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**Introduction to Christian Education and Formation Basics of Teaching for Christians** Teaching Like Jesus Learning for the Love of God **Christian Higher Education Education That Is Christian Basics of Christian Education** Christian Education *Christian Education* **Principles and Practices of Christian Education** Faith and Learning **Christian Education The Church As Learning Community** *Teaching and Christian Practices* **Jesus Christ, Learning Teacher** *Teaching the Next Generations* God Our Teacher **Teaching for Spiritual Growth** **Scattering Seed in Teaching** *The Integration of Faith and Learning* Working with Words **Learning in the Way A Theology for Christian Education** **Educating Christians** **Engaging God's World** *On Christian Teaching Pedagogy and Education for Life* **Education: Does God have an opinion?** The Pietist Vision of Christian Higher Education *A Christian Approach to Education* *Love Walked Among Us* **Introduction to Biblical Christian Education** *The Best Way to Learn and Teach God's Word* The Future of Christian Learning Teaching for Spiritual Formation **Help! My Bible Is Alive! Being a Christian** *Learning Theology with the Church Fathers* So What Makes Our Teaching Christian? *What Christians Can Learn from Other Religions*

Adult Christian learning is central to the life of the Christian church, and is essential for its health, outreach and very survival. Leading Christian educators here apply the principles of Christian education to adult learning in the churches, and present the results and methods of empirical research relevant to the church's ministry of adult Christian education. This book will be of interest to all who are concerned for the ways in which adults learn to be Christian. The editor, Jeff Astley, is Director of the North of England Institute for Christian Education and Honorary Professorial Fellow in Practical Theology and Christian Education in the University of Durham. Pietism has long been ignored in evangelical scholarship. This is especially the case in the field of Christian higher education, which is dominated by thinkers in the Reformed tradition and complicated by the association of Pietism with anti-intellectualism. The irony is that Pietism from the beginning "was intimately bound up with education," according to Diarmaid MacCulloch. But until now there has not been a single work dedicated to exploring a distinctively Pietist vision for higher education. In this groundbreaking volume edited by Christopher Gehrz, scholars associated with the Pietist tradition reflect on the Pietist approach to education. Key themes include holistic formation, humility and openmindedness, the love of neighbor, concern for the common good and spiritual maturity. Pietism sees the Christian college as a place that forms whole and holy persons. In a pluralistic and polarized society, such a vision is needed now more than ever. The crucial challenge for theology is that when it is read the reader thinks, "This is true." Recognizing claims that are "true" enables readers to identify an honest expression of life's complexities. The trick is to show that theological claims--the words that must be used to speak of God--are necessary if the theologian is to speak honestly of the complexities of life. The worst betrayal of the task of theology comes when the theologian fears that the words he or she must use are not necessary. This new collection of essays, lectures, and

sermons by Stanley Hauerwas is focused on the central challenge, risk, and difficulty of this necessity--working with words about God. The task of theology is to help us do things with words. "God" is not a word peculiar to theology, but if "God" is a word to be properly used by Christians, the word must be disciplined by Christian practice. It should, therefore, not be surprising that, like any word, we must learn how to say "God." A bold and unique hybrid among resources for Christian educators, students, and pastoral staff, this enterprising book blends the voices of a single author and ten contributing experts into a global conversation on Christian formation and nurture. It effortlessly transcends all ages and all cultures, as it positions Christianity vibrantly alive from cradle to grave. This introductory text on Christian education-formation includes extensive graphical illustrations and accompanying online appendixes, providing a wealth of resources not only to be used in the classroom but to be lived out in the life of the church in the world. We want to experience God through the Bible. . . . We really do But our good intentions fall flat when reading the Bible just doesn't seem to make that happen. What should feel dynamic and important and alive often feels confusing and boring and irrelevant. But it doesn't have to. In *Help My Bible is Alive*, pastor and Bible teacher Nicole Unice brings life back to reading the Bible by helping you personally encounter God through his Word. With *Help My Bible is Alive*, you'll learn to . . . find the meaning of any portion of Scripture; apply four key questions to every passage; create valuable habits by workshopping key verses; and find practical principles as you read parables, poetry, narratives, ancient letters, and wisdom literature. Take this 30-day challenge and develop habits that will sustain a vibrant spiritual life where the Word of God is alive and active for you. An introductory text on Christian education for seminary students, pastors, and local church educators. The Christian presence in education has never been more controversial. While some secularists oppose any form of religious

