

Resources for Practicing the King's Economy

Worship Key

Advent Conspiracy

adventconspiracy.org

In 2006, 5 pastors decided to do Christmas differently. They called it the Advent Conspiracy, and came up with four tenets—Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All—to guide themselves, their families, and congregations through their season of preparation for Christmas.

Christians in an Age of Wealth

By Craig L Blomberg

In this book, Craig Blomberg addresses the tough questions about the place and purpose of wealth and material possessions in a Christian's life. He points to the goodness of wealth, as God originally designed it, but also surveys the Bible's many warnings against making an idol out of money.

Counterfeit Gods

By Timothy Keller

This book shows how a proper understanding of the Bible reveals the unvarnished truth about societal ideals and our own hearts. This powerful message cements Keller's reputation as a critical thinker and pastor and comes at a crucial time—for both the faithful and the skeptical.

Generous Giving

generousgiving.org

Founded in 2000 by The Maclellan Foundation, Generous Giving's mission is to spread the biblical message of generosity in order to grow generous givers among those entrusted with much.

God Dwells Among Us

By G.K. Beale and Kim Mitchell

From Eden to the new Jerusalem, we are God's temple on the earth in our day, the firstfruits of the new creation. God has always desired to dwell among us; now the church must follow its missional call to extend the borders of God's Kingdom and take His presence to the ends of the earth.

God So Loved, He Gave

By Kelly M. Kapic with Justin Borger

The gospel is shaped by giving: God's generosity buys us out of bondage and brings us into all the blessings of belonging. But the good news is not only that God has made us to be recipients of His grace but also participants in the movement of His divine justice and generosity!

Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence

By Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

This book applies the principles of *When Helping Hurts*, serving as a practical guidebook for church staff, deacons, or volunteers who work with low-income people. With stories, forms, and online tools for your church to use, this book equips you to walk alongside the materially poor in humble relationships.

Liturgy of the Ordinary

By Tish Harrison Warren

In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred?

Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger

By Ron J. Sider

In this new look at an age-old problem, the author offers not only a detailed explanation of the causes, but also a comprehensive series of practical solutions, in the hopes that Christians like him will choose to make a difference.

Community Key

Dream With Me

By John M. Perkins

Perkins shows us that, though the fight is not over, there are many reasons to hope and to carry on the good work he and his contemporaries began more than a generation ago. He calls us to work for justice by living out God's redemptive love in all of our relationships.

When Helping Hurts

By Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

Discover how to effectively help low-income people, moving beyond good intentions to lasting change.

You Are What You Love

By James K.A. Smith

This book shows that who and what we worship fundamentally shape our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We might not realize the ways our hearts are being taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made.

From Brokenness to Community

By Jean Vanier

The text in this book originated as two lectures given by Jean Vanier at Harvard University in 1988. He speaks eloquently of the lessons he has learned from the disabled adults he serves at his community in France and at other houses. He speaks of his own healing and his own need for people. He speaks of the power of belonging and how it satisfies the deepest needs in people.

Life Together

By Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In this book, we learn of Pastor Bonhoeffer's experience within Christian community. This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups.

Prophetic Lament

By Soong-Chan Rah

The American church avoids lament. But lament is a missing, essential component of

Christian faith. Lament recognizes struggles and suffering, that the world is not as it ought to be. Lament challenges the status quo and cries out for justice against existing injustices.

Reconciling All Things

By Emmanuel Katongole and Chris Rice

Secular models of peacemaking are insufficient. And the church has not always fulfilled its call to be agents of reconciliation in the world. This book casts a comprehensive vision for reconciliation that is biblical, transformative, holistic and global.

Work Key

Academies for Social Entrepreneurship

academies-se.org

Founded by social entrepreneur Betsy Densmore, this organization mentors and trains emerging social entrepreneurs through convening, mentoring, consulting, and more.

Alternative Staffing Alliance

altstaffing.org

This group is devoted to social enterprise staffing services like the one run by Advance Memphis.

Benefit Corporations

bcorporation.net

B-corps is a new incorporation that seeks to encourage businesses "to become a force for good in the world" (good for workers, good for the community, good for the environment, good for the long-term, and good to the core).

Co.Starters for Causes

costarters.co

The Co.Starters curriculum (used by LAUNCH Chattanooga and Advance Memphis) offers a version aimed at social entrepreneurs called Co.Starters for Causes.

Jobs For Life

jobsforlife.org

By training, equipping, and connecting churches, ministries, and businesses in communities all over the world, Jobs for Life helps prepare men and women for meaningful work through honest relationships, mentoring, work-force development training, and an ongoing community of support.

Kingdom Calling

By Amy L. Sherman

Amy Sherman, director of the Center on Faith in Communities and scholar of vocational stewardship explores how, through our faith-formed calling, we announce the Kingdom of God to our everyday world.

REDF

redf.org

REDF is a historic leader in the field of social enterprise. Their work focuses on social enterprises related to job creation. Register on their website to access cutting-edge tools for coming up with, testing, and launching new social enterprise ideas.

Social Enterprise Alliance

socialenterprise.us

There are sixteen local Social Enterprise Alliance chapters across the country and many resources on launching and leading a social enterprise.

Equity Key

Memphis Teacher Residency

memphistr.org

This program recruits and trains Christians to serve as public school teachers in struggling schools.

LAUNCH Chattanooga

launchchattanooga.org

In addition to equipping underserved entrepreneurs in Chattanooga, LAUNCH helps other cities across the country create similar programs. They're working to establish LAUNCH in 20 cities by 2020.

