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## THE PASTOR'S WEDDING PLANNER

Stan Toler

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RETAIL: \$16.99

FORMAT: 4.5"x 7"; kivar, 160 pages

CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Pastoral Resources

RELEASE DATE: November 2008

### SELLING POINTS

- A practical, all-inclusive resource pastors can use for every wedding they are asked to perform
- Provides suggestions for more than 20 different ceremony styles
- Includes sermon ideas, message outlines, benedictions, checklists, pre-marital counseling topics and questions, and building policies

### CONTENTS

#### *Introduction*

1. Why Should I Do the Wedding?
2. Perfect Love: A Holiness Lifestyle
3. Pre-marital Counseling Topics
4. Planning the Wedding Ceremony

#### The Wedding Ceremony

- Vows: Traditional
- Vows: Contemporary
- Special Wedding Ceremonies

#### The Wedding Message

- Sermon Outlines
- Scripture Readings
- Benedictions

#### *Appendixes*

#### *Notes*

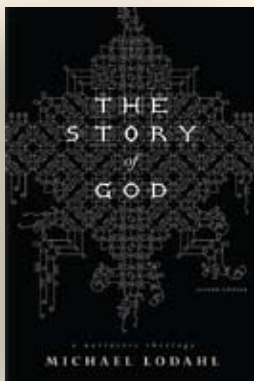
### SUMMARY

It's an honor and privilege to be asked to marry a couple; but there's more to performing a wedding than leading the vows and giving the sermon. The minister is also responsible for preparing the couple for marriage and helping them create a ceremony that brings honor to Christ and affirms their commitment to each other.

*The Pastor's Wedding Planner* is a beneficial, adaptable resource that helps pastors make every couple's wedding day something special. Perfect for the multi-tasking minister, it outlines every part of the wedding process and includes ideas for a variety of traditional and contemporary ceremony styles. From pre-marital counseling topics and wedding forms to message ideas and unique ceremony suggestions, this all-inclusive manual makes the minister's job of pronouncing two people "husband and wife" easier and even more meaningful.

### AUTHOR

**Stan Toler** has written more than 60 books and is senior pastor of Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City. For several years he taught seminars for John Maxwell's INJOY Group—a leadership development institute. He is the cofounder of BGW Forward in Faith and also serves as the executive director of the Toler Leadership Center located on the campus of Mid-America Christian University.



## THE STORY OF GOD

*A Narrative Theology*

Michael Lodahl

ISBN: ACADZZ978-0-8341-2393-9

RETAIL: \$29.99

FORMAT: 6" X 9", paper, 256 pages

CATEGORY: RELIGION / Biblical Studies / General

RELEASE DATE: November 2008



## WALK WITH ME

*A Biblical Journey in Making Christlike Disciples*

Hal Perkins

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RETAIL: \$14.99

FORMAT: 5.5" X 8.5", paper, 192 pages

CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Life / Spiritual Growth

RELEASE DATE: November 2008

### SELLING POINTS

- Updated edition of a bestselling textbook
- Provides a narrative account of God's love for us in modern language
- Interweaves the Old and New Testament into a powerful portrayal of the God that created us

### SUMMARY

Since its publication in 1994, *The Story of God* has played an important role in implementing and advancing the study of narrative theology. One of the first books to formulate and examine Wesleyan theology using the Bible's overarching story, it continues to serve as a popular text in colleges and universities and as a reliable resource for ministers and theologians.

Unlike other books, which use a topical or systematic approach for understanding theology, *The Story of God* uses biblical narrative to provide an engaging and accessible introduction to Christian faith. Drawing from Scripture, everyday experience, and contemporary reflection, Michael Lodahl weaves together the stories and themes of the Bible to help readers see the complete picture of divine love and God's never-ending effort to connect with us.

### AUTHOR

**Michael Lodahl** is a professor of theology at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. He received his PhD in theological studies from Emory University and has studied extensively in Israel and Jordan.

### SELLING POINTS

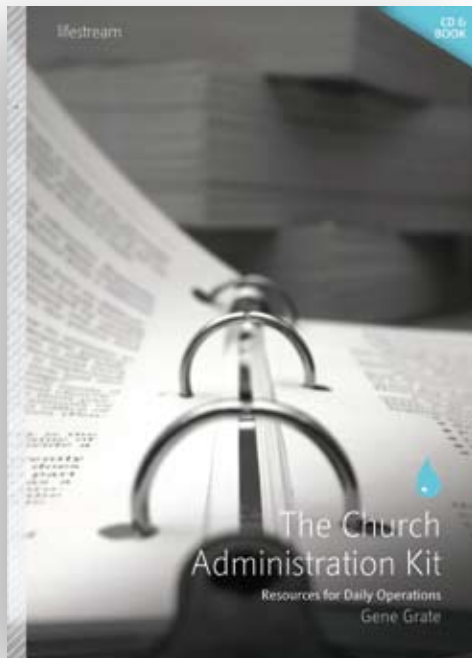
- Offers readers a roadmap to begin building their own practice of discipleship
- Helps leaders understand how to turn Christians into disciples and train them to mentor others
- Author's previous books include *Meeting with Jesus*, *If Jesus Were a Parent*, and *Leadership Multiplication*

