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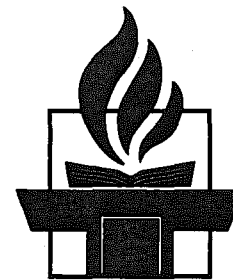
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\*Blue, Ken. *Healing Spiritual Abuse*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1993. A very-well-written treatment of the abuses of legalism in shepherding the church in our time. Anyone interested in being part of a "reforming" church movement must read this book.

\*Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Life Together*. New York, New York: Harper, 1954. I consider this little book of only 122 pages a classic. It has helped to keep me genuinely optimistic and loyal to the community when I grow tired of my own failures and those of others in the church.

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issue that will never be solved but must be tackled anyway—"What shall we do with denominations in the light of Jesus' prayer for unity?" How can we meaningfully address barriers between us, and advance Christ's kingdom without compromising the Gospel? Whether or not you agree with Frame he will make you grapple with important issues.

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Hull, Bill. *Can We Save the Evangelical Church?* Grand Rapids: Fleming H. Revell, 1993. Hull says "yes" to the question he raises and offers generally useful and practical approaches for us to consider.

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tant and reasoned critique which aims to steer the church away from dependence upon appeals that compromise our message.

Shelley, Bruce. *The Church and the American Dream*. Portland, Oregon: Multnomah, 1989. A distinguished Baptist historian writes a popular and useful book showing how the agenda of the society is shaping the agenda of the church. A good warning!

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\*Strauch, Alexander. *Biblical Eldership*. Littleton, Colorado: Lewis and Roth Publishers, 1986. A very useful resource for teaching the New Testament truth regarding elders in the local church. Sound, clear and extremely important. Recommended.

Walker, Warham. *Harmony in the Church: Church Discipline*. Rochester, New York: Backus Books, 1844, reprint 1981. A useful reprint of one of the best expositions of these biblical principles to be found. Can be ordered by writing: Backus Books, P.O. Box 8274, Rochester, New York 14617.

White, John and Blue, Ken. *Healing the Wounded: The Costly Love of Church Discipline*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1985. Of the contemporary books perhaps the best. Older books do a better job of dealing with the biblical exegetical questions but this is a good tool. See review in this issue.

\*Highly Recommended

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