, spiritual, and societal blessing-and it's all coming from a loving heavenly Father who wants the best for his children. Not only does Packer deliver these truths in brief, readable segments, but he includes discussion questions and ideas for further study at the end of each chapter. This book will challenge you to view the commandments with new eyes and help you to understand-perhaps for the first time-the health, hope, and heritage you're offered there.

Growing in Christ Crossway Books

For all those who have ever felt useless to God, J. I. Packer and Carolyn Nystrom offer this encouraging look at characters from Scripture who all failed, but who God used for his glory. Includes study questions, prayer suggestions and journaling ideas.

The Puritan Vision of the Christian Life

Reconceiving the Trinity

Affirming the Apostles' Creed

A Quest for Godliness

Finding God's Will

Late theologian J. I. Packer gives readers a road map for studying the essentials of Christian faith, with quick, in-depth explanations of essential topics including the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments.

For over 40 years, J. I. Packer's classic has been an important tool to help Christians around the world discover the wonder, the glory and the joy of knowing God. Explaining both who God is and how we can relate to him, this thought-provoking work seeks to transform and enrich the Christian understanding of God.

J. I. Packer and Carolyn Nystrom show how prayer is an essential, expected practice as a follower of Christ, but also a privilege and joy. With wisdom, humility and sincerity the authors lead us through different moods of praying, including brooding, praising, asking, complaining and hanging on. Their personal stories offer hope and encouragement to those who pray.

J. I. Packer, author of the bestselling Christian classic, *Knowing God*, leads you through twelve session LifeGuide® Bible Study key passages from the Old and New Testaments to enlarge your vision of the God you worship and serve.

Grounded in the Gospel

Meeting God

A One-Year Guide

Finding Our Way Through Duty to Delight

Vital Things We Need to Know

The Radical Disciple

*If God is in control of everything, can Christians sit back and not bother to evangelize? Or does active evangelism imply that God is not really sovereign at all? J. I. Packer shows in this classic study how both of these attitudes are false.*

*The Death of Death in the Death of Christ is John Owen's definitive work on the extent of the atonement. It is a polemical work, designed to show among other things that the doctrine of universal redemption is unscriptural and destructive of the gospel. It was called forth by the progress in England of Arminianism and the half-way house of Amyraldianism adopted by Baxter, Davenant and Usher.*

*"There was a time," writes renowned theologian J. I. Packer in this classic book on biblical holiness, "when all Christians laid great emphasis on God's call to holiness. But how different it is today! To listen to our sermons and to read the books we write, and then to watch the zany, worldly, quarrelsome way we behave, you would never imagine that once the highway of holiness was clearly marked out for Bible-believers." In this revised and updated edition of *Rediscovering Holiness*, the highway is once more clearly marked out for a new generation of readers, pointing to true freedom and joy, both now and in eternity.*

*This book attempts to reconceive the Trinity. Its thesis is that the Father beget the Son in or by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit proceeds from the Father as the one in whom the Son is begotten. While some contemporary authors have proposed a similar view, no-one has done so in such a complete and systematic fashion. *Reconceiving the Trinity* in this way has a number of advantages. Firstly, it is more in keeping with the New Testament proclamation, and thus it more closely aligns the economic and immanent Trinity. Secondly, it overcomes the inadequacies of traditional trinitarian formulations, in both Eastern and Western Churches, which incorporates erroneous philosophical presuppositions. Thirdly, it offers a resolution to the filioque controversy, which may be acceptable to both the Latin and the Orthodox Churches. This book is,*

therefore, highly ecumenical in importance. Fourthly, it gives a more active and essential role to the Holy Spirit within the immanent Trinity, something that has been lacking throughout the trinitarian tradition. The true subjectivity or personality of the Holy Spirit is more clearly defined. This book brings out the spiritual and practical importance of the Trinity for the everyday lives of Christians. It defines more clearly how Christians are grafted into the very life of the Trinity: how they come to relate to the persons of the Trinity in a manner analogous to the way they relate to one another.

