ACBC Approved Reading List

The following books will be helpful to you as you complete your ACBC exams. Individuals pursuing ACBC Certification are required to read 1,000 pages or more from the following resources, 300 pages of which must be from the Biblical Counseling & Theology text category.

**Biblical Counseling & Theology**

- *A Theology of Christian Counseling* by Jay Adams
- *A Theology of Biblical Counseling* by Heath Lambert
- *Systematic Theology* by Louis Berkhof
- *Systematic Theology* by John Frame
- *Christian Theology* by Millard Erickson
- *Basic Theology* by Charles Ryrie
- *Moody Handbook of Theology* by Paul Enns
- *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible* by B.B. Warfield
- *Words of Life* by Timothy Ward
- *Created in God’s Image* by Anthony A. Hoekema
- *Power Encounters: Reclaiming Spiritual Warfare* by David Powlison
- *A Fight to the Death: Taking Aim at Sin Within (Strength for Life)* by Wayne Mack
- *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges
- *God’s Greater Glory* by Bruce Ware
- *When People are Big and God is Small* by Ed Welch
- *Counseling One Another: A Theology of Inter-personal Discipleship* by Paul Tautges

**Counseling & Anxiety**

- *Courage: Fighting Fear with Faith* by Wayne Mack
- *Overcoming Fear, Worry, and Anxiety* by Elyse Fitzpatrick
- *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace* by Heath Lambert
- *Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave* by Ed Welch
- *The Heart of Addictions* by Mark Shaw

**Counseling & Anger**

- *Uprooting Anger* by Robert Jones
- *Anger & Stress Management* by Wayne Mack
- *The Heart of Anger* by Lou Priolo

**Counseling & Sorrow**

- *Out of the Blues* by Wayne Mack
- *Spiritual Depression* by Martyn Lloyd Jones
- *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande
- *Unpacking Forgiveness* by Chris Brauns
- *Pursuing Peace* by Robert D. Jones
Introduction to Biblical Counseling

_The Christian Counselor’s Manual_ by Jay Adams

_How to Help People Change_ by Jay Adams

_Counseling: How to Counsel Biblically_ by John MacArthur

_Seeing with New Eyes_ by David Powlison

_Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands_ by Paul David Tripp

_The Trellis and the Vine_ by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

_The Biblical Counseling Movement after Adams_ by Heath Lambert

_Counseling the Hard Cases_ edited by Stuart Scott and Heath Lambert

_Discipling the Flock_ by Paul Tautges

_Blame It on the Brain?_ By Ed Welch

_How People Change_ by Timothy Lane and Paul David Tripp

_Putting Your Past in Its Place_ by Steve Viars

_Compent to Counsel_ by Jay Adams

_Speaking Truth in Love_ by David Powlison

_Counseling by the Book: Revised and Expanded Edition_ by John Babler and Nicholas Ellen

Counseling & Family

_Peacemaking for Families_ by Ken Sande

_This Momentary Marriage_ by John Piper

_When Sinners Say I Do_ by Dave Harvey

_The Excellent Wife_ by Martha Peace

_The Exemplary Husband_ by Stuart Scott

_Big Truths for Young Hearts_ by Bruce Ware

_God, Marriage, and Family_ by Andreas Köstenberger

_The Faithful Parent_ by Stuart Scott and Martha Peace

_Shepherding a Child’s Heart_ by Ted Tripp

_You Never Stop Being a Parent_ by Jim Newheiser and Elyse Fitzpatrick

_Marry Wisely, Marry Well_ by Ernie Baker

_The Biblical Counseling Guide for Women_ by John and Janie Street

_In the Aftermath: Past the Pain of Childhood Sexual Abuse_ by Pamela Gannon and Beverly Moore