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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH BOOKS

2023-2024

The North American Division of Education is happy to bring you the annual listing of the Professional Growth Books. Some of these books are written by non-Adventist authors and, therefore, may not fully reflect Seventh-day Adventist philosophy. However, we believe there is value in these books which have been selected to inspire, bring insight, and challenge your thinking.

To secure a Professional Growth Certificate for the 2023-2024 school year, you should read the five issues of the Journal of Adventist Education, at least one book from Group B, and at least four additional books from two or more other headings. Some books may have been listed under two headings and will count for either group. One book of your choice, which could be classified under any of these headings, may be substituted for a book on this list.

GROUP A – READER'S CHOICE

Baptizing the Devil: Evolution and the Seduction of Christianity

Clifford Goldstein, Pacific Press, 2017, 256 pages

Hard-cover \$24.99

Amazon \$24.99

Cliff Goldstein's book focuses on the ancient battle between evolution and biblical creation, but with a novel twist. He takes the position with supporting documentation from the Bible and science that the biblical account is far superior, and that Christians don't have to hide behind the adage, "it (evolution) must be true because it's science". Further, his persuasive argument goes against those Christians who seek compromise by trying "to harmonize evolution and the Bible" from which the captivating title, *Baptizing the Devil* is based. With a wealth of strong documentary argument from world history, notable science, the great works of philosophy, music, art psychology, the Bible and much, much more, Goldstein's monumental work crushes evolutionary thought in full support of God's magnificent universal creation.

Equity in Data: A Framework for What Counts in Schools

Andrew Knips, Sonya Lopez, Michael Savoy, and Kendall Laparo, ASCD, 2023, 175 pages

Soft-cover \$32.95

Amazon \$27.61

Teachers and many administrators' eyes often tend to "glaze over" when the conversation goes toward data, data mining, and now data equity. This book, however, offers some hope that this important topic can be seen in new light. Instead of loading up on a ton of numbers, percentages, and difficult to understand statistics, the authors are quick to share how data is more than facts, numbers, statistics, and percentages. It's about people, their stories, feelings, perspectives, and experiences. With a plethora of charts, graphs, and indexes, templates, discussion generators, and action steps the authors share how school leaders can use data principles, tools, and best practices for creating an equitable data culture.

GROUP – B DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Habits of the Heart: Biblical Principles for Growing Christians

Kenneth C. Crawford, Pacific Press, 2022, 126 pages

Soft-cover \$15.99

Amazon \$15.99

With a notable history for writing children's books, Ken Crawford turns his attention in this book toward those seeking help for strengthening spirituality. It is designed to provide a nurturing guide for developing and expanding the influence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. The structure of the book is notable with three easy to follow sections focused on fulfilling the kingdom of God in our lives. The final section contains practical experiences for sharing the ongoing story of God's leading in our lives. Crawford makes the strong point that the purpose of the book goes beyond helping the individual become stronger spiritually. The real benefit is that the living testimony of a renewed life and Christian journey leaves "footprints that others can follow".

Jesus: Name Above All Names

Ellen G. White, Pacific Press, 2021, 383 pages

Hard-cover \$21.99

Amazon \$32.30

This devotional book from the vaults of the E. G. White Estate is focused on the amazing variety of names which Ellen White used in her many writings. For this book, it includes 365 of the more than 840 in all. A casual scan of the many names of Jesus gives one the impression that this is the inspired writing of a person with an up close, personal relationship with the Savior. The names used just for the month of January including, Alpha and Omega, Burden Bearer, Living Vine, Tried Stone, etc. provide

insight to this powerful book about our loving Savior. Its overall purpose is to introduce Jesus to those who have never known him and his love for us and to be an enriching support to those who seek strength in their continuing walk with Him.