involvement in schools or universities, some Christians also wonder why the churches are there. Conflicting narratives surround the purpose of Christian involvement in education. Yet at the heart of Christianity stands an educator, whose passion and resurrection can be understood afresh as learning. But what does it mean to say that Jesus was a teacher? If he was a good teacher, was he also a learner? Is today's Christian church learning? Can educators help the church to recover a 'learning Christ' who places learning at the heart of the Godhead and the church? How could the Christian churches take the educational significance of Jesus more seriously? Christian teachers often find themselves divided between a professional discourse on learning and making progress, and a theological vocabulary which they do not fully own, connecting only sporadically with their professional identity. This book helps educators to treat their teacher identity as a theological resource, rather than an obstacle, and in so doing to discover new insights on Christ which can be of relevance to the wider church and its mission. Our world is growing increasingly complex and confused—a unique and urgent context that calls for a grounded and fresh approach to Christian higher education. Christian higher education involves a distinctive way of thinking about teaching, learning, scholarship, curriculum, student life, administration, and governance that is rooted in the historic Christian faith. In this volume, twenty-nine experts from a variety of fields, including theology, the humanities, science, mathematics, social science, philosophy, the arts, and professional programs, explore how the foundational beliefs of Christianity influence higher education and its disciplines. Aimed at equipping the next generation to better engage the shifting cultural context, this book calls students, professors, trustees, administrators, and church leaders to a renewed commitment to the distinctive work of Christian higher education—for the good of the society, the good of the church, and the glory of God. This introductory textbook solidly situates Christian education in the

church and ministry context of the 21st century. With over 20 years of ministry, teaching, and leadership experience, Freddy Cardoza is uniquely qualified to bring together a wide range of Christian educators. This volume features the expertise of 25 evangelical scholars of Christian education, including diverse, next-generation voices in the field. It provides balanced biblical-theological and practical perspectives for church and parachurch leaders, equipping them to meet the ever-changing needs of our world. Additional resources for professors and students are available through Textbook eSources.

Norma Cook Everist contends that it is meaningful to say that in ministries of administration, outreach, and pastoral care, the church is functioning as a learning community. Whenever and wherever Christians are being formed into the image of Jesus Christ through ministry, there Christian education is taking place. Christian education is the name we give to that process of formation. Building on this central insight, Everist has written a major new introduction to the tasks and practices of Christian education. Part 1 of the book focuses broadly on what it means to be the church in the world. Part 2 shows how being a learning community requires ongoing growth in faith throughout the span of life. Part 3 shifts focus to the church as it moves into the community and world. Nowhere was the vitality of Jesus more visible than in His love--compassionate, honest, powerful, humble, and sacrificial. Combined with author Paul Miller's own life stories, *Love Walked Among Us* will encourage you to imitate Jesus' way of loving people in your relationships and community. Get to know Jesus, observe His life and His love as they unfold in the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Become more like Jesus and grow in your relationship with God. *Teaching Like Jesus* is a handbook for Christian education in local churches that applies Jesus' methods to make the Bible culturally relevant for today. Jesus calls each of us to live in a way that gives the Father glory, shares his love with everyone around us, and

reflects the life of Jesus. He invites us to scatter seed. Scattering seed can be a challenge, though, especially in our public lives, our professional lives, and volunteer lives. Those of us called to teach in some way feel the challenge deeply. We seek to share knowledge, experiences, and life lessons with a broad and varied group of people and do it in a way that shares Christ's love. Often life, curriculum challenges, and student chemistry threaten to derail our best laid plans. When this happens, it's easy to be distracted from our purpose or even to forget that our life calling is the same as our calling to teach. *Scattering Seed in Teaching* is about returning to that call, or perhaps connecting with it for the first time. It shares stories, interviews, and observations of teachers and students learning about scattering seed. It connects with biblical reminders and encourages us as teachers to reflect on and remember that underlying our professional call to teach is our life call . . . they are one and the same, to scatter seed.