### SUMMARY

*Walk with Me* calls pastors, church leaders, teachers, and parents to intentionally disciple others to be disciplemakers. It explores the importance of teaching mature disciples to use their Christ-influenced responses to everyday situations to show others who Jesus is and what it means to be His disciple. With biblical insight, author Hal Perkins demonstrates how to change the way we act, think, and serve in order to fulfill the Great Commission and answer the call to love God with all our hearts and minds, and our neighbor as ourselves.

### AUTHOR

**Hal Perkins** has pastored churches for more than 40 years. His passion and primary focus of study has been Christ-centered discipleship. He and his wife, Debbi, live in Grandview, Washington.



## THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATION KIT

*Resources for Daily Operations*

Gene Grate

ISBN: ACADZZ978-0-8341-2386-1

RETAIL: \$49.99

BOOK FORMAT: 5.25" x 8", paper, 160 pages

MEDIA FORMAT: CD-ROM

CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Church / Administration

RELEASE DATE: November 2008

### SELLING POINTS

- Makes administration jobs, regardless of church size, easier and more manageable
- Provides practical tools to help churches shine in the operational side of ministry
- All material is reproducible and offered on a CD in an adaptable electronic format

### CONTENTS

#### *Introduction*

1. Guidelines and Practices of Ministry Support for the Senior Pastor
2. Training and Proper Use of a Ministry Assistant
3. Ministry Assistant Job Descriptions
4. Organizational Flowcharts
5. Performance Evaluations
6. Telephone Protocol
7. Riggs Model for Planning Events
8. Policies
9. Crisis Policies
10. Employee Policies

### SUMMARY

Church administration can be an overwhelming task for churches, but it's a necessary part of every faith community. Whether it's prayer groups, pastoral care, evangelism, or finances, there's an administrative component in every area of ministry.

*The Church Administration Kit* is an effective organizational tool to help churches handle the operational side of church ministry. Filled with practical, reusable resources, it provides an assortment of guidelines, training helps, templates, suggestions, and practices to enhance efficiency and successfully manage administrative duties and tasks.

In a world that expects quality and excellence, this kit equips churches to be shining examples of what it looks like to offer God our very best in everything we do.

Resources include job descriptions, office guidelines and protocol, training information, performance evaluations, and project development forms as well as policies and procedures for a variety of ministries.

### AUTHOR

**Gene Grate** pastored churches for more than 32 years and is the developer of *The Minister's Toolbox*, a library of pastoral resources for use in the local church. He received an MDiv from Nazarene Theological Seminary and an MA from Southern Nazarene University. Gene lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, Ronoyce.

## RAISING KIDS TO EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

*Helping Parents and Teachers Disciple the  
Next Generation*

Debbie Salter Goodwin

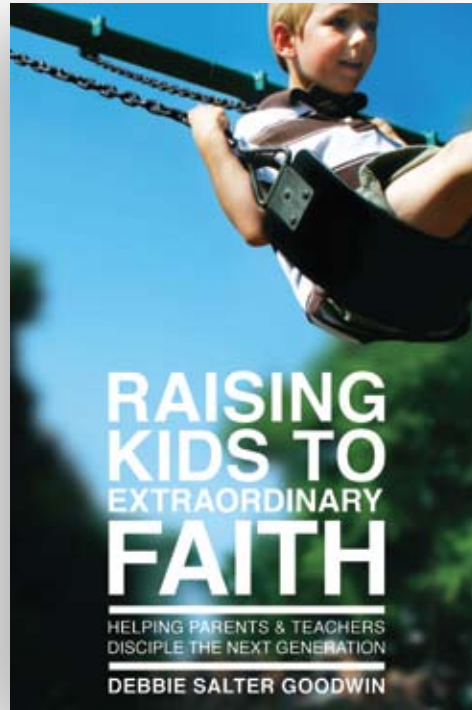
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RETAIL: \$14.99

FORMAT: 5.5" x 8.5", paper, 192 pages

CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Life / Family

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### SELLING POINTS

- Provides parents and teachers with ways to introduce discipleship as a daily practice in every area of a child's life
- Includes useful sidebars, examples, principles, and age-appropriate ideas for discipling children
- Author's previous books include, *The Praying Parent* and *Empowering Your Child Who Has Special Needs*

