Today's Tentmakers

Today's Tentmakers-J. Christy Wilson 1979
Today's Tentmakers-J. Christy Wilson Jr. 2002-02-25 One million American Christians live and work abroad. They are not missionaries. These people are students, administrators, engineers, teachers, and doctors in other countries. They could be called "tentmakers". Just as the Apostle Paul used his vocation, tentmaking, to finance his witness to the churches, so today's tentmakers support themselves with their own hands and minds, shining the light of Christ around them. "We err," suggests author J. Christy Wilson, Jr., "when we assign personal evangelism at home to the lay Christian but missions work abroad only to the specialist." Tentmaking is available to everyone. Today's Tentmakers is a handbook which is of value not only to the prospective tentmaker, but also to the Christian planning to travel overseas. You'll discover here information about foreign travel and employment, support organizations, language training, moving, cultural adjustment, and politics. Whether you are a student or teacher, housewife or doctor, Today's Tentmakers is an opportunity of adventure and service in God's work.

Zaire Church News- 1969

Business as Mission- C. Neal Johnson 2011-11-10 Business as mission (BAM) is a mission strategy whose time has come. As global economies become increasingly interconnected, Christian business people and entrepreneurs have unanticipated opportunities to build kingdom-strategic business ventures. Until now, companies and organizations have pursued missions as an add-on or as a support. But BAM requires both the world of business and the world of missions, merging and contextualizing both into something significantly different than either alone. C. Neal Johnson offers the first comprehensive guide to business as mission for practitioners. He provides conceptual foundations for understanding BAM's unique place in global mission and prerequisites for engaging in it. Then he offers practical resources for how to do BAM, including strategic planning and step-by-step operational implementation. Drawing on a wide variety of BAM models, Johnson works through details of both mission and business realities, with an eye to such issues as management, sustainability and accountability. Business as mission is a movement with enormous potential.

This book breaks new ground in how faith and work intersect and are lived out in crosscultural contexts, where job creation and community transformation go hand in hand. Come, participate in what may well be one of the most strategic mission paradigms of the 21st century.

Tentmaking-Kurt T. Kruger 2020-09-29 Would it surprise you to know that New Testament scholars, missiologists, and church-planting authorities cannot agree on how to define tentmaking, whether or not the church should be practicing it today, or even why Paul did it in the first place? It's true. In Tentmaking, the widespread confusion and overall disagreement within the church regarding Paul's self-support are exposed. Commonly held assumptions are removed from their entrenched positions and myths are debunked. In their place, Tentmaking offers an unadorned yet powerfully convincing presentation of Paul's own self-disclosed reasons for intentionally selecting to support himself in some ministry contexts, but not others. This well-researched book provides answers to crucial questions that currently surround tentmaking, as well as a practical guide intended to lead to the recovery of biblical tentmaking within the church. Readers who pick up this book should be prepared to embark on an engaging journey that will reward them with clarity on the often-misunderstood topic of Paul's tentmaking.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL-Thomas Marshall 2016-12-17

First Corinthians: An Exegetical and Explanatory Commentary- B. Ward Powers 2009-01-01 In most areas of this Epistle, B. Ward Powers has come to share the interpretation of Paul's meaning held by the Early Church Fathers; although he explains and expounds those views. This is particularly the case in relation to chapters 12 through 14 where, in keeping with the Early Church Fathers, the Reformers, most Scripture expositors until recent times, and many present-day exegetes, Powers expounds the interpretation that "tongues" refers to human languages spoken on earth. The one major area where Powers parts company with the Fathers of the first Christian centuries is in relation to matters of sex and marriage, divorce and remarriage, attitudes to women generally. Here Powers explains that Paul is more affirming of sex, marriage and remarriage, and women than many early writers (and some modern writers) have understood him to be. "We need at times to take considerable care," he writes, "to understand the meaning of what Paul says to the Corinthians, and in coming to terms with how this teaching is to apply to us in today's world. But when we have arrived at our understanding of these things, then there is no question: this is the Word of God to us, and we must take it very seriously indeed. We cannot just dismiss it offhandedly and simply say, 'Well, that is just Paul's opinion, and we can take it or leave it.' Not at all: Paul has explained clearly what he writes comes with the inspiration and authority of the Holy Spirit of God."