*Life with Christ Our Strength*

*Some Neglected Aspects of Our Calling*

*Knowing God in Christ, Walking by the Spirit*

*Taking God Seriously*

*Hope*

*Building Believers the Old-Fashioned Way*

When so many crave the latest self-improvement plan or the most recent religious experience, J. I. Packer turns our attention to realities far larger and longer-lasting than anything our self-absorbed society can offer. In this book he lays out before us his grandest panorama yet of the magnificent landscape we call the Christian faith. He begins with the only proper foundation for spiritual experience--the central doctrines of God, the Bible, Christ and the Holy Spirit. From here he leads us to the principal elements of the Christian life--growth in Christ, prayer to our Father, worship of our God, fellowship with other believers and our responsibilities as citizens. His sweeping survey of this spiritual terrain concludes appropriately with a consideration of the ultimate end of our existence here on earth--the reality of an afterlife, God's judgment and our reign with the ascended Christ. While spiritual fads fade from the scene as quickly as they arise, here is the lasting, unchanging truth of the God who has been our help in ages past and will be our hope for years to come.

In this eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study, trusted guides J. I. Packer and Carolyn Nystrom lead you through a study of Jesus' farewell to his disciples in John 14--17 to help you discover what it means to abide in Christ during the time between Christ's departure and his second coming.

Here is a daily guide through one of the most treasured books of Christian spirituality: J. I. Packer's *Knowing God*. Each day you'll read a Scripture and a brief passage about the glory and joy of being in relationship with God. An idea at the end of each day's reading will help you to respond to God in prayer and reflection.

In this repackaged edition of *God Has Spoken*, late theologian J. I. Packer mounts a formative defense of the inerrancy of the Bible, calling readers to reclaim the unity between inspiration (how God has spoken) and revelation (what God has spoken).

*Knowing God*

*Knowing Christianity*

*Knowing God Study Guide*

*THE DEATH OF DEATH IN THE DEATH OF CHRIST*

*Concise Theology*

*Abiding in Christ*

**Explaining the essentials of the faith, renowned theologian and author Dr. J. I. Packer outlines the core commitments that are common to those of us who profess belief in Jesus. Here is a call to discipleship in mere Christianity—the business of taking God seriously.**

**Historical and Theological Reflections on the Anglican Church from J. I. Packer** The Anglican Church has a rich theological heritage filled with a diversity of views and practices. Like a river with a main current and several offshoot streams, Anglicanism has a main body with many distinct, smaller communities. So what constitutes mainstream Anglicanism? Influential Anglican theologian J. I. Packer makes the case that “authentic Anglicanism” is biblical, liturgical, evangelical, pastoral, episcopal (ordaining bishops), national (engaging with the culture), and ecumenical (eager to learn from other Christians). As he surveys the history and tensions within the Anglican Church, Packer casts a vision for the future that is grounded in the Scriptures, fueled by missions, guided by historical creeds and practices, and resolved to enrich its people.

**Are you facing a big decision? From job changes to marriage to buying a house, the big decisions you make in life often cause confusion and stress. What does God want you to do? How can you avoid making a decision you'll later regret? Six studies based on J. I. Packer's *Finding God's Will* provide you the biblical grounding you need to discover God's will and make decisions that honor him. The principles you learn here will guide you through a lifetime of decisionmaking.**

**Discover the riches of the character of God in this special devotional format of J. I. Packer's classic that reveals the wonder, glory and joy of knowing God. The daily reading includes Scripture, a suggestion for action or reflection, and space to journal or write out your prayers.**

*Keeping the Ten Commandments*

*Knowing Christ*

*A 365-Day Devotional*

**Knowing God Through the Year**  
**Know the Fullness of Life with God**  
**The Heritage of Anglican Theology**

*Theology matters! At last it can be understood easily, thanks to this "layman's language" approach to biblical belief. Authored by J. I. Packer, one of the premier theologians of Christianity, this summary of Christian teaching covers nearly 100 major Christian beliefs from a Reformed perspective. Brief, easy-to-understand chapters offer precise descriptions without sacrificing depth. Thoughtfully arranged and refreshingly readable, this is a book that belongs on the shelf of every Christian.*

