

# LGBTQ+ RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Dear Wonderful Parent/Grandparent/Family member/Guardian,

You have a loving heart and a caring soul to dive into this topic. Below is a list of books, podcasts, episodes, and parachurch ministry resources, which have been carefully chosen in order to support those who identify as LGBTQ+ in the church and to support those who love them. Direct links to these resources are included in the document as well. If you would like to have a conversation, we would love to connect with you.

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## RECOMMENDED READING / GUIDES

Title & Book Link:	Summary :
<b>Guiding Families</b> <a href="#">Guiding Families Website</a>	The Guiding Families book is a practical, God-honoring guidance to relate effectively with LGBTQ+ people in your family, church, ministry, school, or other community settings.  Guiding Families Direct Care provides a safe place for LGBTQ+ people of all ages as well as parents and family members of LGBTQ+ loved ones.
<b><i>Homosexuality and The Christian</i></b> <b>By Mark A. Yarhouse PsyD</b> <a href="#">Amazon Book Link</a>	This book provides a holistic perspective on homosexuality and the Christian compared to what is typically proof texted in scripture. Mark Yarhouse is a clinical psychologist who specializes in conflicts tied to religious identity and sexual and gender identity. He is also known for his book on <a href="#">Gender Dysphoria</a> .
<b><i>A War of Loves</i></b> <b><i>A Gay Activist who Discovers Jesus</i></b> <b>By David Bennett, DPhil</b>	This is a biography written by David Bennett who saw Christianity as an enemy to freedom for LGBTQ+ people. He expounds on his

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<p><i>Disclaimer: This book contains some explicit content and should only be read by adults.</i></p> <p><a href="#">Amazon Book Link</a></p>	<p>early experiences with prejudice and homophobia and how this led him to become a gay activist. He also recounts his story of how he eventually encounters God and how this help him to reconcile his faith and sexuality while also discovering the higher call of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><i>A War of Loves</i> investigates what the Bible teaches about sexuality and demonstrates the profligate, unqualified grace of God for all people. David describes the joy and intimacy he found in following Jesus Christ and how love has taken on a radically new and far richer meaning for him.</p>
<p><b><i>People to Be Loved</i></b> <b><i>Why Homosexuality is not Just an Issue.</i></b> <b><i>By Preston Sprinkle</i></b></p> <p>Read if: You want to dig into the “scholarly” side of the homosexual and Christianity debate.</p> <p><a href="#">Amazon book link</a></p>	<p>Christians who are confused by the homosexuality debate raging in the US are looking for resources that are based solidly on a deep study of what Scripture says about the issue. In <i>People to Be Loved</i>, Preston Sprinkle challenges those on all sides of the debate to consider what the Bible says and how we should approach the topic of homosexuality in light of it.</p> <p>Questions that are addressed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How should the church treat people struggling with same-sex attraction?</li><li>• Is same-sex attraction a product of biological or societal factors or both?</li><li>• How should the church think about larger cultural issues, such a gay marriage, gay pride, and whether intolerance over LGBTQ+ amounts to racism?</li><li>• And more...</li></ul> <p><b>Simply saying that the Bible condemns homosexuals is <u>not</u> accurate.</b> Those holding to an orthodox sexual ethic still struggle to reconcile the Bible’s prohibition of same-sex attraction with the message of radical, unconditional grace. This book meets that need.</p>

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***Embodied***  
***Transgender Identities, the Church, and***  
***What the Bible has to Say***  
 By Preston Sprinkle

[Amazon book link](#)

***Embodied*** is an accessible guide for Christians who want help navigating issues related to the transgender conversation. Preston Sprinkle draws on Scripture as well as real-life stories of individuals struggling with gender dysphoria to help readers understand the complexities and emotions of this highly relevant topic. With careful research and an engaging style, *Embodied* explores:

- What it means to be transgender, nonbinary, and gender-queer, and how these identities relate to being male or female.
- Why most stereotypes about what it means to be a man and woman come from the culture and not the Bible.
- What the Bible says about humans created in God's image as male and female, and how this relates to transgender experiences.
- Moral questions surrounding medical interventions such as sex reassignment surgery.
- Which pronouns to use and how to navigate the bathroom debate.
- Why more and more teens are questioning their gender?

## PODCASTS

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Name of Podcast:	Episodes:
Ask NT Wright Anything	Episode: <a href="#">#13 Christian sexual ethics, homosexuality and transgender</a>
30 minutes with the Perry's	Episode: <a href="#">Sexuality &amp; Self Denial: our thoughts on Jackie's chat w/ KevOnStage</a>  Episode: <a href="#">Gender Identity, Biblical Womanhood, &amp; Girly Girls</a>

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Theology in the Raw by Preston Sprinkle	<a href="#">#838- From Gay Activist to Gay Evangelist: David Bennet</a>  <a href="#">#876- Same Sex Attracted, Sexually Pure, and...Unfit for Ministry? Dr.Greg Johnson</a>  <a href="#">#870- Another Take on the Pronoun Debate: Dr.Julie Maxwell</a>  <a href="#">#859- Sexual Orientation, Sexual Fluidity, and the "Born this Way" Myth: Dr.Lisa Diamond</a>  <a href="#">#857- Understanding Female Sexuality and the Rise in Teen Girls Identifying as Bisexual: Lindsey Snyder</a>
Unbelievable? With Justin brierley	Episode: <a href="#">Jackie Hill Perry Q &amp; A: Same Sex attraction, transgender, racism and more</a>

## MORE MINISTRY RESOURCES

Ministry Name & Link:	Summary:
<a href="#">Equip</a>	<p>Equip is a ministry that yearns for the Church to become a place where children hear their parents and pastors talk about same-sex attraction in theologically accurate and compassionate ways. So that when, in late elementary school or early middle school, some children realize they are attracted to other boys and girls of the same sex, they no longer respond with shame, fear or hiding. Instead, Equip desires for them to share with their parents and pastors because they have heard that God still loves them and has good things for them.</p> <p>Equip has a plethora of resources for parents, pastors, and leaders with the understanding and skills to confidently and compassionately minister to those who experience same-sex attraction by expanding your pastoral skills, theological confidence, and by deepening your empathy.</p>

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<a href="#">Posture Shift</a>	Offers leading resources for parents, pastors and all who care for LGBTQ+ people.
<a href="#">Life on Side B</a>	This is a ministry of Posture Shift that is run by one of their staff members. Side B is a term that was coined to identify gay Christians who hold to an orthodox sexual ethic. This will open your eyes to the expanding community of Christians in this realm.