What Now?-Lillian W. Rountree 1896

The Blessings of a Tentmaker-Giles Isaacson 2020-06-18 "The Blessings of a Tentmaker" is a story that has influenced the values and outcomes of my life and the lives of my children and grandchildren; it has had a similar great impact for good on hundreds and thousands of people around the globe! This book is not simply about ministry, it is a book of family stories. What is fascinating to realize, as I've read these stories, is how the character, actions and adventures of a parent will often be repeated by their children, as my siblings can also attest. As you read this book, consider not simply the value of the stories but also of your responsibility to God that will be reflected in your children and descendants! God help us to be careful what we allow to take root in our lives so that only what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, excellent, and worth imitating, as the Apostle Paul admonished, can be written of us and be transferred to the next generation. This book evokes another consideration: What is the perfect job or the perfect life? Does it exist? My dad is both a businessman (yes, to this day!) and a minister. Asking this question is begging the background question for what is the purpose of a life? My dad explores this theme in this book. My son recently told me of an anonymous and relevant quote, "Dreamers dream; implementer's change the world." Implementing requires a plan or a purpose. My dad discovered his purpose, and therefore his perfect job, by intentionally taking time each day to worship the God who created him and who "knit" him together in his mother's womb for a specific purpose (Psalms 139:13). Those times of worship became the basis for action as he trusted that he had a talent and a message to share.

Work Matters-R. Paul Stevens 2012-05-31 Marketplace theology expert R. Paul Stevens revisits more than twenty biblical accounts -- from Genesis to Revelation -- exploring through them the theological meaning of every sort of work, manual or intellectual, domestic or commercial. --from publisher description.

The Spirit Moves West-Rebecca Y. Kim 2015 With the extraordinary growth of Christianity in the global south has come the rise of “reverse missions,” in which countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America send missionaries to re-evangelize the West. In The Spirit Moves West, Rebecca Kim uses South Korea as a case study of how non-Western missionaries target Americans, particularly white Americans. She draws on four years of interviews, participant observation, and surveys of South Korea’s largest non-denominational missionary-sending agency, University Bible Fellowship, in order to provide an inside look at this growing phenomenon. Known as the “Asian Protestant Superpower,” South Korea is second only to the United States in the number of missionaries it sends abroad: approximately 22,000 in over 160 countries. Conducting her research both in the US and in South Korea, Kim studies the motivations and methods of these Korean evangelicals who have, since the 1970s, sought to “bring the gospel back” to America. By offering the first empirically-grounded examination of this much-discussed phenomenon, Kim explores what non-Western missions will mean to the future of Christianity in America and around the world.

The Message of Acts-John Stott 2014-04-02 The Spirit moves the church into the world. What can the book of Acts tell us about how the church should operate today? John Stott describes the Spirit-inspired, world-changing mission of the early church and applies its experiences to today. What Now? the apostles faced, missions work abroad only to the specialist. Tentmaking is available to everyone. Today's Tentmakers is a handbook which is of value not only to the prospective tentmaker, but also to the Christian planning to travel overseas. You'll discover here information about foreign travel and employment, support organizations, language training, moving, cultural adjustment, and politics. Whether you are a student or teacher, housewife or doctor, Today's Tentmakers is an opportunity of adventure and service in God's work.
Urban life in the pre-modern Islamic world. Its objective is to move beyond the long-standing debate on whether an 'Islamic city' existed in the pre-modern era and focus instead upon the ways in which religion may (or may not) have influenced the physical structure of cities and the daily lives of their inhabitants. It approaches this topic from three different but inter-related perspectives: the genesis of 'Islamic cities' in fact and fiction; the impact of Muslim rulers upon urban planning and development; and the degree to which a religious ethos affected the provision of public services. Chronologically and geographically wide-ranging, the volume examines thought-provoking case studies from seventh-century Syria to seventeenth-century Mughal India by established and new scholars in the field, in addition to chapters on urban sites in Spain, Morocco, Egypt and Central Asia. Cities in the Pre-Modern Islamic World will be of considerable interest to academics and students working on the archaeology, history and urbanism of the Middle East as well as those with more general interests in urban archaeology and urbanism.

