

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH BOOKS 2009

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 2008-2009 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 have been listed under two headings and will count for either group. One book of your choice which could be classified under of any these headings may be substituted for a book on this list.

### GROUP A -- READERS' CHOICE

**Five Minds for the Future**, by *Howard Gardner, Harvard Business School Press, 2007, 196 pages.*

Hard-cover List Price..... \$24.95 Amazon.....\$16.47

Five minds are needed to know what is expected in the future and to know how to deal with what is not anticipated. This book describes each mind and how it works in connection to the other minds. The five minds are: the disciplined, the synthesizing, the creating, the respectful, and the ethical. These minds must be developed to come together in a person.

The disciplined mind refers to scholarly mastery of some key subject. This phase begins before adolescence and continuous throughout one's life time.

This synthesizing mind organizes information into sensible categories and incorporates it into the knowledge base presently in use. It begins in early childhood and grows more deliberate and sophisticated over time.

The respectful mind goes beyond tolerance and political correctness and calls for respect for others. A respectful person gives the benefit of the doubt to all persons.

The creating mind comes up with new ideas, questions, projects, products, and innovations. The creating mind's goal is to extend knowledge and go into unanticipated directions.

The ethical mind's goal is to work hard, do the right thing, no compromises, be a good citizen, not for rewards but just to assume responsibility for the quality of work one does.

Each mind is needed to make a successful person and should be in use early in life and all of the time.

**From the Hood to the Hill, a Story of Overcoming**, by Barry C. Black, Ph.D., D. Min., D.D. 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate, Rear Admiral (Ret.), U.S. Navy, Thomas Nelson, 2006, 223 pages.

Hard-cover List Price.....\$22.99 Amazon.....\$15.63

If you know, love, and appreciate Barry Black, this book will show that there is so much more to this man than one could ever imagine. When you read how his mother fervently and diligently prayed for him to be used by God while he was still in the womb, you'll begin to see where his strength and power comes from.

This book is an education in itself. You'll meet philosophers, theorists, poets, composers, classical musicians, senators, pastors, and a few more. Once you've finished this book you'll know and understand Aristotle's persuasion tripod of ethos, pathos, and logos.

At the end of most chapters Dr. Black tells what lessons he learned from the aforementioned series of experiences. One lesson that he learned is that passionate prayer makes a difference as it connects us to God and brings blessings. Throughout the book Dr. Black very consistently gives God the glory for his success and shows how his dependence on God has made him the man he is today.

If you have ever felt that that life is hard and you can't make it, need motivation or inspiration, need your spirits lifted, or need to strengthen your faith, this book is for you.

## **GROUP B – DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**Daniel Wisdom to the Wise**, by Zdravko Stefanovic, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2007, 480 pages.

Hard-cover List Price.....\$34.99

This well written and thought out commentary, is divided into sections chronologically and by theme. The chapters are grouped in a way that makes sense. The larger sections are given a general overview with additional information that will help the reader get a good understanding of that particular section.

This author does not just expound on one persons interpretation, but explains various interpretations of a passage and then discusses its strengths and weaknesses. He discusses the three standard approaches of the schools of prophetic interpretations in regard to

Daniel's prophecies that scholars have taken, and expounds on each school of thought. He then further discusses their application in church history and in personal life.

The book concludes with a selected bibliography and an index of scripture references and is for the serious student of Daniel. After reading this book, you'll have a well rounded knowledge base and a clear understanding of our church's view and understanding of Daniel, and you will not be disappointed.

**Dramatic Prophecies of Ellen White: Stories of World Events Divinely Foretold**, by Herbert Edgar Douglas, *Pacific Press Publishers Association, 2007, 221 pages.*

Paperback

List Price.....\$14.99

This is a fascinating portrayal of many of Ellen Whites prophecies dealing with world events. One of her earlier prophecies dealt with the Civil War. The vision caused widespread doubt and was hard for many to accept as reliable since the politicians of the day, even President Lincoln, were assuring the public that there would be no war. Amazingly, it took only three months for this vision to be validated.

Mrs. White's visions on health had a profound scope even to this day. She was sickly when her visions began, but as she got new information, she incorporated this information and new insight and direction into her own lifestyle which improved her health tremendously.

