

1: Popular Marriage Counseling Books

Book Review: God, Marriage and Family Well, this is it, the big one. This, according to most people in my circles, is one of the most important evangelical books on the subject.

New Jersey USA Many people that have not been a victim of abuse by a loved one, especially a spouse really do not understand the mental, emotional, and spiritual death that occurs when someone abuses you. Abuse is a form of control and manipulation and mind games was the real root of sin. Satan in his smooth and flattering words deceived Eve, knowing the outcome. Abusive men, well my husband, who is supposedly a Christian, used very smooth and flattering words and mannerisms, that convinced me to marry him, although logic taught me differently. It killed my soul and brought me farther away from God. I too was contemplating many things. I wanted to kill myself because a man that I cared so much about was constantly telling me that I was the cause of his actions, but when I tried to act differently It did not work. This book and Stephen Gola and his wife really did help me. I sent them an email because I had additional questions and they were a blessing. Now since I have been separated for so long now I see clearly. Religion teaches us as woman to sacrifice ourselves for men however God is our Father, and if our earthly father does not want to see his daughter abused, so does our Heavenly father too. We must realize that yes sexual immorality, adultery, which is a sin against the body, because as husband and wife we are one. However abuse, physical and emotional is also a crime to our bodies since we are the temple of God. And all crimes that are not willfully stopped need to cease. Abuse kills the soul and decreases all forms of happiness and it creates generational curses, since female children will become more inclined to accept abuse, and male children will be more likely to become abusers themselves. Since they are only mirroring an image that they have seen. I believe Christianity as a whole is doing us a great disfavor by not analyzing unacceptable forms of behaviors in marriage. Too often it is preached that if the woman just pray more or the husband pray more, however the Lord analyzes the heart. IN respect to marrying outside race God did prohibit and instructed the people of Israel not to marry people from the surrounding communities because they practiced idolatry and the people of Israel if they married woman that believed in other gods, then the nation of Israel, which was to be a light unto the world, will become dark. THis is seen time and time again in the Old testament when the people of Israel married unconverted people. There is no such thing as an impure race. For we are not to call something unclean that God called clean. Whomever calls upon the name of the Lord and lives an upright life is saved, given other factors too , then they are made clean on the account of Jesus. So race is no longer an issue. Jesus bridged the great divide. So I differ with Gola on that issue. Nevertheless, we must carefully look at culture when selecting a mate, because different cultures have different values, and those things will greatly affect any marriage. Much blessings to Mr. Gola and his wife Sincerely, Jessica M. This book saved my life, August 29, Reviewer: Cynthia Buchholz Wisconsin USA Words cannot express the freedom I found through Christ using this incredible book as a weapon of destruction against confusion and death and despair. I was near suicide, and then one day, when I could take no more, the Lord lovingly directed me to this book. My ex-husband and I were involved in ministry, and I did not believe in divorce. God gave me a choice, because the spiritual abuse, along with the physical and emotional abuse I suffered, was about to end 3 lives As a result of separation for 2 years culminating in a very sad divorce where Apathy and Denial reigned supreme, my children discovered healing through writing their own book, and through many painful memories, the journal I kept also turned into a book that now ministers to the battered and the shattered. As a former bible-based crisis counselor, helping people find freedom from the occult, satanism and various addictions, I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is suffering the agony of spiritual confusion and emotional abuse. The time is too short to allow legalism to kill off those whom God has prepared for these coming days. God has brought me through to the other side safely through this book, and because it is written with such humility, God uses each section as a weapon of knowledge to defeat the enemies of strife, confusion, and spiritual death. I can honestly say that this book touches everyone differently, and God meets you where you are, giving you tools to hone and redefine your purpose through all the chaos you may be experiencing. I thank the authors for their obedience, and for the love of Christ they