### CONTENTS

#### *Introduction*

1. Where Disciple-making Begins
2. Hearing Jesus Call
3. Affirming Faith
4. Following to Obey
5. Making Prayer a Life Skill
6. Learning to Read and Study the Bible
7. Discovering the Joy of Giving God All
8. Helping Children Take Their Places in the Faith Community
9. Never Stop Discipling

#### *Endnotes*

#### *Appendix*

### SUMMARY

*Raising Kids to Extraordinary Faith* is a valuable resource that gives parents and teachers a practical guide for cultivating Christian virtue in children. Filled with spiritual growth ideas and suggestions for developing a faith-enriched environment, it provides everyone who influences children purposeful advice, spiritual insight, and essential awareness to help them make discipleship the key component of their parenting, teaching, or mentoring.

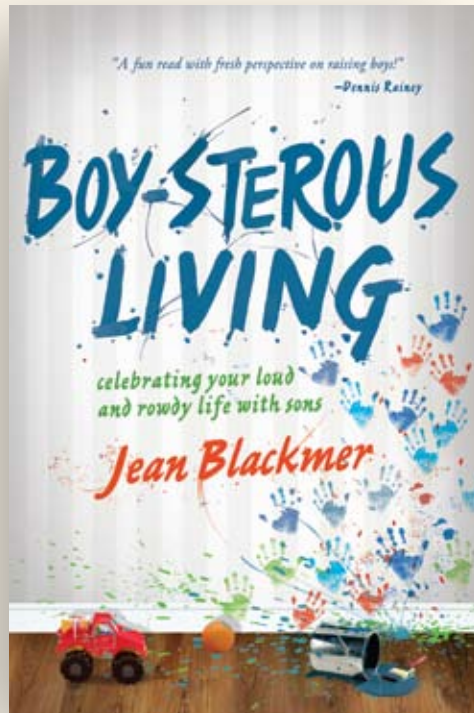
From prayer and Bible study to spiritual gifts and global awareness, *Raising Kids to Extraordinary Faith* shows parents and ministry workers how to partner together to help children love Jesus and grow His fruit in their lives.

#### Additional resources include:

- Thought-provoking questions for parents and ministry workers
- A family accountability model
- A Bible study for children
- Downloadable resources including, a leader's guide and student sheets
- A bibliography of additional spiritual growth resources

### AUTHOR

**Debbie Salter Goodwin** is the author of two books and six children's drama resources. She lives in Beaverton, Oregon, with her husband, Mark, who is senior pastor of Portland Church of the Nazarene.



## BOY-STEROUS LIVING

*Celebrating Your Loud and Rowdy Life with Sons*

Jean Blackmer

ISBN: ACADZZ978-0-8341-2390-8

RETAIL: \$14.99

FORMAT: 5.5" x 8.5", paper, 192 pages

CATEGORY: RELIGION / Christian Life / Family

RELEASE DATE: November 2008

### SELLING POINTS

- Filled with humorous lessons, which anyone who has ever lived with boys will enjoy
- Provides reflection questions and Bible verses to help readers apply God's truth to the trials and joys of parenting
- Includes suggestions for more information on several topics and issues related to raising boys

### CONTENTS

#### Introduction

1. Choose to Laugh
2. The Fear Factor
3. Communicating with the Caveman
4. Technically Disadvantaged
5. Urban Safari: The Pursuit of Adventure
6. Boys and Sports
7. Think Pink: The Art of Being a Girl While You're Raising Boys
8. The Superman Complex
9. Boys Are a Blast
10. Sons of Thunder Mother/Father Syndrome
11. Speaking of Love
12. The Last Shall Be First
13. Just Joking
14. Behind Every Great Man Is His Mother
15. Let Go and Let Dad
16. Like Father, Like Son
17. Our Father Who Does Art in Heaven
18. Life's a Game—Have a Ball!

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### SUMMARY

Raising boys isn't easy. Life with them is loud. If it's quiet, they're probably up to something. Boys are messy, competitive, fearless, and proud. Living with them pretty much guarantees you're in for an adventure.

As the only female in a house with three sons, a husband, and two male dogs, Jean Blackmer has learned a lot about living with boys. She knows that it isn't always easy for moms to communicate and connect with these noisy creatures who love bugs, see safety as an afterthought, and think "talking" is torture.

In *Boy-sterous Living*, Jean shares some of the priceless stories and laugh-out-loud lessons she and her boys have experienced over the years. With humorous insight and practical advice, she offers encouragement and ideas to help both mothers and fathers impact and shape the lives of their sons. From understanding their love of sports to overcoming the superman complex, Jean shows moms how to find joy and contentment in everyday life with their sons by celebrating the laughter, passion, noise, and endless energy boys bring to our lives.