The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1987, volume 3-Witness Lee 2021-05-28 The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1987, volume 3, contains messages given by Brother Witness Lee from August 12, 1987, through January 2, 1988. After the first week in July 1987, Brother Lee traveled to Taipei, Taiwan, from Anaheim, California. He remained in Taipei until the first week in December, after which he returned to Anaheim briefly before going on to Irving, Texas. He remained in Irving through the remainder of 1987 and the first few days of 1988. The contents of this volume are divided into seven sections, as follows: 1. Three messages given in Taipei, Taiwan, on August 12 through November 4, 1987. These messages are included in this volume under the title Being Delivered from Organization and Living in the Spirit to Have the Living of the New Way. 2. Fourteen messages given in Taipei, Taiwan, on August 20 through November 29, 1987. They were previously published in a book entitled Being Up To Date for the Lord's Work and are included in this volume under the title Fellowship concerning the Gospel in the Academic and Medical Fields. 3. Seven messages given in Taipei, Taiwan, on November 11 through December 3, 1987. They are included in this volume under the title An Evaluation of the Change of System in the Church Life. 4. A message given in Anaheim, California, on December 14, 1987. This message is included in this volume under the title Fellowship concerning the Practice of the New Way. 5. A message given in Chinese in Irving, Texas, on December 19, 1987. This message is included in this volume under the title The Secret to the Success of the New Way Being the Spirit. 7. Twenty-nine messages given in Irving, Texas, on December 23, 1987, through January 2, 1988. These messages were previously published in a book entitled The Scriptural Way to Meet and to Serve for the Building Up of the Body of Christ and are included in this volume under the same title. The Kingdom of God Has No Borders-Melani McAlister 2018-08 More than forty years ago, conservative Christianity emerged as a major force in American political life. Since then the movement has been analyzed and over-analyzed, declared triumphant and, more than once, given up for dead. But today, many have a new and mostly unorthodox perspective: that the evangelical movement is in a state of crisis and is facing a transformative development over the last several decades—the explosive growth of Christianity in the global south—has gone unrecognized by the wider public, even as it has transformed evangelical life, both in the US and abroad. The Kingdom of God Has No Borders offers a daring new perspective on conservative Christianity by shifting the lens to focus on the world outside US borders. Melani McAlister offers a sweeping narrative of the last fifty years of evangelical history, weaving a fascinating tale that underscores much of what we know—or think we know—about American evangelicals. She takes us to the Congo in the 1960s, where Christians were enmeshed in a complicated interplay of missionary zeal, Cold War politics, racial hierarchy, and anti-colonial struggle. She shows us how evangelical efforts to convert non-Christians have placed them in direct conflict with Islam at flash points across the globe. And she examines how Christian leaders have fought to stem the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa while at the same time supporting harsh repression of LGBTQ communities. Through these and other stories, McAlister focuses on the ways in which looking at evangelical abroad complicates conventional ideas about evangelicalism. We can no longer simply see evangelical Christianity as a homogenous movement. In this slim, readable, and provocative volume, she shows how we can rethink our understanding of material, artistic, and cultural mobility in the modern world.