portray in this book. Divorce, I have come to discover, God allows in extreme circumstances, especially when the alternative is spiritual death at the hands of rebellion and perversion. Buy the book, and then listen to the still small voice that will help you defeat condemnation and shame. And then testify to the God Who works all things together for the good of those who love Him. If God moves my heart in the direction of counseling again, this book will definitely be recommended as a resource to find Life in the midst of the shadow of death. Reading it brings much needed biblical healing for divorced persons of religious faith. I recommend this book for clergy as well. Gola explains that God does not want people to suffer through loveless and sometimes hateful marriages. He desires for individuals to be whole and happy. They believe the institution of marriage is more important than their happiness and health, but Mr. The path to love and acceptance is not as dark as previously feared. Stephen Gola, author of *Divorce: He writes the authoritative book Divorce: Helped me through my divorce*, March 17, Reviewer: Wild Rose Connecticut USA Last year I divorced my husband of 25 year due to his controlling, manipulative behavior and other types of emotional and mental abuse. Throughout our marriage I was constantly accused of being unfaithful; he even "made up" evidence to "prove" that I had been. I would also like to add that he is a professing Christian. In while in prayer, God told me that my husband was "not going to change", and asked me "what are you going to do? From the outside looking in we were the ideal family. The book was a godsend, because the author fully explained the biblical principles for why divorce is sometimes necessary, something that is very often neglected within the Christian community. It makes no sense that a loving God would require people who love Him to remain in an abusive relationship. A marriage should reflect the character of God, and the parties should be the vessels through which God can manifest His love for each of them. My marriage certainly did not. I thought that as long as my husband was "saved" that I was doing the right thing, but the warning signs of impending trouble were present early on. Gola, today I am happily divorced. Ironically, and through an unusual set of circumstances, God revealed that my now ex-husband, who had accused me unceasingly of infidelity, had himself had several affairs throughout our marriage. This book is a huge eye-opener, March 17, Reviewer: And I believed that if a person got a divorce and then married someone else, both parties in the new marriage were committing adultery. Therefore, I stayed in a marriage where the man was abusing me for 18 years. My only hope in life was for death of either him or me so I could be free. Meanwhile, my four children suffered because I was not a happy mom and Dad was mean to Mom. No matter how hard I tried to please him, he always found or invented something else for which to berate me. He felt it was his right as a Christian man to control me and that I was required to "submit" to him whether I liked it or not. I began searching the internet for any information on divorce being permitted from a Christian standpoint. Could God actually approve of divorce? I checked out the Scripture references which Mr. Gola explained in his book, "Divorce: It all began to add up. After reading the sample pages on the web-site, I wanted to see the whole book, so I ordered a copy. And I was not disappointed at what I read. I cannot recommend this book enough, to anyone who has questions about what is right concerning divorce and remarriage. It is an excellent jumping-off point for getting one going on seriously looking into the Bible -- not only for these issues discussed but also for anything else one is studying in the Scriptures. It has made me all the more aware of the need to carefully dissect the Word of God and not rely on tradition. My answer has been and remains unequivocally NO! The laws of sowing and reaping apply. Yes, even to marriage. The relationships within the human family have been broken to the point of collapse. As a result, these houses built on sand, a bad foundation, fall when the rains descend and the storms of life come. No, God has not put together many of the marriages that are in existence today. As a result, now we are at the point where we not only have lost the sanctity of marriage, but we are also trying to establish that it is meant to be between male and female. This is sad to say the least. The Holy Spirit through Stephen did an excellent job with this book. This book is a must read for anyone seeking the truth! Remember, the truth will set you free! John, New Brunswick Canada Book review by: Yes there is even good advice in this book for married couples who want to stay married! For someone suffering in an abusive marriage, for couples that believe that they may be committing adultery by remarrying after a divorce, or for those who have questions about soul ties to someone that they are divorced from, *Divorce: The book emphasizes that God actually may use divorce to separate "the one" back into "two" separate people in order to save one or both*

individuals, or their children. The author points out that God is more concerned for the individual than the institution which was created FOR the individual.

2: Book Review - Marriage God's Way by Scott LaPierre - Teleia Philia

The release of the landmark first edition of God, Marriage, and Family provided an integrated, biblical treatment of God's purposes for the home. Since then, explain authors Andreas Kästnerberger and David Jones, the crisis confronting modern households has only intensified, and yet the solution remains the same: obedience to and application of God's Word.