Kiva

kiva.org

The easiest way to get started with impact investing is to contribute to a loan on Kiva for as little as \$25.

Why Business Matters to God

By Jeff Van Duzer

This book explores the nature and meaning of doing business and finds it calls for much more than most think. Van Duzer presents a profoundly Christian approach that integrates biblical studies with the disciplines of business and economics.

Work Life

chalmers.org/work-life

The Chalmers Center trains churches and ministries in *Work Life*, a biblically integrated job preparedness curriculum designed specifically for people from backgrounds of generational poverty

Democracy Collaborative

democracycollaborative.org

This group provides countless articles, research, and how-to guides for all sorts of community wealth strategies, including IDAs, ESOPs, and worker-owner cooperatives.

The Criterion Institute

criterioninstitute.org

Started by Joy Anderson, a social entrepreneur with long-term expertise in impact investing, Criterion is a think tank that seeks to use finance as a tool for social change.

The Christian Community Development Association (CCDA)

ccda.org

The Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) is a network of Christians committed to seeing people and communities wholistically restored.

The Chalmers Center

chalmers.org

The Chalmers Center's mission is to equip churches to walk alongside people who are poor, breaking the spiritual, social, and material bonds of poverty. They offer tools to help you discover a better way to love the poor, equip you to serve effectively, and gain the skills and courage you need to start helping.

Making Mondragon

By William Foote Whyte

Making Mondragón is a groundbreaking look at the history of worker ownership in the

Spanish cooperative. First published in 1988, it remains the best source for those looking to glean a rich body of ideas for potential adaptation and implementation elsewhere from Mondragón's long and varied experience.

Collective Courage

By Jessica Gordon Nembhard

In *Collective Courage*, Jessica Gordon Nembhard chronicles African American cooperative business ownership and its place in the movements for Black civil rights and economic equality.

Creation Key

Let Creation Rejoice

By Jonathan A. Moo and Robert S. White

The Bible is bathed with images of God caring for His creation in all its complexity. There ought to be something radically distinctive about our attitude and approach to environmental threats. Moo and White therefore reflect on the difference the Bible's vision of the future of all of creation makes.

Tearfund

tearfund.org

Tearfund is ramping up their work, including their creation care efforts, in the United States. They root their environmental concerns in both Scripture and care for people and creation.

USA A Rocha

arocha.us

A Rocha is an international family of Christian conservation organizations. Our mission is restoring both people and places through collaborative, community-based conservation.

Tilth Alliance

seattletilth.org

Tilth Alliance exists to build an ecologically sound, economically viable and socially equitable food system.

Renewal

renewingcreation.org

Renewal is a Christ-centered student creation care network that strives to inspire, connect and equip college students in their sustainability efforts.

Plant with Purpose

plantwithpurpose.org

A US-based development organization doing excellent development work around the world. They offer curricula for church use.

Micah Challenge USA

micahchallengeusa.org

This evangelical, justice-oriented organization has recently begun working on environmental issues in the context of justice. Their small group study *Live Justly* includes environmental issues in its second edition.

The Faraday Institute of Science and Religion

faradayinstitute.org

This interdisciplinary research enterprise is based at S. Edmund's College, Cambridge. In addition to academic research, the Institute engages in the public understanding of science and religion. You'll find free lectures and papers from Christian scholars on their website.

Energy For the Mission

energyformission.org

A new organization that helps churches, colleges, and Christian businesses with energy stewardship, with the expressed goal of dedicating financial savings from energy efficiency to common-good projects.

Care of Creation

careofcreation.net

The mission of Care of Creation "is to pursue a God-centered response to environmental challenges that brings glory to the Creator, advances the cause of Christ, and leads to a transformation of the people and the land that sustains them."

Blessed Earth

blessedearth.org

An educational nonprofit that provides creation care resources for churches and schools.

Au Sable

ausable.org

The Au Sable Institute "offers environmental science programs for students and adults of all ages."

What Matters? Economics for a Renewed Commonwealth

By Wendell Berry

For this collection, Berry offers essays from the last twenty-five years, alongside new essays about the recent economic collapse, including "Money Versus Goods" and "Faustian Economics," treatises of great alarm and courage.

Living With Other Creatures

By Richard Bauckham

Going beyond Old Testament human dominion, *Living with Other Creatures* consults scripture in its entirety and includes Jesus' perspectives on creation, novel approaches to reading the gospels, and some of the most well-known "ecologists" throughout Christian history.

The Bible and Ecology

By Richard Buckram

Richard Bauckham embarks on a biblical investigation into the relationship between human beings and the rest of creation. Bauckham argues that there is much more to the Bible's understanding of this relationship than the mandate of human dominion given in Genesis 1.

Rest Key

Living in the Sabbath

By Norman Wirzba

Our traditional understanding of Sabbath observance is resting from our otherwise harried lives one day a week. But in this book, Norman Wirzba leads us deeper into the heart of Sabbath with a holistic and rewarding interpretation of what true Sabbath-keeping can mean in our lives today.

Rolling Jubilee

rollingjubilee.org

Rolling Jubilee is a Strike Debt project that buys debt for pennies on the dollar, but instead of collecting it, abolishes it.

Sabbath as Resistance

By Walter Brueggemann

In this volume, popular author Walter Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society.

A Timbered Choir

By Wendell Berry

Berry's Sabbath Poems embrace much that is elemental to human life—beauty, death, peace, and hope.