

The Pastor's Library: An Annotated Bibliography of Biblical and Theological Resources for Ministry

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Robert Yost provides pastors and seminary students an extensive annotated bibliography to use in their study. This annotated bibliography spans four disciplines, including Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology, and Practical Theology; specific disciplines within them are separated by chapters. This allows a reader to go to a specific chapter to find resources for a certain discipline. In each discipline, Yost presents books, lexicons, commentaries, etc. with short or lengthy descriptions depending on the resource. Some resources are listed, but not reviewed. There are indices where a reader can look for a specific author and look up a specific resource. When describing the resources, he also tells the reader where the authors have taught, which gives insight into the background of the author. In his evaluation, Yost is clear that he comes from an evangelical and Reformed view and is not covering resources from mainline denominations.

The Pastor's Library allows for students and pastors to make informed decisions when thinking whether or not to add a certain book to their library. Alumni are often limited in their access to theological databases and reference books after they have graduated from seminary. This annotated bibliography allows an alumnus to make purchasing decisions regarding reference books and materials in a personal library. Especially if a pastor is rural or in a developing country with limited to a professional theological library, a personal library becomes a necessity for ministry. It also informs current students what reference material may help when working on an assignment. Having access to this annotated bibliography allows the student to begin building his or her library while in seminary. Then, once in ministry, the student continues building on what was a foundation in seminary.

Yost's experience as a seminary student and an administrator at a Christian college and seminary enriches his ability to provide this resource. Overall, this book is clear and easy to follow. It would have been helpful on some of the resources listed if Yost would have provided more description than one or two sentences. At times, it left the reader uncertain if the resource would be beneficial. Nevertheless, this book would be a wonderful reference book in a theological library and a benefit for pastors serving in different types of churches. The introduction mentions a possibility of an updated version in five years. Let's hope Yost follows through on his promise.

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