

RPI Minister's Book Review

Title of Book _____

Author _____ Copyright _____

General Subject Matter _____

Main Character _____ (if applicable)

1. Write a statement giving essential information about the book: state the author's purpose in writing the book.

2. Why did the author write on this subject?

3. How did the book affect you? Were any previous ideas you had on the subject changed, abandoned, or reinforced due to this book?

4. How is the book related to your own course of study?

5. What personal experiences you've had relate to the subject?

6. Would you recommend this book or article to others? _____
Why? _____

7. What impact has this book had on your belief system and your understanding of this particular subject as it relates to your understanding of scripture and how you will be able to apply it within the context of your ministry? _____

8. **State the theme and the thesis of the book.** The **theme** is the subject or topic. It is not necessarily the title, and it is usually not expressed in a complete sentence. It expresses a specific phase of the general subject matter.

The **thesis** is an author's generalization about the theme, the author's beliefs about something important, the book's philosophical conclusion, or the proposition the author means to prove. Express it in one declarative sentence.

Example

Title: We Had it Made

General Subject Matter: Religious Intolerance

Theme: The effects of religious intolerance on a small town

Thesis: Religious intolerance, a sickness of individuals, contaminates an entire social group

Theme: _____

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Thesis: _____

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Name _____

Signature _____

[Signature indicates that **you** have read the book and have completed this book review form.]

Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Signature (if applicable) _____

[Pastor's signature indicates his/her review of this book with the licensee]

Church you attend _____

City _____ State _____

Level of License you are working toward: Associate General Ordination
(circle one)

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