### AUTHOR

**Jean Blackmer** is the coauthor of *Where Women Walked: Powerful True Stories of Women's Perseverance and God's Provision* and has written numerous articles for various publications. In addition to writing, she is currently the publishing manager for MOPS International. Jean and her husband, Zane, live in Boulder, Colorado, with their three sons: Josh, Jordan, and Jake.

## THE PRINCIPLE-CENTERED FINANCIAL SERIES

Matt Schoenfeld

RETAIL: \$6.99 each

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RELEASE DATE: November 2008

### MANAGING YOUR MONEY

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CATEGORY: BUSINESS & ECONOMICS / Personal Finance / Money Management

### LIVING DEBT FREE

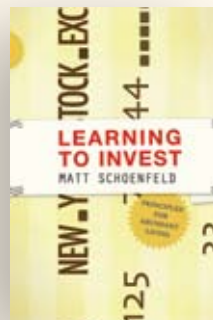
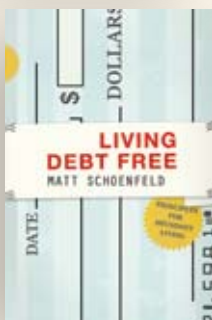
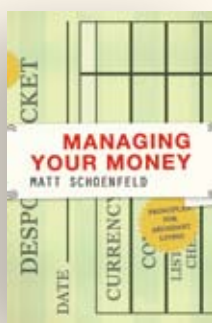
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CATEGORY: BUSINESS & ECONOMICS / Personal Finance / General

### LEARNING TO INVEST

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CATEGORY: BUSINESS & ECONOMICS / Personal Finance / Investing



### SELLING POINTS

- Series provides a basic understanding of how to effectively overcome and avoid financial difficulties
- Each book uses simple terms and explanations and offers easy-to-follow plans
- Author is the founder of a successful financial seminar whose other books include, *Abundant Living: The Five Biblical Principles for Financial Success* and *Hidden Treasures*

### CONTENTS SAMPLE FOR MANAGING YOUR MONEY

1. The Secret of Paying No Interest
2. The Secret of Generosity
3. The Secret of Planned Spending
4. The Secret of Paying Bills in Your Sleep

### CONTENTS SAMPLE FOR LIVING DEBT FREE

1. Developing a Strategy of Living Without Debt
2. The Faces of Debt: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
3. The 10-Step Plan to Shrink Your Debt
4. Automatically Debt Free Now

### CONTENTS SAMPLE FOR LEARNING TO INVEST

1. Understanding Property, Bonds, Cash Equivalents
2. Understanding Stocks and Mutual Funds
3. Walking the Investing Tight Rope: Risk, Reward, and Reality
4. Investment Tactics

### SUMMARY

THE PRINCIPLE-CENTERED FINANCIAL SERIES guides readers through the difficult areas of money management, debt reduction, and investment options to help them develop a healthy, achievable plan for their finances.

*Managing Your Money* presents seven habits that readers can adopt to avoid debt, meet needs, give generously, and enjoy life. It also outlines ways to set up an effective money management system, take advantage of automatic and electronic money management tools, and avoid interest payments.

*Living Debt Free* explores time-tested methods for setting up a personal debt-reduction system, offering an easy-to-follow ten-step plan. It also provides practical advice on getting out of debt, dealing with creditors, and reducing debt payments as well as suggestions for avoiding debt in the future.

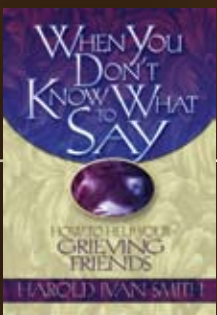
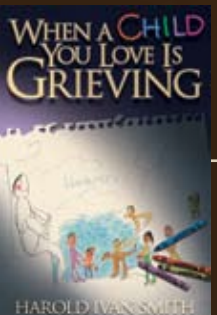
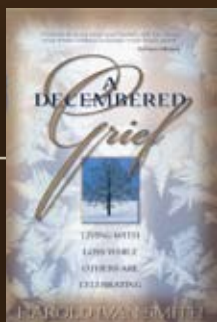
*Learning to Invest* explains the basics of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds and explores options such as diversification, dollar cost averaging, asset allocation, college saving, and retirement. It also offers an easy-to-use six-step investing plan and explains how to set up a savings plan for the purpose of taking care of your family and blessing God through giving.

### AUTHOR

**Matt Schoenfeld** is the founder and executive director of the Abundant Living personal finance training ministry and, since 1996, has served as a Christian financial coach and seminar leader. Matt lives in Mission, Kansas, with his wife and two children.

## Grief Resources

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ISBN: ACADZZ978-0-8341-2365-6  
RETAIL: \$14.99

**The Grief Care Kit**

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RETAIL: \$49.99

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