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Dangerous Church Hendrickson Publishers

Lest you think that Dr. Coleman has "quit preachin' and gone to meddlin'" in this sensitive topic of music, and especially church-appropriate music, please give this book a chance. Coleman draws from many sources, both Seventh-day Adventist and non-Adventist, to explain just how the type of music we use in church worship services affects our worship experience and our Christian experience. When addressing the current trend of

Contemporary Christian Music (CCM), he assures the reader that he is not against all CCM, but cautions against using a song just because it may be popular or may draw a certain crowd into the church. He shows how merely the use of contemporary music may attract people to attend church, but it doesn't necessarily lead to a true conversion or the intentional discipling of those people. Dr. Coleman states, "The seeker sensitive model involved a de-emphasis of traditional methods of evangelism and discipleship such as doctrinal preaching, calling for repentance from sin, and committing oneself to give Bible studies; rather, it focused on innovation and meeting the wants of people—often dubbed "felt needs" ... The seeker sensitive

model also caused people to view Christianity as something "cool" and made them feel comfortable in "dressing down" to attend church worship service, sometimes in jeans and a t-shirt. However, it resulted in producing spiritually weak Christians who were pastor-dependent and not committed to making disciples for Christ." Music ministry leaders and anyone who enjoys music in church will learn to be a little more discriminating in the choice of music after gaining the insights provided in this book.

Equipping Christians for Kingdom Purpose in Their Work Zondervan

Because teaching is at the heart of Christian ministry, the editors of Invitation to Educational Ministry have assembled a team of seasoned experts to present a comprehensive plan of Christian education. This volume will help church staff, parachurch leaders, and small-group teachers become more effective, influential, and creative. After laying a biblical and practical foundation for Christian education, the contributors provide specific guidance on teaching a variety of individuals and groups, including children, adults, singles, seniors, and non-Christians. The final section shares valuable insights on leading small groups, teaching innovatively, and overseeing a healthy educational ministry, among other topics. Each chapter is designed to equip educators with the most relevant

information, and includes many useful features: • Real-life case studies • Scriptural support • Explanations of key terms and concepts • Practical suggestions • Resources for additional study • Sidebars illustrating best principles and practices
Every Believer a Disciple!
Zondervan

The term "discipleship" is not found in Scripture. However, the word "disciple" is often used. It simply means "follower." Though the word "discipleship" means different things among Christians, at Life on Life, we see discipleship as a process with two distinct focuses: the "making" and the "training" of disciples. Discipleship is anything that helps someone follow Jesus, whether that is moving them from unbelief to belief and/or belief to maturity. In conversations with pastors around the world, there is a shared frustration with failed ministry models and a longing for hearts and lives to be changed. In this brief booklet, Randy Pope tells the story of how Life on Life discipleship began at Perimeter Church. He introduces T.E.A.M.S., the operating system for Life on Life. T.E.A.M.S., coupled with life-on-life relationships, has proven to be a difference-maker. Over the years, there have been many men and women who have become mature and equipped followers of Christ. There is no better time than now to bring discipleship back to the local church.

Personal Disciplemaking Baker Books

Greg Ogden recovers Jesus' method of accomplishing life change by investing in just a few people at a time. In this revised and updated edition Ogden sets forth his vision for transforming both the individual disciple and discipleship itself, showing how discipleship can become a self-replicating process with ongoing impact from generation to generation.

Men of Influence Zondervan

A broadly experienced trio of rising church leaders share substantive research on churches and individuals that will help readers foster a culture wherein people intentionally grow in their Christian faith.

Battles Men Face HarperCollins Christian Publishing

This whole marriage thing is intriguing, isn't it? No matter the culture or time in history, marriage is a huge deal and ought to be treated as such. But finding the ideal mate is so difficult, especially these days.

What if you could find the perfect mate, someone you could live with the rest of your life who'd meet all your longings and expectations? That would be priceless! In this new book, Randy Pope presents the six key principles for finding your "million dollar mate." Readers will find their perceptions challenged, their standards heightened, and their hopes lifted.

Churches Partnering Together Baker Academic
For far too long, the church has tried to make disciples using a one-size-fits-all approach. Some churches advocate 1-on-1 discipling, others try getting everyone into a small group, while still others training through mission trips or service projects. Yet others focus all their efforts on attracting people to a large group gathering to hear biblical teaching and preaching. But does one size really fit everyone? Based on careful biblical study and years of experience making disciples in the local church, Bobby Harrington and Alex Absalom have identified five key relationships where discipleship happens in our lives. In each relational context we need to understand how discipleship occurs and we need to set appropriate expectations for each context.