*Praying is a problem for many people. Christians often go through the motions of prayer because it is expected of them, but they are often left wondering, "Did God hear me? Does he even care?" In his book *Praying the Lord's Prayer*, an excerpt from *Growing in Christ*, J. I. Packer presents a powerful truth: prayer is a natural activity between the Heavenly Father and his children. As Packer works through each phrase of Christ's pattern of prayer, readers will begin to grasp the basic principles and guidelines of prayer. As readers apply the truths of this book to their prayer lives, they will experience intimate communication with God and will strengthen their own conversations with their Father in heaven.*

*The Apostles' Creed is the oldest, most beautiful succinct summary of Christian beliefs. Though often recited in unison during worship services, the creed begins with the phrase "I believe," making it a deeply personal profession of faith. But when was the last time you examined it closely? In *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*, an excerpt from *Growing in Christ*, noted Bible scholar and author J. I. Packer explains the meaning and implications of each phrase of this great creed. Each concise chapter serves as an invitation to dive further into the creed--and as a result, into the essentials of the Christian faith--by concluding with discussion questions and Bible passages for further study.*

*In this study guide, based on relevant stories from the Bible and on *Never Beyond Hope* by J. I. Packer and Carolyn Nystrom, you'll discover how God uses the imperfections and failures of his people--and redeems them too.*

*Growing in Christ (Repack)*

*Knowing God Devotional Journal*

*How God Touches and Uses Imperfect People*

*Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God*

*Weakness Is the Way*

*Growing in Christ*

**Dr. J. I. Packer offers biblical reflections on life's tough issues. Discussing topics like pleasure, health, disappointment, and holiness, he maps out problematic situations and then superimposes relevant biblical teachings.**

**Followers of Christ grow spiritually by learning and living out the essentials of their faith, which are often taken for granted or overlooked in daily life. Renowned theologian J. I. Packer believed that Christianity is not automatic and must be learned by new believers and mature Christians alike. In *Growing in Christ*, Packer offers readers an easy-to-follow road map for studying theological topics, including the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and baptism. Each chapter helps both new and lifelong believers examine what Packer calls "the intellectual ABCs" of the gospel so they can grow in faith.**

**Catechesis is an ancient practice of Christian disciple making that uses a simple question-and-answer format to instruct new believers and church members in the core beliefs of Christianity. *To Be a Christian*, by J. I. Packer and a team of other Anglican leaders, was written to renew this oft-forgotten tradition for today's Christians. With over 360 questions and answers, plus Scripture references to support each teaching, this catechism covers the full range of Christian doctrine and life, drawing from the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and other important doctrinal summaries. Clear, concise, and conversational, this resource was written for all believers who seek to be grounded more deeply in the truth of God's Word.**

**Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25). The Holy Spirit empowers us, guides us, and enables us to grow and endure in our relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ. Often the most misunderstood member of the Trinity, the person of the Spirit continues to attract attention today amidst church revivals and renewals. In this new edition of his classic *Keep in Step with the Spirit*, J. I. Packer seeks to help Christians reaffirm the biblical call to holiness and the Spirit's role in keeping our covenant with God. Packer guides us through the riches and depth of the Spirit's work, assesses versions of holiness and the charismatic life, and shows how Christ must always be at the centre of true Spirit-led ministry. A new chapter explores Christian assurance. With abiding relevance and significance, *Keep in Step with the Spirit* sets forth vital knowledge for healthy and joyous Christian living, through understanding and experience of God the Holy Spirit. Here is a book for every serious believer to read and re-read.**

**Reflections on Evangelicalism, Doctrine, and Culture**

**Packer on the Christian Life**

**Decisions**

**Never Beyond Hope**

**Finishing Our Course with Joy**

**Praying the Lord's Prayer**

**For half a century, J. I. Packer's classic has helped Christians around the world discover the wonder, the glory, and the joy of knowing God. Now featured in the IVP Signature Collection, this thought-provoking work seeks to renew and enrich our understanding of God, bringing together knowing about God and knowing God through a close relationship with Jesus Christ.**