Jesus Unleashed: A New Vision of the Bold Confrontations of Christ and Why They Matter

John MacArthur, Nelson Books, 2021, 148 pages

Hard-cover \$10.49

Amazon \$7.69

Best-selling author of more than 200 works, and world-class media preacher, John MacArthur's latest book focuses on the consistent, unrelenting conflict and confrontation between Jesus and the Scribes and Pharisees. MacArthur argues that Jesus was deliberate in his charges and denunciations against the religious elite in order to fulfill his mission to save their souls rather than saving them from the Romans. The book is well documented and describes with Bible-based clarity the intense confrontations and interactions between our Lord and his chief antagonists. It is a must read for Christians and Jews alike so that all get a clearer view of who Jesus was and why he came to save anyone who would accept him...including his enemies!

In the Spirit and Power: God's Presence and Answers to Prayer in Pavel Goia's Journey

Pavel Goia with Kelly Mower, Safeliz, 2022, 160 pages

Soft-cover \$16.99

Amazon \$49.99

Pastor Goia has already established himself as a prominent speaker and presenter with his prolific radio, television and internet sermons. Now, with this book, cowritten by Kelly Mowrer, Pastor Goia traces his life journey of prayer and faith from his youth in Communist Romania to his days as a struggling student in America, and as a successful pastor and church administrator. The common theme throughout his journey is open, honest, and fervent prayer, not focused always on the problem, the sin or the resolution of the physical need, but on God and his promises and his gifts of life for us. Prayer and faith do not change God, according to the authors, but it changes us, transforming our lives from selfishness to self-sacrifice and total witness to the world. This is a compelling book, a must read to learn about the true meaning and power of prayer.

Listening In the Morning

Trevor Lloyd, Signs Publishing, 2022, 200 pages

Soft-cover \$17.99

Amazon ---

Dr. Lloyd's book is basically a devotional book for teachers. His purpose, as the title suggests is to focus on morning devotion as prescribed by the Prophet Isaiah. "Morning by Morning he wakens my ear to listen", (Isaiah 50:4). This special attention of the ear to listening to God's word at the beginning of the day, in the morning, before the stress and strain of everyday classroom and living tasks provides just the right spiritual strength for the busy teacher, or educator. Also, many of the daily devotional themes focus on "Listening", both to our Lord through prayer, and bible study, or listening to others needs, and/or life concerns. The book is easy to read as a personal devotion or it can be used for group or classroom worship.

Living With the Mind of Jesus: How Beliefs Shape Your Worldview

S. Joseph Kidder and Katelyn Campbell Weakley, Pacific Press, 2022, 188 pages

Soft-cover \$19.99

Amazon \$19.99

This book opens with an impressive metaphor of how "a broken camper level", impacts what and how one's worldview can negatively affect one's attitude, communication, and relationships. In life, when the worldview lens (camper level) is broken or disrupted, the worldview is disrupted as well. The authors present relatively easy to understand, readable examples for understanding the often-times difficult concept of worldview which they define as "the individual's collection of beliefs about life, death and the world". More specifically, the authors propose that a biblical worldview provides scriptural-based, God-centered, information about the big philosophical questions of life, truth, reality, metaphysics, and epistemology. With examples from their personal lives and ministry and with supporting scriptural documentation, they contend that a biblical worldview is superior to a humanistic worldview and that knowing God directs our understanding of everything else.

Make Your Voice Heard in Heaven: How to Pray with Power

Barry C. Black, Tyndale Momentum, 2018, 153 pages

Hard-cover \$14.99

Amazon \$14.99

Barry Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate is well known as a powerful preacher. From his early days as a high school and college student, and later as a pastor, Navel Chaplain and now Chaplain of the United State Senate, Black captivates his audiences (in the senate, in churches or around the world via the internet, and television) with uplifting and inspiring words of Christian belief. In this book, Black turns his attention to what many believe is the "secret sauce" of his

power.... prayer. He structures each chapter of the book around the fifteen points of reference for his prayers and with hundreds of supporting biblical texts, including the “model prayer in Matthew 6, he teaches us how to pray with power. This is a “must” read for every person who desires a stronger prayer life.... whether a believer or not.