Discipleship That Fits shows you the five key ways discipleship occurs. It looks at how Jesus made disciples and how disciples were formed in the early church. Each of the contexts is necessary at different times and in different ways as a person grows toward maturity in Christ: Public Relationships: The church

gathering corporately for worship Social Relationships: Networks of smaller relationships where we engage in mission and live out our faith in community Personal Relationships: Small groups of six to sixteen people where we challenge and encourage one another on a regular basis Transparent Relationships: Close relationships of three to four where we share intimate details of our lives for accountability The Divine Relationship: Our relationship with Jesus Christ where we grow through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit Filled with examples and stories, Alex and Bobby show you how to develop discipleship practices in each relational context by sharing how Jesus did it, how the early church practiced it, and how churches are discipling people today.

On the Verge B&H Publishing Group

The idea of servolution is a revolution of serving others, and this resource provides practical ideas and strategies to get started.

God's Will Baker Books

Spent Matches explores the possibility that a few small paradigm shifts within the church might make the difference between extinction and effectiveness. In fact, taking a clue from the automobile industry, the church might be able to not only halt the rapid decay in attendance but also become an effective tool in achieving Jesus' final command. For instance, the Hybrid car has become the answer to Detroit's environmental and oil crisis issues. Finding the synergy between two technologies, gas and electric has created a new day for the auto industry. Likewise, Spent Matches explores how the church can find synergy between two seemingly competing thoughts: an invitation to come and a command to go. The Hybrid metaphor brings energy to the church's mission and an explanation to the age-old argument of Missional versus Attractional methods. Features include: Innovative ideas for growing the church Methods to reach those who may never have attended church Scripture passages that touch on the subject of church

growth

Moral Choices Zondervan

Christ commanded the church to make disciples, to produce people who love and obey God, bear fruit, and live with joy. The crisis at the heart of the church is that we often pay lip service to making disciples, but we seldom put much effort behind doing it. For the pastor who is ready to put words into action, *The Disciple-Making Pastor* offers the inspiration and practical know-how to do so. Bill Hull shows pastors the obstacles they will face, what disciples really look like, the pastor's role in producing them, and the practices that lead to positive change. He also offers a six-step coaching process to help new disciples grow in commitment and obedience and practical ideas to integrate disciple making into the fabric of the church.

Transformational Discipleship Zondervan Academic Seeking God's guidance is a focus for many believers. We want to know what God has planned for our lives. Are we making the right decision? Are we in his will? For some people, knowing God is guiding their lives makes them relax and enjoy the ride. But others fear making the wrong choice and find themselves paralyzed as they wait for signs from above. J. I. Packer and Carolyn Nystrom answer these fears with *God's Will*. With solid biblical footing, they shed light on the notion of God's guidance in response to the many misunderstandings well-meaning Christians can have. Readers seeking God's will in major life decisions, as well as anyone interested in understanding how God guides us, will welcome this practical and inspiring book.

Transforming Discipleship Zondervan

Too many of today's pastors and leaders mistakenly think that thriving programs, lively worship services, and relevant preaching are adequate for developing people into the spiritual dynamos God desires. In many churches, the primary objective of the church—personally discipling individuals into mature followers of Jesus—has been “outsourced” to large-scale programs. But are people truly being disciple and

taught how to follow Jesus? Are they growing in spiritual depth and missional determination? Twenty-five years ago, the leadership team of Perimeter, Randy Pope's rapidly growing church realized that nothing but personal discipleship could account for the uniqueness of individuals and the call of God on each person's life. Perimeter calls their approach “life-on-life missional discipleship,” and this book tells the story of how they learned to bring discipleship back from the margins of church life to the mainstream. Many pastors and leaders are slowly awakening to the reality that current models of ministry just aren't working the way they had hoped they would. Randy's journey as a pastor will encourage you and invite you to consider the effectiveness and fruitfulness of your own church's discipleship efforts.

The Master Plan of Evangelism, Second Edition, Abridged Zondervan

Terry Cook, an experienced leader, teacher and life coach, shares a practical leadership game plan for anyone who leads a company, a home, a team, a service organization, or some other type of group. Proven effective in a vast array of leadership contexts around the world, *Lead, Develop, Care* is the go-to framework every leader needs—and can put to use right away. It's straightforward and simple but powerful in its impact.

The Disciple-Making Pastor Baker Books

Most Christians would say they believe all people are made in the image of God and are equal before him. They would say red, brown, yellow, black, and white, they are precious in his sight. But do they have any friends of another race? Is there anyone at their church who does not look like them? Does this matter to God? The majority of American Christians do not have significant relationships with anyone who does not look like them, which makes them susceptible to cultural blind spots and less effective as ambassadors for biblical justice. The thirty church leaders who contributed to *Heal Us, Emmanuel* desire racial

reconciliation, representation, and supernatural unity in all the churches of Christ.