Along with the predictions such as the international enforcement of Sunday law, she predicts for the United States end time disasters of all kinds and tells how these disasters will become more frequent and more disastrous. While some of these prophecies have yet to be fulfilled, we can all attest to the fulfillment of many predictions because of the disasters we have witnessed.

Ellen White has become known around the world as a true witness of God's miraculous and loving intervention in human history.

**Ten Commandments, Twice Removed** by Danny Shelton and Sally Quinn, *Remnant Publications, 2005, 126 pages.*

Paperback

List Price.....\$9.95

This book by Danny Shelton and Sally Quinn has somewhat jolted the Christian world, not only by the numbers printed (in excess of 5 million), but by the surprising positive reaction it has garnered among the non Sabbath-keeping church leadership. Many instances have been reported of first-day congregations making the switch to Sabbath observance after carefully studying this book.

This book is a quick, insightful, and inspirational reading for anyone wishing to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for keeping God's law.

## **GROUP C --SPIRIT OF PROPHECY AND DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY**

**The Beginning of the End** by Ellen G. White, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2007, 384 pages.

Paperback

List Price. . . . \$7.99

*The Beginning of the End*, is an adaptation of *Patriarchs and Prophets*. It is the first volume in a five-book series approved by the White Estate that will bring the clear messages of the *Conflict of the Ages* set to a new generation of readers. Biblical texts unless otherwise noted are taken from the New King James Version. Share the great truths of the original volumes in a more accessible format for twenty-first-century readers.

**Royalty and Ruin** by Ellen G. White, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2007, 256 pages.

Paperback

List Price. . . . \$7.99

Second in the condensed Conflict of the Ages series *Royalty and Ruin* is an adaptation of *Prophets and Kings*. It is the second volume in a five book series approved by the White Estates that will bring the clear messages of the Conflict of the Ages set to a new generation of readers. These books were commissioned by the GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department to complement the Cornerstone Sabbath School quarterlies (2007 – 2011).

## **GROUP D--BACKGROUND FOR TEACHING**

**Learning Places: A Field Guide for Improving the Context of Schooling**, by Michael Fullan and Clif St. Germain, Corwin Press, 2006, 208 pages.

Paperback

List Price.....\$74.95

Amazon.....\$67.35

This is an excellent book with an inspiring approach to school change. It expertly provides readers with practical and proven strategies for giving staying power to school improvement initiatives. Organized to make learning contagious, this user-friendly guide helps create a culture of learning that promotes the simultaneous development of students, teachers, and parents. Much of the inspiration comes from the inclusion of quotations from notable writers, educators, politicians and poets from Calvin Coolidge, Alfred North Whitehead, Albert Einstein, and T.S. Eliot among others.

Each chapter focuses on an essential component of school improvement and presents a critical question to be answered. This adds a sense of organization and comprehensiveness that makes the book easy to read and provides a well-developed idea of framing the broad school improvement movement into understandable segments.

In addition, the book contains a CD of supplemental pictures and charts for use in the electronic classroom.

## GROUP E --TEACHERS' PERSONAL GROWTH

**I Forgive You, but... We Know We Should. Why is it so Hard?**, by *Lourdes E. Morales-Gudmundsson, Ph.D.*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2007, 175 pages.

Paperback

List-Price..... \$13.99

The author has crafted a fascinating book about one of the most difficult human situations imaginable...forgiveness. Her premise is that most Christians know cognitively that we should forgive, but when, how, and why we should do it is a baffling problem. The book is divided into four sections dealing with how forgiveness heals, what the Bible teaches about forgiveness, journeying the road to forgiveness, and finally, forgiveness and prayer.

Focusing on the biblical perspective of forgiveness gives extra weight as to why we should forgive, even when we don't want to forgive. We find out what forgiveness is and what forgiveness is not in the Old and New Testament definition of forgiveness. Forgiveness lies at the core of what it means to be a Christian. This is what Christians do—forgive.

Her conclusions are all the more powerful, indicating that despite obstacles Christians need to forgive because they have been forgiven and forgiveness shows love which is fulfillment of the law. If forgiveness is not given God will not forgive us and our worship will not be acceptable to God.