The opinions in this post are completely my own, and not influenced in any way by receiving a review copy. This post contains affiliate links. See full disclosure here. The word strikes fear, anger, and even outright hostility from women everywhere. And for Christian wives, the word is even more emotionally charged. While my clients and blog readers come from many different faiths or no faith at all, many are Christian. And so many of these women confess that the idea of submission conflicts with their feelings of self worth or their efforts to heal from previous or current life trauma. Self-worth is built on the pillars of competence, character and core values. Living by your core values supports your self esteem. For Christian women, that includes living in our marriages in alignment with our faith. How do you live by your core values in your marriage when your faith appears to conflict with your very survival? But then I started studying the Bible, and came smack up against the issue of submission. Then I married a verbally and emotionally abusive man long story, and our church leadership berated me over and over again about submission and my role as a Christian wife. They never challenged him on his selfish, unloving, and utterly unChrist-like treatment of me. Needless to say, the abuse worsened, and my spirit shattered. Moving on despite it all My self worth took a nosedive. I utterly lost my Self. But I determined to not let that experience wreck my faith. That marriage ended after five years. I eventually left that church found a new church that does not condone abuse and mistreatment. Obviously, I have some pretty strong opinions on the matter. Verses about submission are probably some of the most hated, the most misunderstood, the most misused Scriptures in the Bible. But husbands are NOT commanded to love their wives in the self-sacrificial way that Christ loved the church. Are you with me? And I have to say, it pleasantly surprised me. But I realized my hackles were raised not by what he actually said, but by what I thought he would say. Does he mean that women are supposed to live with their parents until they get married? Never work, or go to school, or live on their own? But the hurt, bruised, and battered woman inside me wanted to think that he said it. Rather than a complacent, milk-toast doormat of a woman, this biblical ideal is strong, resourceful, and proactive. LaPierre clearly lays out the destructive tendencies that both men and women face in marriage – namely, the temptation for women to control their husbands, and the temptation for men to dominate their wives. And what each type of love looks like in every day living. He clarifies what submission really entails, and, more importantly, what it does NOT. The Bible actually calls men to submit as well, just like Jesus did. He describes helpful and hurtful ways to support each other when your spouse blows it. He goes beyond marriage roles and lays out a clear path for keeping God at the center of your relationship. My one word of caution: Now, in all fairness, the author means in general terms for most people. I doubt trauma even entered his mind when he wrote this sentence. However, I view everything from a trauma-informed approach. For someone with a history of trauma, denying their self to please their spouse actually can have significant consequences. If you are triggered, experiencing flashbacks or any other pressing after-effects of your trauma, it is perfectly appropriate to abstain from intimacy for a period of time. And his expectations for husbands actually protect and build up their wives. I appreciate his even-handed and fair treatment of husbands and wives. He says things that may be hard to hear, but always does not without even a hint of condescension or guilt. Goodness knows we get enough of that elsewhere! Reading the book together will strengthen your marriage, help resolve conflict, and get you both on the same page in your relationship. I recommend that you read the book together for devotional time. Actually, get two – one for each of you to write in. The workbook teaches you how to deal with the inevitable tension that will arise in your marriage from working through these issues, including how to apologize the right way and how to forgive. After all, information without action is merely entertainment. So buy the workbook. You, and your marriage, are worth it. To learn more about Scott LaPierre, visit www.

3: Divorce Remarriage Book Review for Divorce: God's Will?.

God, marriage, family, biblical studies Comments Review of God, Marriage, and Family: Rebuilding the Biblical Foundations by Andreas Kostenberger with David Jones.

Reviews 0 The average American family today has 1. And we didâ€ 9 children later we were a total family of 11! How did that happen! Well, it didâ€ and today we know we were really blessed! How many families have their own ready-made baseball team, anyhow? In reality I guess, we experienced living through what would have been the equivalent of raising more than four average American families! Even so, we still feel we have so much more to learn and grow in. However, one thing we think we know for sure, of all the battles in the world, the battle for the family is the greatest battle raging in the world today! We may discover to our amazement that most of us may have considered being the ideal Christian family model is far from what God ever intended for our family. But we must start with the presupposition that since God created family and this earth for families to live on, He and His Word alone knows best how you and every member in your family should live, be and do. We must start by humbly confessing that what we think is best may not be best after all. Otherwise, we really worship ourselves, our own mind, our own ideas and understanding, instead of what God thinks and instructs in His Word for our family. Are we really ready to do that? Will you stop right now and pray for that? I suggest you stop right now and memorize Romans Every chapter is going to be a new discovery and to most it will seem so divergent from the culture of the world today that if you do not quote Romans Your flesh and natural mind will resist. Only then if you actually quote Romans If you do not have parents and especially a father that is not a true Christian and really wants to follow the Lord with all his heart, some of this book will not be as applicable. However, some chapters will be very helpful if that is your case. Only logged in customers who have purchased this product may leave a review.