**Most people think of weakness as purely negative, but true Christianity embraces weakness as a way of life. In this collection of meditations on 2 Corinthians, renowned Bible scholar and theologian J. I. Packer reflects on the central importance of weakness for the Christian life. He exhorts readers to look to Christ for strength, affirmation, and contentment in the midst of their own sin and frailty. Now in his mid-eighties, Packer mediates on the truths of Scripture with pastoral warmth and exegetical care, drawing on lessons learned from the experience of growing older and coming face-to-face with his own mortality. Overflowing with wisdom gleaned from a life of obedience to Christ and dependence on his Word, this encouraging book ultimately**

**directs readers to the God who promises to be ever-present and all-sufficient.**

**In the last book by the leading evangelical churchman of the 20th century, John Stott opens up what it means at root to be a follower of Jesus. He explores eight aspects of Christian discipleship which are too often neglected and yet deserve to be taken seriously: non-conformity, Christ-likeness, maturity, creation-care, simplicity, balance, dependence and death. The message is simple, classic and personal: Jesus is Lord. He calls. We follow.**

**If God is in control of everything, can Christians sit back and not bother to evangelize? Or does active evangelism imply that God is not really sovereign at all? J.I. Packer shows in this classic study how both of these attitudes are false. In a careful review of the biblical evidence, he shows how a right understanding of God's sovereignty is not so much a barrier to evangelism as an incentive and powerful support for it.**

**Finding Fullness In Our Walk With God**

**Praying**

**Keep in Step with the Spirit (second edition)**

**The J.I. Packer Collection**

**God Has Spoken**

**Rediscovering Holiness**

This study guide provides twenty-two studies, one for each chapter of J. I. Packer's classic Knowing God.

James I. Packer, the son of a Gloucester railway clerk, rose to become one of the most influential evangelical, theological and spiritual writers of the twentieth century. He is widely admired as a theologian with a rare gift of being able to communicate his ideas with clarity and passion to a wide variety of audiences. Many Christians have identified him as one of the greatest influences of their lives. Packer has authored more than 300 works over fifty years of his writing ministry. From this massive body of literature, Alister McGrath has selected sixteen core writings, faithfully representing both Packer's personal interests (such as the authority of Scripture, the relationship of theology and spirituality, and the importance of 'great tradition' Christianity), and the various phases of his career. Each of these writings is carefully introduced and set in its theological, historical and biographical context, and is followed by questions for further study to help readers interact with the texts. The work also includes an informative introduction to the life and career of J.I. Packer. ALISTER McGRATH is Professor of Theology, Ministry and Education, and Head of the Centre for Theology, Religion and Culture at King's College, London. He is the author of numerous books, including " J.I. Packer: A Biography. "

Widely recognized as a pillar of 20th-century evangelicalism, J. I. Packer has had a profound impact on millions of Christians living today. Now in his late eighties, Packer still exerts an enormous influence on pastors and laypeople around the world through his many books, articles, and recorded lectures—works that overflow with spiritual wisdom related to the Christian life. In the latest addition to Crossway's growing Theologians on the Christian Life series, well-known pastor Sam Storms examines Packer's legacy when it comes to the Christian and sanctification. Whether exploring Packer's insights into prayer, Bible study, the sovereignty of God, or the Christian's fight against sin, this accessible book offers readers the chance to learn from the best of Packer's thinking on what true godliness really entails. Part of the Theologians on the Christian Life series.

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.

*Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging*

*To Be a Christian*

*God's Plans for You*

*Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*

*Pointing to the Pasturelands*

*An Anglican Catechism*

*Surveys the teachings and beliefs of the Puritans, and calls today's Christians to follow their example of spiritual maturity.*

*All theology is doxology. Anglican theologian J. I. Packer was one of the most widely respected Christian writers of the twentieth century. Author of over forty books and named one of the most influential evangelicals by Time magazine and the readers of Christianity Today, Packer's impact is immense. He was known for profound theological writing that was always lively and worshipful. Pointing to the Pasturelands recovers several decades of Packer's contributions to the pages of Christianity Today. This includes his editorial columns, longer articles, and brief answers to readers' theology questions. The book concludes with a profile of Packer from Mark A. Noll. Enjoy timeless insights from a man whose life was devoted to knowing God and making him known.*

*Christianity is not instinctive to anyone, nor is it picked up casually without effort. It is a faith that has to be learned and matured.*

*The Father's Spirit of Sonship*