## GROUP F -- TEACHING AND LEARNING

**Building Background Knowledge for Academic Achievement. Research on What Works in Schools**, by *Robert J. Marzano*, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 2004, 220 pages.

Paperback List Price.....\$26.95 Amazon.....\$21.13

Marzano's book tackles a major problem in American education, i.e. the need to help poor and other marginalized students learn basic skills. He approaches this problem with an analysis of research on the importance of understanding students' with deficient

background knowledge. According to Marzano, background knowledge refers to what a person already knows about core subject areas such as English, math, science, history, and geography. He postulates that background knowledge is a great indicator of how well new material will be learned, and that schools should explore strategies for enhancing background knowledge.

Two major strategies Marzano suggests are:

- A five step, sustained silent reading program that focuses on students reading fiction and non fiction material from a variety of formats, including the internet.
- Direct vocabulary instruction focusing on the terms and phrases students will encounter in their academic subjects.

With practical, research-based examples, this book provides educators with sufficient understanding of the importance of students' background knowledge and how it can be improved in order to have a high probability of enhancing academic success.

**How Math Works: 100 Ways Parents and Kids Can Share the Wonders of Mathematics**, by Carol Vorderman. *The Reader's Digest Association, Inc., 1996, 192 pages.*

Hard-cover    List-Price....\$24.00 Amazon.....\$11.53

The wonders of mathematics are brought to life in this book and made easy to understand through brain teasing puzzles, tricks, and educational experiments that do not require the purchase of expensive materials. The book explains why math is so important in our lives in language that a child can understand.

Each topic is only two pages long and includes a brief history. The two pages are filled with illustrations to explain the experiment.

Some topics have problems to solve, and answers are given in the back of the book. A glossary is also included for those of us who don't know the difference between a cartenoid and a cardioid. You'll love this book.

## **GROUP G – UNDERSTANDING STUDENTS**

**Activating the Desire to Learn**, by Bob Sullo. *Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 2007, 164 pages.*

Paperback    List Price.....\$23.95    Amazon.....\$23.95



experiences as a middle school teacher to find and implement management strategies that are effective in keeping things calm and instilling a desire to learn in the students.

One of her ideas is that before a teacher can get students to learn, it is important that a connection is made with the students, that they feel safe, physically and intellectually. She writes about classrooms being managed with heart. Four guidelines that provide a way to interact positively and make this care possible are:

- Don't let students fast talk you
- Stay focused on the problems
- See the big picture
- Don't sell out your values

Inspirational quotes at the beginning of each chapter relate to the topic at hand and help to supplement the emphasis on the “caring” teacher and classroom.

## **GROUP H – ISSUES**

**Lord, Save My Church: Tackling the Tough Issues**, by *Richard W. O’Ffill*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2007, 159 pages.

Paperback

List Price..... \$13.99

O’Ffill’s book covers a wide array of problems affecting the Adventist church including culturally related problems, theology and lifestyle issues, and the mission and message of the church. One of the most prominent issues tells how Adventists must relate in our media driven, greed infested society. He asserts that we have a special role to play in today’s culture which says “look out for number one, stick up for yourself, me myself and I, self love. This is in direct conflict with what the Gospel teaches, others first.

The author also reveals the many ways Christians are losing ground and compromising and becoming less Christ-like. Other issues that cause one to “sit up and take notice include: how to live a healthy life, how to pray, how to keep the Sabbath holy, how to live a Christian life at home, how to repent and forgive—the list just goes on. Richard O’Ffill tackles the tough issues that the church faces today and gives good sound advice for a rewarding life as a true follower of Christ; advice which leads to salvation and saves our Church because we are the Church. Read this book and gain confidence in your spiritual journey.

**Boys Adrift, The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys and Underachieving Young Men**, by *David Sax, M.D., Ph. D.* (*A Doctor's Plan to Help our Sons Fulfill their Potential*), Basic Books, 2007, 267 pages.



of them often enough. In fact, fifth grade students use computers for instruction more than their teachers do.

How and when to access student learning is critical to all teaching. Suggestions for using the computer for pre-assessment evaluations are given. Teachers are quick to think of pencil and paper, why not use computer technology for simple to more complex surveys and checklists to perform the same task? Suggestions are listed for using technology for summative and formative evaluations at <http://pblchecklist.4teachers.org>.