Mary and Martha-Satoko Yamaguchi 2006-12-26 ‘Mary and Martha: Women in the World of Jesus’ focuses on women as portrayed in the Johannine Gospel—the nature of their lives and their relationship to Jesus. Acts of the Apostles-Ronald J. Allen 2013-05-01 Acts of the Apostles helps the preacher identify possibilities for sermons based on texts and themes in the book of Acts. While offering a basic exegetical framework for interpreting passages in Acts in their historical, literary, rhetorical, and theological contexts, this volume also suggests ways in which the preacher can relate passages and motifs from Acts to the congregation and world today. It also is useful in classes that seek to link text and sermon, and for congregational Bible study. Throughout his commentary, Ron Allen examines the relationship of Acts to the Gospel of Luke, discussing parallel passages between the two volumes and observing how themes in the Gospel carry forward into Acts. He notes how particular passages contribute to developing themes and to how the awareness of such a theme can contribute to the preacher's work with a particular passage. An Islamic Architecture on the Move-Christiane Gruber 2016-08-01 Islamic Architecture on the Move: Islamic Architecture on the Move directs our attention to not only the way Islamic architectural traditions and materials have been used in the modern world, but also how this has affected the definition of Islamic architectural heritage. This richly illustrated volume raises key questions about Islamic architecture and design on buildings all over the world, a reminder that artistic traditions and visual culture have never been limited to their region or country of origin, but rather are highly diverse. This book brings together scholars from architectural studies, design, art history, and other fields to challenge and expand concepts of Islamic architecture. Ranging from eighteenth-century Ottoman tents to manifestations of Islamic motifs in 1960s Hawaii, this richly illustrated volume raises key questions about Islamic architecture and, more broadly, about how we can rethink our understanding of material, artistic, and cultural mobility in the modern world. The Social Context of Paul’s Ministry-Ronald F. Hock 2007-01-01 In this “slim, readable, and provocative volume” (Journal of Biblical Literature), Ronald Hock focuses on the apostle Paul and his work within the social and intellectual context of the Greek East of the early Roman Empire. Hock discusses the New Testament evidence concerning tentmaking in relation to Paul’s life as an apostle of Christ. Relevant literary and nonliterary texts from outside the New Testament add detail to a picture of ancient society and open new areas for study. The author describes the typical experiences of the tentmaker’s way of life [] and traces the history of the tentmaker’s use of the workshop, attitudes toward work, and Paul’s own reflections on the significance of his tentmaking for the apostolic self-understanding. Planning Strategies for World Evangelization-Edward R. Dayton 1990 This is a print on demand book and is therefore non-returnable. Over three billion people in the world have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. The task of evangelizing these people seems monumental. In this major study of world evangelization, however, Edward Dayton and Donald Fraser view the world not as billions of individuals but as thousands of “people groups.” The Dayton-Fraser strategy includes ten basic steps that analyze and define the goals in reaching these people groups and the obstacles standing in the way. Unlike other mission strategies, this approach incorporates the social sciences and basic management principles into the context of God's sovereignty and of the church's responsibility to evangelize the world. The book includes a comprehensive bibliography reflecting the authors' extensive research in theology, sociology, anthropology, and management. Leading Financial Sustainability in Theological Institutions-Emmanuel Okantah Bellon 2017-04-24 The role of theological institutions in Christian mission is likened to the crucible that shapes the hearts and minds of those leading the charge to reconcile the world to God. Nevertheless, it is also the weak link in the chain of Christian ministry, and efforts to sustain the unique contribution of institutions have been enigmatic. So why should we be concerned about theological institutions? What if there were no theologians, missionaries, trained pastors, or missionaries in Christian ministry? What if there were no theological institutions? What if the existing theological institutions collapsed, shut down for lack of resources? How effective would the witness of the Christian church be without theological institutions in a world in need of God? Over the centuries, various models for supporting theological training have been tried in institutions, but very few of these have been successful. Time, cost, and quality of education (among others) have been the driving forces behind the changing models, and yet financial sustainability has been elusive. Only informed leadership...
that draws insights from historical, biblical, and practical wisdom is necessary in achieving this goal. This book is your faithful companion in the quest to achieve financial sustainability in theological institutions.

Partnership Theology in Creative Access Regions-Kenneth Shreve 2017-03-30 Strategic partnerships are on the rise around the world as denominations, organizations, local churches and individuals seek ways to work together to accomplish the Great Commission. In this book Dr Kenneth Shreve presents research from a creative access region, identifying five theological issues that impact partnership in Christian missions as well as exploring how partners interact with those theological issues. Partnerships in mission are grounded in relationships, relationships that flow from the Trinity and are manifested in the purpose of God, the body of Christ, the gifts of the Spirit, and the church. Through this book the body of Christ will be encouraged to strengthen cooperation and collaboration in the accomplishment of the Great Commission, and achieve far more in partnership than could be done in isolation.