*Principles and Practices of Christian Education* shows teachers how they can use two important principles that stand behind all evangelical practices to make their education program stand out from all the others in its nurture of students. First, evangelical Christian education recognizes the need for conversion-personal and corporate transformation that reconnects people to their Creator. Second, evangelical Christian education strives for connection-making contact with people as unique individuals who live in a particular society and who need to know more about scripture. In this book Christian education students learn that the work for which they prepare is a partnership with God to transform people. Their central task is worship, but through it and other activities they lead others to faith, commitment, and transformation of communities. Students in America will spend over 14,000 seat hours in a classroom before they graduate from high school. On the other hand, most Christian children spend less than an hour a day in meaningful interaction with their parents, and only a few hours a week (at most) in church. Is it

reasonable for us to assume that the Christian instruction they receive during off-hours will outweigh the thousands of hours of anti-Christian perspectives they are bombarded with by the media and the public school system? What does God say about how He expects Christians to educate their children? This book will radically challenge your paradigms and biases, but will consistently point you to the Word of God as the final answer for all of life, including education. Great resource for pastors, parents, and grandparents to understand the role of education in a Christian family. Aligns with the core philosophy of Master Books Curriculum and can be used as an apologetic for Christian education. Christian teachers have long been thinking about what content to teach, but little scholarship has been devoted to how faith forms the actual process of teaching. Is there a way to go beyond Christian perspectives on the subject matter and think about the teaching itself as Christian? In this book David I. Smith shows how faith can and should play a critical role in shaping pedagogy and the learning experience. Evangelicals and Roman Catholics have been responsible for the establishment of many colleges and universities in America. Until recently, however, they have taken very different approaches to the subject of education and have viewed one another's traditions with suspicion. In this volume, Mark Noll and James Turner offer critical but appreciative reassessments of the two traditions. Noll, writing from an evangelical perspective, and Turner, from a Roman Catholic perspective, consider the respective strengths and weaknesses of each approach and what they might learn from the other. The authors then provide brief responses to each other's essays. Thoughtful readers from both traditions will find insightful and challenging ideas regarding the importance of Christian learning and the role of faith in the modern college or university. EXCERPT In many respects, the current volume . . . touch[es] upon three issues: intellectual engagement, tradition, and ecumenism. The basic idea behind the project was to bring

[together] a leading American evangelical scholar and a leading American Catholic scholar, both familiar with their own tradition, with one another's tradition, and with the general landscape of "Christian learning," understood to mean what goes on at actual institutions of higher education, as well as the broader world of academic scholarship. Once this goal was formulated, two names quickly leaped to mind: Mark Noll and James Turner--scholars whom I have long suspected might be American reincarnations of the (irenic, erudite) Protestant reformer Philipp Melanchthon and the (irenic, erudite) Catholic humanist Desiderius Erasmus. . . . As planning processes got under way, however, Mark Noll accepted an endowed chair at Notre Dame, bringing his long and distinguished tenure at Wheaton [College] to an end and thereby making among his first tasks in his new post a toe-to-toe encounter with his new colleague and (then-serving) departmental chair, James Turner! Thus our dialogue lost the symbolism of confessionally contrasting institutions, even as we retained the intellectual firepower of the invitees. As readers will discover, those [at the conference] were rewarded with a heady mix of hard-earned erudition, theological commitment, and gracious eloquence--all focused on what I am persuaded are among the more interesting and consequential developments in recent decades: points of (promising) contact and (lingering) conflict between evangelical and Catholic approaches to higher education and scholarship. Whether in the home or in the church or in a Christian school, the challenge of contemporary Christian educators is to meet the academic needs of students while remaining unswerving in adherence to biblical principles. Christian Education: Foundations for the Future introduces you to the basics of a healthy Christian education program, then takes you beyond, showing you how to develop a fresh, innovative Christian education program that will revitalize your church, home, or school. In Teaching for Spiritual Formation, church historian and experienced Christian educator Kyle R. Hughes



advances a fresh vision of Christian teaching and learning by drawing upon the riches of the Christian tradition, synthesizing the wisdom of the early church fathers with contemporary efforts to cultivate a distinctively Christian approach to education. Of interest to a wide range of Christian educators, this book examines how the writings of five significant church fathers can illuminate our understanding of the vocation of teachers, the nature of students, the purpose of curriculum, decisions about pedagogy, and how spiritual formation works. Besides reimagining these aspects of Christian education, Hughes also offers habits and practices that can help bring this vision of Christian teaching and learning to life, challenging Christian educators to sharpen their approach to the integration of faith and learning in practical and accessible ways. This book's ten easy-to-read chapters show readers what Christians can learn from different religions, achieving insight into love, sin, ritual, the importance of myth to convey truth, the foundational roots of Christianity, the dark side of Christian history and many other important ways to see and interpret the world and to understand God. Original. David Walters provides answers to young peoples' questions about what Christians really believe. Noted Christian education professor and theorist Robert W. Pazmino shares the theological essentials to guide faithful educational thought and practices in the third millennium. He explores a prepositional theology that deepens the relationships between God and us through our teaching and learning together with spiritual wisdom. Essential reading for anyone involved in Christian education, this classic bestseller outlines a strategic vision for education that is designed to produce Christ-like people. Faith and learning, scholarship and piety, Christian tradition and intellectual inquiry, head and hearts: How do these things come together in an informative, enriching, and interdependent way? The calling of Christian higher education is to reflect the life of Christ and to shine the light of truth. That distinctive mission