4: Selected Essays And Book Reviews

Marriage and the Family: Biblical Essentials by Andreas Kostenberger with David W. Jones is a remarkably concise yet clear book on most pertinent issues surrounding the family today. This book, an abridgement of their larger book entitled *God, Marriage, and Family* focuses on the biblical material in discussion regarding issues of sex, family.

Not only is God not silent, but as the designer of marriage, he is the ultimate authority on what marriage is and how it is to be worked out. In the interest of full disclosure I should admit that I have had the joy of getting to know Scott over the past five months and I consider him a friend and co-laborer in the gospel. I want to assure you that I am striving to remain neutral in this review and if anything it has caused me to be a little more careful and slow to review his book than I have been with other books. As you all know, we are often a little more critical of those whom we love because we have a vested interest in sharpening our friends as they in turn sharpen us often pointing out things in private which we might not in public. Instead of getting offended when I questioned a paragraph in his book, he responded with grace and humility and we had a fruitful conversation as a result. I mention this because I want you to catch a glimpse of the man behind the book. This is not another author trying to make a name for himself- he has a sincere love of truth and this says a lot about his credibility. When I say this, I mean that you should really read it. Read it with the purpose of allowing God to root out the sin in your heart that resists fully giving yourself over to your spouse. Men, as much as we love our wives there are still times when we resist loving them as we should. Women, for the same reasons I know that as much as you respect your husband, there are still parts of your heart which are not fully given over to him. This is true of all people because we are all in deep need of transformation and praise God that he has set about the work of transforming us! Scott LaPierre gets this, and he demonstrates this by getting straight to the point about our marriage. The problems we have in marriage he says, are merely symptoms of a greater problem. The problem is sin. He sets marriage problems in the context of the fall and of redemption. LaPierre encourages us to not only embrace marital trials as opportunities for the sanctifying work of Christ to do its work in us, but also reminds us to keep Christ at the center of our marriage. As we embrace struggles in our marriage we get to see God do his work in us. All of this is set in the context of the fall and redemption of mankind, and this leads to an unfolding of what scripture has to say about a man loving his wife and a wife respecting her husband. LaPierre then dives into the topics of biblical submission, leadership, beauty, and how a man ought to treat his wife. He wraps the book up with a biblical view of intimacy and building upon the solid foundation of Christ. Scott is faithful to proclaim the empowering nature of the gospel and our inability to please God apart from faith. Any difference that I may have is one of very slight emphasis. Again, going back to my initial disclaimer, I have scrutinized this book more closely than my other reviews because I want to avoid the appearance of favoritism. I would recommend this to anyone whether they are married or single. This is a book that you will likely return to from time to time as a resource for aiding your marriage and counseling others in theirs. Where to Purchase Amazon scottlapierre. He and his wife, Katie, enjoy a wonderful marriage, and they have been blessed with six children and a seventh on the way.

5: Popular Marriage and Family Therapy Books

"God, Marriage, and Family" by Kostenberger and Jones: No Progress. Jeff Crippen â™! February 1, â™! 30 Comments. NOTE: We posted this article last March, but since our readership has increased significantly since that time we are re-posting it now.

Yarbrough Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and still more. So, having just come across this book today Ok, it took me 6 years after the first edition to find it, but cut me some slack â€” my congregation and I live at the edge of the world , I downloaded a Kindle copy and went in search of what the book has to say about biblical justifications for divorce. He upholds adultery and desertion as valid reasons for divorce I think and makes some charitable statements toward Christians who have been divorced. Personally, I am not certain that we need more honest discussion and debate that honors the different opinions. These are not harmless opinions. And we never say anything unless it is worth taking a long time to say. I am going to quote it here, and then I would very much like to hear from our readers what they think. In such cases, we encourage believers to remember that separation e. In such cases, we believe that it is the duty of the church to step in and minister to the sinned-against party e. Moreover, such separation usually produces one of two results: This, in turn, is a situation addressed by 1 Corinthians 7: Not as bad as many. Not as clear as we would like, right? I notice the following: Or, maybe he just wanted to make a more clear-cut example case for his readers? Am I right in concluding he means this? No separation for non-life threatening abuse? What about cases of verbal and emotional abuse? The author is not at all clear here. This statement indicates that the author would have us entertain the possibility that a regenerate person can indeed be an abuser. How do you reconcile that idea though with the black and white statements of Scripture about who and what a Christian is? ALL Christians love others. Not perfectly, but as a habit and course of life. Abusers only seek self, they hate their victim. They frequently make the victim hang on, refusing to initiate divorce and thereby exerting continuing control and abuse. In the end, Kostenberger leaves this question hanging and unanswered. In fact, he actually gives a pretty plain implication that the victim would be wrong in initiating the divorce proceedings. Is this why so many notable pastors, theologians, and writers endorse the book? No doubt there is some really good stuff in it. I do know this, the myriads of abused people in the Christian church are still going to have to cry out for justice. This book has not heard their cry. It is another council of the Ents â€” Merry: They must have decided something by now.