Shepherding God's People InterVarsity Press

Were it not for _____, I wouldn't be who I am today Men have a way of rubbing off on one another—for better or worse. You will be influenced and you will influence, especially when you have regular one-on-one interactions with another man. Be intentional and become the man God made you to be, while learning to change other men's lives for the better. Men of Influence teaches you the importance of mentoring, how to find a good mentor, and what you can offer others as a mentor (even if you don't feel qualified). Learn: how to approach a mentor without scaring him off what to expect at the beginning, middle, and end of a mentoring relationship what you have to offer to another man People change one person at a time. Realize your full potential and help others do the same through the simple practice of mentoring.

The Study of Evangelism Thomas Nelson

Randy Pope has created a blueprint for pastors and church planters with The Intentional Church. Such an organization must model a dynamic spirit of worship and servanthood that will cause it to become a magnet for people needing help. Part of the blueprint involves having a God-honoring purpose, a faith-oriented commitment, a well-defined mission, biblically-based job descriptions, and more. A relevant resource for pastors and lay persons.

Sticky Church Baker Books

The general practices related to church funding aren't producing the same results they have in the past. There is a general acceptance that something has changed but little talk or interest is coming from traditional church leader training sources such as denominational entities and seminaries. Pastors are largely left to their own devices to "figure this out." They need a lifeline. While some churches are experiencing exponential growth, some churches - despite their best efforts - have been unsuccessful at moving beyond survival mode. Coupled with increased competition from other nonprofits and a decline in the commitment to give to the

church first, churches risk losing the funding they need. A growing number of leaders are beginning to discover there is another way and are struggling to understand what makes one church generous and another not. There is a need in the market to offer a simple, working definition of "generosity" and reveal the "secrets" some church leaders seem to have simply stumbled upon which are resulting in unexplainable ministry growth and unprecedented church funding even in the midst of tough economic times. The content of this material was developed and refined by Jim Sheppard and Chris Willard through years of ministry leadership in the local church, consulting with church leaders across a broad spectrum of church settings, and through participation in and leadership of the Generous Church Leadership Community facilitated by Leadership Network. Of particular benefit will be the collection of observations and best practices gleaned during the Generous Church Leadership Community that originated within real-life church leadership situations and scenarios by highlighting specific challenges, methods, and successes.

The Intentional Church Baker Books

"Few books have had as great an impact on the cause of world evangelization in our generation as Robert Coleman's 'The Master Plan of Evangelism.'" --Billy Graham It all started when Jesus called a few men to follow him and share God's message with their neighbors. We are called to do the same. But evangelism can be difficult--even intimidating. With all the evangelism resources available, where should you turn to find advice on how to share the Good News with others? Robert E. Coleman says the answers aren't found in TV evangelism, easy-evangelism guidebooks, or the latest marketing techniques. Rather, he looks to the Bible, to the ultimate example found in Jesus Christ. For more than forty years this classic, biblical look at evangelism has challenged and instructed over three million readers. Now repackaged for a new generation, "The Master Plan of Evangelism" is as fresh and relevant as ever. Join the movement and discover how you can minister to the people God brings into your life.

Following the Master Baker Books

How the Church can recover her original, apostolic ways and become a high-impact Jesus movement again in the West. The church is on the verge of massive, category shifting, change. Contemporary church growth, despite its many blessings, has failed to stem the decline of Christianity in the West, and we are now facing the fact that more of the same will not produce different results. We are already seeing this new form of the church emerge in our day—an apostolic, reproducing Movement that's driven by a desire to see Biblical Christianity reestablished. Alan Hirsch and Dave Ferguson call this the "apostolic movement" because it's more resonant with the form of church that we witness in the New Testament and in the great missional movements of history. And we are on the verge of a new apostolic movement... In this book, Christian thought-leaders Hirsch and Ferguson share a rich array of theology, theory, and best practices, along with inspiring stories about leaders who have rightly diagnosed their churches' failure to embrace a biblical model of mission and have moved toward a fuller expression of the gospel. *On the Verge* will help church leaders: Imagine the contemporary Church from the apostolic perspective—how we got from there to here. Shift our mindset from technique (how to "do church") to embodiment (how to live as Christ's Church) Learn how to value, approach, and understand innovation. Move whole-heartedly toward the apostolic, missional movement. Many of the best and brightest leaders in the contemporary church are now making shifts in the way they think, lead, and organize. *On the Verge* will help church leaders discover how these forerunners and their insights are launching a new apostolic movement?and how any church can get involved.

Replicate Crossway

The growth of Christianity in recent decades has been remarkable, but has it been growth with depth? Are our communities of faith, our churches, creating and nurturing deeply committed followers of Jesus? This book was born out of the realization that churches throughout the world, despite their numerous evangelization and spiritual development activities, are struggling to produce true disciples of Jesus. How can we explain why so many of us in our churches are so unlike Jesus in the way we think and act? What can we change in our understanding and practices to facilitate life transformation and spiritual multiplication? And as Christians what are we called

to do? In answering these questions the author proposes an alternative ecclesial and missional paradigm, that will enable us to better equip and mobilize believers in the mission that Christ gave to his disciples and gives to us all, to make disciples!