cannot be forced into an either/or framework but rather a both/and calling. It is a commitment to Jesus Christ himself, who is both fully God and fully human and who for Christian educators is both light and life. This multi-authored volume, with dynamic contributions from entry-level faculty members to seasoned scholars, explores the question of the Christian faith's place on the university campus, whether in administrative matters, the broader academic world, or in student life. Philosophy, Sociology, Science, Arts, Business, Media; Faith and Learning explores how significant Christian thinkers have addressed such topics and their related issues throughout the history of the church. The historical, theological, and biblical framework will help students interact with and engage contemporary challenges to the Christian faith in the various fields of study and inquiry. Contributors include Harry L. Poe, Gene C. Fant, Jr., Ken Magnuson, Klaus Issler, Gregory A. Thornbury, Taylor Worley, John T. Netland, Scott Huelin, James A. Patterson, Hunter Baker, Roman R. Williams, Steve Halla, Christopher W. Mathews, Kevin Trowbridge, Mark Bolyard, Jeannette Russ, E. Blake Watkins, Mary Anne Poe, Emily Lean, Thomas Rosebrough, Ralph Leverett, Kimberly C. Thornbury, and C. Ben Mitchell. This is a book that relentlessly pursues defining the goals of Christian education and then offers a plan in keeping with those goals. So many books in the field assume the goals and simply describe the methods. Not so Larry Richards. His biblical and theological analysis conveys an excitement that makes Christian education a mission, not just a responsibility. And still his approach is eminently practical, insightful, and motivational. The Integration of Faith and Learning: A Worldview Approach provides students with the philosophical context and practical tools necessary for making the connections between Christian knowledge and the knowledge they will acquire during their undergraduate and graduate years in higher education. This book focuses on helping students understand how worldviews influence the interpretation of data

and even what is judged to be knowledge itself. The worldviews of philosophical naturalism, postmodernism, and Christianity are compared and analyzed. Throughout the book, emphasis is placed on helping students develop the practical skills needed to evaluate knowledge claims and to integrate all knowledge into a unified whole through the touchstone of Christian truth. A

**Theology for Christian Education**, written by dedicated professors of Christian Explain and defend the rationale for the influence of theology in Christian educational theory; Describe the process of forming a theologically informed theory of Christian education; Provide educational insights from a theological rubric and Present the praxis approach (theology/theory informed practice) for teaching and Christian education. This work explores a perennial question that Christians who are called to teach must consider: So what makes our teaching Christian? It considers the essential and distinctive elements of Christian teaching by examining the apostles' teaching ministry in the Book of Acts and aspects of Jesus's own teaching in the Gospel of John. It proposes how teaching in the name, spirit, and power of Jesus relates to the teaching ministries of Christians today. For example, an in-depth look at Jesus's teaching of both Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman known in Christian tradition as Photini provides insights for transformative teaching of both insiders and outsiders in a Christian community. This work is a theological, pastoral, and educational exploration of Christian teaching that has implications for both laity and clergy in their ministries.

**Teaching for Spiritual Growth** is a textbook that explains what it means to be spiritually mature and how churches can help people achieve spiritual growth. Most Christian college students separate their academic life from church attendance, Bible study, and prayer. Too often discipleship of the mind is overlooked if not ignored altogether. In this lively and enlightening book, two authors who are experienced in college youth ministry show students how to be faithful in their studies, approaching