6: "God, Marriage, and Family" by Kostenberger and Jones: No Progress | A Cry For Justice

Book review - A Spiritual Heritage: Connecting Kids and Grandkids to God and Family Books on parenting are published every year and cover just about every angle www.enganchecubano.com books range from the highly technical psychology textbooks to the more simple format found in graphic novels.

No Comments The sex scandals in the Church will not be completely and thoroughly dealt with until the rampant infidelity to Catholic doctrine throughout all of the Church, including the hierarchy, is rectified. Therefore what does Catholic doctrine have to teach us about sex? To what should we be faithful? What has God revealed about sex, and what does He want our response to be to that Revelation? This is a broad topic. This column will focus on the purpose of sex. To start, it might help to make an analogy with the purpose of food. Food Over the last several decades, American society has learned the crucial role food plays in health. My dad serves as an example. Born in , Dad was typical of the middle-class men of his generation. Fruit and vegetables were often canned or frozen. Diets included a lot of butter and salt. What was the purpose of food back then? Of course, everyone ate in order to stay alive, and there was some concern about nutrition, but there was an over-emphasis on feeling good—having a full stomach and enjoying the taste of food. Even when Dad squeezed softball, bowling, or golf into his busy adult life of working, raising a family, and maintaining a house and yard an adult life which began right after high school , he and his buddies drank beer and smoked cigarettes between innings, frames, and holes. They were not trying to live healthy lifestyles. All that ended in the s after Dad had every bad heart condition imaginable. Like my Dad, American society has learned that feeling good should not be the primary purpose of food. Over the last several decades, we have learned that we should primarily eat in order to be healthy. Although we like our healthy food to taste good, even delicious, we realize that feeling good should be the side-effect of eating, not its purpose. In our often polarized society, here is common ground: Sex As our society was turning to having food for the right reason, however, it was turning from having sex for the right reason. As our society rejected feeling good as the primary purpose of food, it accepted feeling good as the primary purpose of sex. There are two kinds of feeling good. Both have become widespread reasons for having sex. There is physical feeling good: There is emotional feeling good: Now there is no denying the physical pleasure of sex, but sex can often feel good emotionally. It can alleviate loneliness or make us feel good about ourselves, e. Artificial methods of birth control, especially since when the birth control pill came on the market, have separated sex from procreation, one of its traditional purposes. However, as Mary Eberstadt , Father Sean Connolly , Janet Smith, and many others have pointed out, sex simply for the purpose of feeling good has led to the following ills, all of which were far less common before God After fifty years of generally weak religious education, how many baptized Catholics know the true purpose of sex? God has revealed the two purposes for sex, which are articulated in Catholic doctrine: Mutual commitment to what is objectively good for each other, as expressed in the wedding vows: I will love you and honor you all the days of my life. The openness to sharing that love by conceiving a child, a new human being. God wants sex—any genital activity—to take place only in a marriage between one man and one woman, where a male and a female find wholeness through their complementarity to each other. God has designed the male and female reproductive organs to fit and complete each other. The loving and procreative sex between a husband and wife is sacramental and beautiful. Nature Back to the food-sex analogy. Another curious phenomenon is that the more our society values natural food, the more it values un-natural, artificial, technologically-based sex. The more our society values organic food, food without additives or preservatives or artificial ingredients, the more it values chemical contraception, in vitro fertilization, gender-changing hormones and operations, sex robots, and on and on. While our society does not want to thwart biology when it comes to food, it does want to thwart biology when it comes to sex. The insights of G. Chesterton help us understand this phenomenon. According to him, pre-Christian paganism became saturated with sex. The Catholic doctrine of sex only for union and procreation, love and life, offered recovery from the pagan addiction to eroticism. Paganism, which had hit rock bottom, was ready for Catholic sexuality. I do not believe [pre-Christian] mythology must begin with eroticism. But I do believe that