On Being a Missionary-Thomas Hale 1995 Written for everyone with an interest in mission, this book will lead you to reconsider your role in the missionary enterprise. On Being a Missionary is not designed to be a theoretical textbook. It does not put forward new theses, new approaches to mission, nor does it attempt to break new ground. In a very readable way the author presents the ideas, experiences, and insights of over one hundred missionary writers. - Publisher.

Faith Reads: A Selective Guide to Christian Nonfiction-David Rainey 2008-07-30 At last—a resource for librarians who wish to build or develop their nonfiction collection and use it to better serve the needs of adult Christian readers. Covering the three major branches of Christianity (Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox), the author organizes more than 600 titles into subject categories ranging from biography, the arts, and nonfiction.
education, to theology, devotion, and spiritual warfare. Award-winning classics are noted. Introductory narrative frames the literature, and helps librarians better understand Christian literature; and learn how to establish selection criteria for building a Christian nonfiction collection.

Rendering Divine Names on Coins-David Bentley 2019-10-22 After Jesus glanced at the temple coin, he said, "Render to Caesar." This book's title and theme are based upon Jesus' command to give allegiance to both the state and God. Coauthor David Bentley is the historian-theologian who reads and translates the coins' messages. Coauthor Brad Yonaka is the geologist-scientist who finds the copper, silver, and gold coins which are on display in nearly one hundred photo-figures throughout the text. Our God is represented by the Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam); his divine name has appeared on coins since biblical times. Even the most theologically astute readers will be surprised by our introduction of Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila as "tabernacle-makers" not "tent-makers." Greek and Roman gods and goddesses, a few ancient Persian empires, the Islamic caliphs, and Qur'anic messages are present in this book. Each stamped their impressions on civilization. When Lincoln added "In God We Trust" during the Civil War, was it as Jesus commanded, a combination of honoring divine and governmental authorities? Or was it a counterfeit trust in dead presidents or self?


Teaching as Paul Taught-RoyCheck B. Zuck 2003-11-20 Though books on Paul's life and writing abound, very few works have examined the apostle's teaching techniques. In this companion to 'Teaching as Jesus Taught,' Roy Zuck probes Paul's pedagogy to discover principles for effective teaching today. According to Zuck, the apostle Paul stands as a master teacher. "Analyzing and following Paul's educational goals and strategies," Zuck writes, "can help us become better teachers of God's Word. Examining his pedagogy can acquaint us with a number of important principles and procedures in teaching." 'Teaching as Paul Taught' explores the many New Testament references to Paul's teaching as well as the historical and cultural context in which the apostle taught. Zuck carefully organizes this extensive material around fifteen key questions regarding the teaching ministry of Paul. Over twenty tables and questions for reflection at the end of each chapter aid readers in following Paul's example. The result is a comprehensive and practical handbook for everyone involved in a teaching ministry.

The Oxford Handbook of Religious Conversion-Marc David Baer 2014 The Oxford Handbook of Religious Conversion offers a comprehensive exploration of the dynamics of religious conversion, which for centuries has profoundly shaped societies, cultures, and individuals throughout the world. Scholars from a wide array of religions and disciplines interpret both the varieties of conversion experiences and the processes that inform this personal and communal phenomenon. This volume examines the experiences of individuals and communities who change religions, those who experience an intensification of their religion of origin, and those who encounter new religions through colonial intrusion, missionary work, and charismatic and revitalization movements. The thirty-two innovative essays provide overviews of the history of particular religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Judaism, indigenous religions, and new religious movements. The essays also offer a wide range of disciplinary perspectives-psychological, sociological, anthropological, legal, political, feminist, and geographical-on methods and theories deployed in understanding conversion, and insight into various forms of deconversion.
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