education as their vocation. This revised edition of the well-received *The Outrageous Idea of Academic Faithfulness* includes updates throughout, two new substantive appendixes, personal stories from students, a new preface, and a fresh interior design. Chapters conclude with thought-provoking discussion questions. The Bible admonishes Christians to love God with the mind as well as with the heart. *Engaging God's World* clearly links this scriptural mandate with the pursuit of academic life, extolling the crucial role of Christian higher education in the intellectual and spiritual formation of believers. Chiefly intended to serve as a primer for students beginning college careers but valuable to thoughtful Christians at every stage of life, this volume spells out the central themes of the Christian faith from a Reformed perspective. More important, however, the book shows how Christian higher education fits inside a view of the world and of human life that is formed by these ideas. "Learning," Cornelius Plantinga writes, "is a spiritual calling; properly done, it attaches us to God." Approaching the topic of education from a variety of angles, Plantinga shows that Christ-centered learning teaches people to correctly see the world as God's creation, to see providence in history, to handle secular knowledge critically, to develop good judgment and, ultimately, to use faith-filled learning in the service of God's kingdom. In *Teaching and Christian Practices* several university professors describe and reflect on their efforts to allow historic Christian practices to reshape and redirect their pedagogical strategies. Whether allowing spiritually formative reading to enhance a literature course, employing table fellowship and shared meals to reinforce concepts in a pre-nursing nutrition course, or using Christian hermeneutical practices to interpret data in an economics course, these teacher-authors envision ways of teaching and learning that are rooted in the rich tradition of Christian practices, as together they reconceive classrooms and laboratories as vital arenas for faith and spiritual growth. Congregations are always struggling with

what quality Christian education is and how to build and maintain it. In this concise and easy-to-use guide, Karen Tye offers practical help, addressing the vital areas that need attention when planning for and building a Christian education program. Questions and exercises at the end of each chapter help pastors, Christian educators, seminary students, and laity apply the information to their own unique setting, building on the basics to renew and transform Christian education. How Ministers Can Be Excellent and Effective Teachers Effective teaching is important not only to the Christian faith but to the success and impact of Christian ministry. This book champions the role of teaching as a necessary skill for ministers to develop, equipping them to work effectively for the spiritual growth of young people. Terry Linhart, who has more than twenty-five years of experience training youth workers, brings together expert Christian educators representing a broad array of evangelical institutions and traditions to show how teaching connects to discipleship and the church in current contexts. Designed for the classroom, the book covers a wide range of topics and includes helpful illustrative diagrams, tables, line drawings, and charts. There are many books on Christian education, but few consider pedagogy with a biblical focus on formation, and a grounding in varied related disciplines. This book seeks to recapture the term pedagogy and place it at the center of the teacher's role—not as a pseudonym for other things, but as the critical foundation for the orchestration of classroom life. This is a view of pedagogy that accepts that children come to classrooms as inhabitants of multiple and varied communities. Some are known and shared with teachers, but many are not. Children cannot be left to find their way in the world, for as they encounter competing and contradictory worlds, their hopes, dreams, and intentions are shaped. Teachers play a key role in students' formation by "shaping" classroom life, for all of life is used by God to reveal himself. The things taught, the priorities set and activities planned, the experiences structured and books

shared—indeed, everything in and outside school acts upon and shapes our students. Pedagogy is the vehicle for shaping the life of the school. Learning requires more than subject content and good teaching. The central task of teachers is the development of a pedagogy that shapes “life.” This book offers challenge and guidance as teachers engage in this noble task. An effective method for learning God's Word is to use a systematic strategy that involves seven consecutive steps. A good way to remember the order in which these seven steps should be taken is by referring to the acrostic PRIME AT. When you PRIME AT God's Word, you are preparing to better understand and use God's Word. The seven steps outlined in the acrostic are: Pray; Read, Interpret, Meditate, Explore, Apply, and Teach. You should: Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your learning of God's Word, Read-different versions of the Bible, Interpret-scripture in your own words, Meditate-on the meaning and purpose of the scripture, Explore-commentaries, study guides, and other biblical references, Apply-God's Word to your life, Teach-others what you have learned. An effective way to teach God's Word is to engage people in active learning. This is best done by designing a pedagogical method that addresses the following questions: What do you want people to be able to do when they have finished the lesson? What will they need to know in order to do what should be done? How can you facilitate their learning? How do you assess learning? Establishing a set of learning outcomes is required to answer the first question. To answer the second question, one must identify the body of knowledge that must be acquired to accomplish the learning outcomes. This requires identifying a set of learning objectives that must be achieved. The best way to facilitate learning is to provide guided learning materials that address both learning outcomes and learning objectives and ask probing questions. And finally, some type of quiz or test needs to be developed in order to properly assess learning. Christopher A. Hall offers you the opportunity to study theology and church

history under the preaching and instruction of the early church fathers.