mythology must end in it. I am quite certain that mythology did end in it. Moreover, not only did the poetry grow more immoral, but the immorality grew more indefensible. Greek vices, oriental vices, hints of the old horrors of [Canaanite] demons, began to fill the fancies of decaying Rome, swarming like flies on a dung-heap. The urban mob became enlightened; that is, it lost the mental energy that could create myths. All round the circle of the Mediterranean cities, the people mourned for the loss of gods and were consoled with gladiators. The effect of this staleness is the same everywhere. Men seek stranger sins or more startling obscenities as stimulants to their jaded sense. They try to stab their nerves to life, if it were with the knives of the priests of Baal. They are walking in their sleep and try to wake themselves up with nightmares. Thus the effect of treating sex as only one innocent natural thing was that every other innocent natural thing became soaked and sotted with sex. The moment sex ceases to be a servant it becomes a tyrant. It was no metaphor to say that these [ancient pagan] people needed a new heaven and a new earth; for they had really defiled their own earth and even their own heaven. They knew much better than we do what was the matter with them and what sort of demons at once tempted and tormented them; and they wrote across that great space of history the text: How many of us will continue to not understand the consequences of Supreme Court decisions? Continue to let activists and intellectuals radically redefine marriage and family in our thinking without being aware of their efforts? Continue to believe that the neo-pagan narrative mythology without divinity in schools and media will not influence our own families? If we tell them adults may consent to one part of the Sexual Revolution, on what basis do we tell them adults should not consent to other parts? How much more obsessed with feel-good sex must our society become before it is ready once again to welcome the challenge of Catholic sexual doctrine and the self-control that goes along with it? How many more casualties of the Sexual Revolution must there be? Will we as a society repeat ancient history and hit the rock bottom of depravity before we turn to Catholic doctrine for sexual recovery? Our neo-pagan, post-Christian society needs to learn what the Catholic Faith taught pagan, pre-Christian society: Feeling good should not be the primary purpose of sex but is its powerful and dangerous side-effect. Our society needs to wake up to having sex for the right reasons just as it has woken up to eating for the right reason. Let us do what we can to tell the good news: Here , here , and here are resources on how to live a healthy sexuality. God bless those bishops and priests who realize what is at stake and shepherd their flocks to true happiness and salvation with a sense of urgency.

7: Thomas Creedy: Book Review: God, Marriage and Family

God designed the family to reflect His relationship to His people—a relationship of honor, grace, and celebration. Unfortunately, society pulls families away from this ideal and downstream from the beauty of God's design.

Connecting Kids and Grandkids to God and Family Books on parenting are published every year and cover just about every angle imaginable. These books range from the highly technical psychology textbooks to the more simple format found in graphic novels. If you want to know if your child is keeping up with the medically prescribed milestones you can find a book for that. If you want to know what to expect at every stage of development you can also find a book for that. Their primary concern is to encourage parents to form relationships which result in lasting and enduring relationships. However, A Spiritual Heritage goes beyond that and encourages parents to take a visionary approach. This requires a certain degree of intentional planning and forethought and the Schuknechts provide just the right ingredients to get parents started on establishing their vision. Their experience and wisdom combined with a love for truth make this book a good option for parents who simply want to connect with their children in a meaningful way. Parents are encouraged to Relate, Inspire, Teach, and Equip their children. They approach this in very general terms and resist the temptation to turn this into a formulaic approach to relationships. A question that always comes up with parenting books is the issue of discipline. While this is not covered in depth in the book, it is clear that the Schuknechts do believe that there is a time for discipline. That is our spiritual heritage in Him. What does this mean for the parent wanting a specific answer to deal with a specific sinful attitude in their child? It means that they will have to rely on scripture and a lot of prayer to discern which is the right response for each given situation. All parents will find themselves leaning more heavily toward one or the other. If, on the other hand you are a parent who is constantly showing mercy to your child, you will need to refocus in a different manner by learning to do the hard thing by disciplining your child. Does this mean that you should skip on this book and look for another option? Additionally, you can purchase this book directly from the Publisher Kregel. About the Authors Glen Schuknecht is head of student discipleship and discipline at Veritas Academy and an instructor and facilitator for Family Wings Ministries. He lives with his wife Ellen in Manchaca, Texas. She has contributed to several books on parenting and education, and has appeared on Focus on the Family. She lives with her husband Glen in Manchaca, Texas. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from Kregel Publications in exchange for an online review. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

8: Book Review - Talking About God - Humble Faith Family Wellness

In the second edition of God, Marriage, and Family, Kåŕstenberger and Jones explore the latest controversies, cultural shifts, and teachings within both the church and society, applying Scripture's timeless principles to contemporary issues.

