

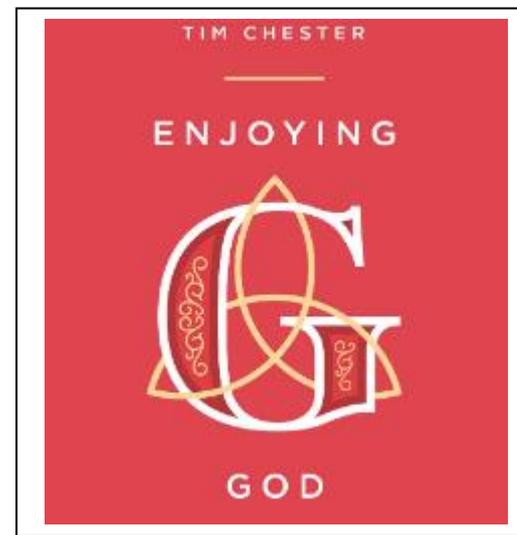
Title: Enjoying God: Experience the power and love of God in everyday life

Author : Tim Chester

Category : Christian Living

In him (Christ) you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22 ESV



Someone suggested that I consider reading this book, *Enjoying God* by Tim Chester. I said I would consider it, as it sounds interesting. When I finished reading the book I was reading, I went to the church library to look it up. As usual, the first thing I did was to turn to the back of the book to read the synopsis. I noted that this book was recommended by Timothy Keller and D A Carson (an author I admire, if you remember) – wow! The synopsis further whetted my appetite to read the book: We talk a lot about having joy – but for many, the Christian life can feel like a dutiful slog. We talk a lot about knowing God – but it’s easier to know more about God rather than to know God more. This certainly sounds like a book that can help me deepen my relationship with God. And as I was the first to read the library copy, I thought I would do justice to the book by writing a book review.

The author believes in more. More of God. He believes we can know God more. He says this book is driven by 2 key principles – principles that will help us enjoy God more. And many Christians don’t have a strong sense of God, or enjoy more of that relationship, because they don’t fully appreciate these 2 principles:

1. God is known through the 3 Persons, so we relate to the Father, the Son and the Spirit.
2. Our unity with God in Christ is the basis of our community with God in experience.

I like what the author says:

1. Our actions don’t make us Christians or make us more of a Christian or keep us as Christians – for our union with God is all His work.
2. Our actions do make a difference to our enjoyment of God – for our communion with God (our enjoyment of our union with God) involves a 2-way relationship.

This book focuses on our communion with God – on how we can enjoy a living relationship with God.

For the rest of the book, the author goes on to talk about situations like pleasure, hardship and prayer (to name a few) where we can enjoy the Father’s generosity, formation and welcome respectively. Most of the time, the key is to see with a changed perspective.

The author closes by saying that in whatever situation we are in (his example is 5 am in the morning, in the Dublin rain, waiting for his bus), the Father, the Son and the Spirit are all actively engaging with us. And, if we choose, we can respond and enjoy our relationship with the Triune God. So, enjoying God? The choice is ours.

This book certainly deserves a read.

Title: **10 Books Every Christian Should Read**

Author : **Tim Challies**

Category :

<https://www.challies.com/vlog/10-books-every-christian-should-read/>

“When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ” Ephesians 3:4 ESV



If a brother or sister ask for a book recommendation, what book would you be delighted to share? If you have a list of books that have made a difference to your life, what would you recommend?

Author and Christian blogger Tim Challies came up with a contemporary list of 10 titles you may want to consider reading some of them as part of your spiritual discipline and means of communion. I have checked the list against our Resource Library books and the following is what we have:

- ✓ J.I. Packer’s Knowing God
- ✓ RC Sproul’s The Holiness of God
- ✓ Jerry Bridges’ The Disciplines of Grace
- ✓ Donald Whitney’s Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
- ✓ John Stott’s The Cross of Christ

These 5 titles our Resource Library do not have a copy:

- ✓ John MacArthur’s Ashamed of the Gospel
- ✓ John Owen’s Overcoming Sin and Temptation
- ✓ Nancy Pearcey’s Total Truth
- ✓ John Piper’s The Pleasures of God
- ✓ Arnold Dallimore’s Spurgeon

And yes, if you have YOUR VERY OWN LIST of 5-10 or more recommended books you want to share with us, do send us an email or drop me a Whatsapp 97978721 or simply write the list and drop it for us at the Resource Library level 2.

Also google on Tim Challies’ 10 Books Every Christian Teenager Should Read and check out his reading recommendations for our teens today.

- <https://www.challies.com/resources/ten-books-every-christian-teenager-should-read/>