Prophecy’s Answer to Philosophy’s Confusion: Looking at the Existence of God with New Eyes

Chris Holland and Karl Tsatalbasidis, Pacific Press, 2020, 142 pages

Soft-cover \$15.99

Amazon \$15.99

Using a balance of three attitudes of belief, the authors present ultimate proof of the existence of God. The three attitudes are whether a person is a skeptic, a believer, or an inquirer. The book is basically a test of how one may analyze these three attitudes of belief to provide the basis for establishing the ultimate question of whether God really exists. The authors’ conclusion must be left to the readers to ascertain, but the biblical record of God’s character, the record of miracles, answered prayers, and prophecy are all worth consideration. Ultimately, the book ends with the real answer to the question of God’s existence. It can be found in the time-honored, truth-filled words of scripture. Read, pray, contemplate, and learn!

The Spiritual Life of a Leader

Boyd Bailey, Harvest House, 2021, 188 pages

Soft-cover \$14.99

Amazon \$1.34

In his book, Boyd Bailey focuses his argument for good leadership on development of bible-based character traits. These are those found in the in Galatians 5 and labeled by the Apostle Paul as the Fruits of the Spirit. They include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Every good leader works to exhibit all or most of these character traits according to Bailey, or they are honest in acknowledging weaknesses. Finally, good leaders are quick to display active work to courageously meet these character traits. Bailey goes on to focus remaining chapters in his book toward an honest, bible-based appraisal of each of the fruit characteristics with anecdotal evidence of his own experience and testimonials from noted spiritual leaders. Particular focus is found in the practical application in real life situations of the results of such a spirit-filled life.

GROUP C – SDA CHURCH HISTORY

Hearts of Faith: How We Became Seventh-day Adventists

D. J. B. Trim, Pacific Press, 2022, 122 pages

Soft-cover \$15.99

Amazon \$15.99

This book tells, with historical precision and literary artistry, the story of the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The author relates the history with snapshots of the strong emotions felt by the early pioneers as they experienced the weeping of the great disappointment of 1844. He traces with biblical documentation and with the inspirational guidance of Ellen White how the leaders moved beyond the emotions of the disappointment. These factors plus the tremendous growth and spread of the nascent group helped to formalize the early church complete with a formal constitution and structure of conferences and higher-level organizations. It's a fascinating and absorbing view of how the Millerites became Sabbatharians and ultimately, Seventh-day Adventists.

GROUP D – BACKGROUND FOR TEACHING

Change Your World: How Anyone, Anywhere Can Make a Difference

John C. Maxwell and Rob Hoskins, Harper Collins Leadership: An Imprint of Harper Collins, 2021, 228 pages,

Hard-cover \$27.99

Amazon \$15.39

These bestselling authors and noted consultants, have written this book on change. Its focus is on how ordinary people can change the world by changing how, when and where they think. They expertly utilize research in the latest theories of critical change thinking and have crafted a readable book chock full of practical wit and wisdom on this topic. Some tidbits include: “whenever something needs to be done, don’t wait for somebody else to do it”, don’t wait for government to do it”, and other comments shedding light on the concept that if and when real change occurs, it must start with an individual who is personally interested in or affected by the particular change. With many books on this topic being available, this one is a sure winner!

Genesis And Science: Where is the Evidence Going

Leonard Brand, Pacific Press, 2019, 142 pages

Soft-cover \$4.99

Amazon \$4.99

In this book, Brand takes on the daunting task of reconciling the Bible and science. Much of the research most of which was completed prior to the 1970's is based on

archeological observations of forests and digs throughout the world, which shows that the earth appears to be much older than the biblical record. This view has contributed to the notion that science and the Bible cannot be reconciled. Brand takes a different view in this book based on more recent research completed after the Mt. St. Helena eruption in the 1980's. Armed with results from the new research as well as an updated worldview, Brand contradicts the earlier results and acknowledges that the Bible and science can be reconciled. Beyond the archeological and scientific progress, he makes a strong argument that his research reaffirms the belief that the Bible is still the most reliable and truth-filled testimony supporting creation.