God designed the family to reflect His relationship to His peopleâ€”a relationship of honor, grace, and celebration. As a result, families find themselves adrift in a culture that emphasizes individualism, entitlement, and performance. Even families within the church find themselves caught in this cultural drift. As a result, family members become disconnected and isolated from one another. They find themselves living in the same house while behaving like contestants on an episode of Survivor. It does not reflect His love for His Church. Becoming a celebrating community of honor and grace demands thoughtful action and intentional effort. Section one focuses on honor in the family and offers practical advice on how to make deposits into the family bank of honor. The section on honor also explores practical ways to remain honorable in the midst of conflict and the importance of honor in discipline. Section two focuses on grace. A final chapter explores how to discipline in grace. Section three focuses on how to shape your family into a celebrating community. Chapters in this section develop a Biblical perspective on playfulness, celebration, and the importance of discipline for celebration in the Christian family. The reader will also discover practical suggestions for implementing rituals of celebration in this section. It is an excellent resource for those entering into marriage or parenthood. In addition, it can be easily used as a guide in a Bible Study focusing on the Christian family. He gives you practical, concrete ways to develop honor and grace while living everyday life. Implement these ideas and watch your family blossom! Salmon has done a wonderful job of surveying much of the relevant material available in reference to marriage and family. Beginning with the introduction, there are numerous analogies and metaphors to help the reader grasp his ideas. The helpful hints presented are easy to implement and make good sense. This book reminds us why cherishing our families is such a blessing.

9: Food, Sex, God, and Nature - Catholic Stand

During a time of cultural ferment and crisis with regard to marriage and the family, this book provides a timely solution, speaking directly to current issues and explaining the Bible's teaching on marriage and family.

A Guide for Parents of Teens! Read the full disclosure here. Our role as Christians is to spread the gospel to all others so that they also can come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Steve and Cheri Saccone wrote the book, *Talking About God*, as a way to help others read examples of how they have approached certain topics with nonbelievers. Steve is also the author of *Relational Intelligence* and *Protege*. He is a regional executive for unrestricted education at Southeastern University. Cheri is a freelance writer and registered nurse with a background in psychology. The book walks through six unique conversations narrated by either Steve or Cheri. Jen Cheri walks through her interactions with Jen. The theme Jen struggles with is focusing on trying to know God cognitively. She seeks out information on learning about Christianity but misses out on the heart aspect of having a personal relationship with Jesus. Yash Steve discusses his many interactions with Yash who is of a different faith. Yash struggles with feeling pulled to Jesus and Christianity but wants to find a way to make multiple faiths fit together. Steve walks through the conversation and bible verses that he shared with Yash to let him know that Jesus is the only way to salvation. Cheri retells her experience with Lacey and the long process it can take to tear down walls and let God be the ultimate leader. Jake Steve provides comfort and support to Jake in his struggle with shame. And that theme caused him pain in all other aspects of his life as well. Maya also is a unique story from the rest, in that she had not had any experience or knowledge of God in her life prior to meeting with Cheri. Eric Steve narrates his conversation with Eric who was struggling with his sexuality. The story walks through the difficulties not only for Eric but also for Steve, as his friend, but also as a Christian. Final Thoughts I found each of the above stories to be themes that I see often in my therapy office. Many of my clients struggle to accept Jesus or become closer in their relationship with Him due to one or more of these issues. So I appreciated the legitimacy of the examples Steve and Cheri provided. As a whole, I would say I found the book beneficial but there were some areas that I struggled with. She acknowledges some of those situations but not all of them. While her experiences worked out for the best, I could have seen some of them going quite poorly if that were to be how she responded to someone else. So overall I would say *Talking About God* was an interesting book to read as a starting off point for someone who has never discussed God and Christianity with others. It is an easy read and the positive testimonies are encouraging. This is not a book to read, however, if you are looking for specific scriptural answers that some of your nonbeliever friends may question you about. I was given a free copy of this book by Tyndale House Publishers in exchange for a review. All opinions are my own. For more of my book reviews check out posts in the book review tab. Check out all of the beautiful sites I linkup with!

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