**Integrating Technology into the Curriculum**, by Shelly Frei, Amy Gammill, and Sally Irons, Shell Foundation, 2007, 220 pages.

Paperback      List Price.....\$19.99      Amazon.....\$14.99

This book covers the realm of many recent books focusing on how to help teachers use technology in the classroom. Where it differs from others is that it is interactive. Each chapter begins with a pre-reading review designed to check the reader's knowledge. This practical approach can help the teacher focus on just those areas needing development. At the end of each chapter is a series of questions called "Reflections" which serve as a self assessment of progress in the particular area. Furthermore, it includes at the end of each chapter practical projects on the usefulness of technology for the particular subject discussed.

Other useful features can be found in the last few chapters. One on "Computer Troubleshooting" is an easy to read, non technical approach for solving simple computer problems. A thorough reading of this chapter can help alleviate a host of computer problems which the teacher can solve without unnecessary calls to the technical department. It also contains a comprehensive glossary of technology terms and expressions.

**Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works**, by Howard Pitler, Elizabeth R. Hubbell, Matt Kuhn, & Kim Malenoski, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 2007, 242 pages.

Paperback      List Price.....\$27.95      Amazon.....\$23.75

This title immediately grabs ones attention with the words "that works." The writers can assure the reader that it works because of the years of research and the experiences their team of experts bring to the writing table.

There are nine categories of instructional strategies that affect student achievement and provides many resources. It shows to which teaching strategy these resources belong. It also tells students to complete an assignment and then gives thorough directions on how to accomplish the assignment using technology.

This book is highly recommended as a practical guide for teachers and students who are novice to the idea of using technology or who are experienced users.

## GROUP J – INSPIRATIONAL

**My Daddy Told Me So**, by *Walter L. Wright*, *Hart Books*, 2006, 120 pages.

Soft-cover

List Price.....\$9.99

In this book, Walter L. Wright, president of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, takes us on a historical trip back into the 1930s and 40s as he gives us a glimpse of what his life was like on a farm in. This inspirational non-fictional treatise is a compilation of many of his memories of life with his dad.

Grown-ups and children respond positively to this book and can identify with what Elder Wright writes about. More than a historical account, each story leads us to a spiritual application, which is what the book really is all about. It reminds us of how Jesus taught great lessons with parables. Pastor Wright has used each of his topics of poignant interest to help guide us into spiritual and moral truths.

It's a do-over, read it again.

**Passionate Prayer**, by *Brenda Walsh with K. Kuzma*, *Pacific Press Publishing Association*, 2007, 331 pages.

Paperback List Price..... \$17.99 Amazon.....\$14.79

Passionate prayer is a book of personal stories that shows how to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus. Each chapter is a complete story in itself and shows God's amazing answers to prayers. It begins with a prayer and ends with a prayer, and it is filled with examples.

She says some of the elements that are essential, if we are going to let God use us, is that we must be willing to be obedient. God will not force anyone to follow Him. She prays, "Lord, may I never be so bold to presume I know better or to presume what I want to do is best. Rather let me find peace and fulfillment in my surrender to you, amen."

The end result of passionate prayer is victory in Jesus, victory over all the circumstances of life that would ordinarily cause us hurt and anger. He fills our hearts with peace, joy, and love in its place.

## **GROUP K – LEADERSHIP**

**Called to a Ministry of Caring: A Dean's Guide to Residence Hall Leadership**, by Donald W. Murray, *Advent Source*, 2005, 226 pages.

Paperback

List Price.....\$14.95

This much needed book shares a few of Donald Murray's years of experiences with students as a men's dean. He shares stories of answered prayers, times of faith, and of changed lives. He also shares a few stories that were shared with him.

This textbook style book has questions for discussion, at the end of each chapter, that help to bring the lessons to be learned from that chapter into focus.

This book also covers many more important topics such as physically challenged students, diversity, stress, evaluation, etc. Finally, Murray asserts that the most important attribute for a dean is a relationship with a loving Savior and Heavenly Father.

## **ORDERING BOOKS**

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