The Effective Facilitator's Handbook: Leading Teacher Workshops, Committees, Teams, and Study Groups

Cathy A. Toll, ASCD, 2023, 162 pages

Soft-cover \$32.95

Amazon \$32.95

This book is about how teachers, administrators, or anyone who is put into the role of leading a group can learn strategies for getting the job done in a professional and effective manner. It begins with a focus on four simple rules that facilitators must learn. They are: listening, starting with the end in mind, leading with productive tools, and being organized. With these four, easy to grasp, practical tools in mind, readers are led step by step toward gaining skills for facilitating any group. It's an easy read with plenty of charts, graphs, and notes for the busy teacher or administrator to comprehend and use.

GROUP E – TEACHERS PERSONAL GROWTH

Row the Boat: A Never-Give-Up Approach to Lead with Enthusiasm and Optimism and Improve Your Team and Culture

Jon Gordon and P. J. Fleck, Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2021, 120 pages

Hard-cover \$15.00

Amazon \$14.98

Row the Boat with its action-themed title, is based on the turmoil experienced by Coach Fleck after the sudden death of his newborn son. The book is about team building, it's about never giving up, and it's for leaders or anyone who wants to inspire their team, group, class, etc. to succeed. As a leadership work, it shows how a realistic mantra meant to inspire and empower the people in your boat (team) to row with the same power, tempo, direction, and speed toward the vision you have for your team or organization. The book is full of symbolic meanings of Row the Boat thinking which tie directly with life and how you live. This book is an enjoyable read with life

changing metaphors sprinkled throughout its relatively short span. The final word was “keep rowing” symbolic for keep moving, keep changing, keep improving and never give up, for your sake and for those you love.

Soundtracks: The Surprising Solution to Overthinking

Jon Cuff, Baker Books, 2021, 223 pages

Hard-cover \$26.99

Amazon \$19.96

Jon Cuff's book, about overthinking is written in the style of a secret that he has struggled with and is finally revealing after thirteen years. He depicts this problem as a debilitating condition which has gotten in the way of many life decisions and actions. One of the solutions Cuff describes is to change your thoughts from negative to positive and be surprised at the results. His use of a novel title is based on the idea that the power of music can impact your thinking, positively or negatively. Businesses like restaurants, stores, and banks have discovered and use this power of music to impact customers to think, to feel and purposely to buy. Cuff's research is that teachers can utilize the soundtracks technology to improve positive thinking for students and teachers.

The Happy Teachers Habits: 11 Habits of the Happiest, Most Effective Teachers on Earth

Michael Linson, Michael Linson, 2016, 134 pages

Soft-cover ---

Amazon \$12.95

As a teacher with more than 25 years of classroom experience, Linson speaks with real-time experience about the things that make teachers happy and effective. Buttressed with a lot of current research on the topic, he fully describes his 11 habits in an easy-to-follow format that is both interesting and practical. This is an important book for today's teachers, especially those experiencing burnout. It provides a way to understand their condition and provides practical, supporting ways of coping in today's stress-filled schools.

Winning the War in Your Mind: Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life

Craig Groeschel, Zondervan Books, 236 pages

Hard-cover \$26.99

Amazon \$18.53

Using his years as a pastor and credentials as a New York Times bestselling author, Craig Groeschel focuses the readers on strategies for eliminating negative thinking. He begins the discourse with an excellent description of how our thoughts determine the direction of our lives. Using biblical principles from the Old and New Testaments, Groeschel freely shows how faith, truth, praise, and prayer, just to name a few, have impacted his life, his family and religious-minded people all over the world. This book

is a model of how faith in God and scientific reasoning can go beyond repairing our thinking, but can correct it leading to more joyful, purpose-filled lives.

GROUP F – TEACHING AND LEARNING

Collaborative Teams that Transform Schools: The Next Step in PLC's

Robert J. Marzano, Tammy Heflebower, Jan K. Hoegh, Philip B. Warrick, Gavin Grift with Laurel Hecker and Janelle Wills, Marzano Resources, 2016, 163 pages

Soft-cover \$40.95

Amazon \$31.47

The authors of this book use themselves as a collaborative team, (gender, race, socioeconomic differences, etc.). Buttressed by volumes of research and practice, they demonstrate how the use of a PLC (professional learning community), is on the verge of a breakthrough in transforming schools to better fulfill their purpose of educating children. Interestingly, the book is also a workbook with tables, charts and comprehensive questions for users to chart their understanding and application of the principles presented. It's a practical, user-friendly way for teachers and administrators to better understand this new wave of transformational leadership for school leaders.

The New Classroom Instruction that Works: The Best Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement

Bryan Goodwin, Kristin Rouleau with Cheryl Abila, Karen Baptiste, Tonia Gibson, & Michele Kimball, ASCD, 2023, 176 pages

Soft-cover \$32.95

Amazon \$32.95

This is the third edition of this popular book based on the authors' vision for the need to translate best-available research into a manageable set of highly effective practices for teachers. The authors have made best use of feedback from professional teachers and researchers about how well the original version improved classroom teaching as well as some weaknesses. The updated version incorporates much of what was learned from the original version along with improved research emphasizing student diversity, equity, and inclusion. The original 14 instructional strategies have remained presenting a very readable, research-based manual for improving instruction.

GROUP G – UNDERSTANDING STUDENTS

Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom

Kristin Souers with Pete Hall, ASCD, 2016, 213 pages

Soft-cover \$31.95

Amazon \$18.90

With backgrounds and experience in youth counseling, the authors have sought to enlighten educators to the real-life world of acute childhood traumas, (ACDs). They point out with documented research focusing on what trauma is, how to understand its origins, its prevalence and that it is not ok in today's classrooms. Focusing on facts documenting that not all trauma is based on poverty, or racial identity, the authors share how such ACD's have become endemic to our high stress, computer oriented, gun-loving, society. The book makes strong effort to show how time-honored, but simple gestures like praise, love, laughter, eliminating fear, and building strong relationships can counteract the negative impact of trauma leading to academic success for all students.

I Notice: A Step-By-Step Guide to Transform Student Potential Through Building Intentional Relationships

Claire E. Hallinan, Claire E. Hallinan, 2019, 92 pages

Soft-cover ---

Amazon \$7.99

Claire E. Hallinan, with a strong background as a teacher makes use of a relatively new technique for improving student performance. Instead of blaming the students for poor performance, Hallinan uses "I Notice" statements focused first on the teacher's perspective on the problem. This approach plus an emphasis on building effective relationships with students presents an intelligent, nonjudgmental teaching style for improving student performance. Her approach utilizes other student-friendly techniques as standing in the door each day as a way to physically welcome students to class. She also advocates journaling as a way to keep track of the mental as well as the physical attributes of the classroom, including the sounds.

The Mastery Learning Handbook: A Competency-Based Approach to Student Achievement

Johnathan Bergmann, ASCD, 2023, 154 pages

Soft-cover \$31.95

Amazon \$31.95

This book, unlike many on the current market, takes the philosophical and theoretical aspects of Mastery Learning, and puts it in the practical, real-life world of the average classroom teacher. With an abundance of charts, graphs, figures and references, the

books provide an easily referenced way to understand and practice this technique for improving student performance. Using some of the techniques learned during the Covid pandemic, Bergmann starts with the classic approach of flipping the classroom. That is instead of standing in front of the class lecturing, the students watched pre-recorded lectures at home and worked on live problem-solving projects during class. This approach led to well documented improvements in achievement and set the stage for the mastery learning level which focused on classroom instruction that empowered every student to progress with confidence.

Total Participation Techniques: Making Every Student an Active Learner, 2nd Edition

Persida Himmele, William Himmele, ASCD, 2017, 191 pages

Soft-cover \$32.95

Amazon \$28.95

The authors make a strong point with this second edition of their earlier work about TPT's (Total Participation Techniques). Defining a TPT as a teaching technique that allows all students to demonstrate active participation and cognitive development at the same time, the Himmeles believe that such techniques lead to stronger classroom learning and better teaching. The book cites notable research in several states, along with citations from teachers who have had success with the technique. The reader will also find an abundance of techniques and application of TPT strategies throughout the book.

ORDERING BOOKS 2023-2024

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