

Activist Resources

Activists connect best with God through doing, serving, advocating or relating. They tend to value competence and knowledge and are good at leading and influencing others. Activists are devoted to the causes they support and aren't afraid to be assertive as they implement a vision of the world as God's kingdom on earth. They are change agents and are both admired and opposed for this. Single-minded and deeply focused, they aren't content until society has been transformed. Activists tend to be the least represented spiritual type in the general population. They can sometimes be difficult to be around because of their focus and passion. They willingly make sacrifices in their personal life in hopes of seeing the kingdom realized on earth. They tend to have a courageous and sturdy idealism that takes responsibility for change. Their passion for transforming society can sometimes lead them to become impatient with congregations for their perceived lack of concern. They fit best in a hospitable, like-minded community that shares their vision. They need to be careful not to become so involved in a cause that they neglect their inner life.

If you are an activist, take care to attend as much to your inner life as outer life. One will nourish the other.

Adapted from <http://www.upperroom.org/methodx/default.asp>

Websites

Website Links	Subject
http://www.upperroom.org/methodx/default.asp	General Resource
http://www.tyndale.ca/sem/mtsm modular/viewpage.php?pid=38	General Resource
http://www.worship.ca/sec6.html	General Resource
http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/	General Resource
http://www.religion-online.org/	General Resource
http://www.touchstonemag.com/archives/	General Resource
http://www.desiringgod.org/	General Resource
http://thegospelcoalition.org/	
http://www.sojourners.com/	Justice/Equality
http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/article_main_page/0,1703,A%253D150124%2526M%253D50019,00.html	Hospitality
http://faithepchurch.org/files/Documents/Discipleship%20Resources/Hospitality.pdf	Hospitality
http://www.simpleliving.net/main/category.asp?catid=125	Simple Living

Books

Author	Title	Subject	Library?
Battle, Michael	Blessed are the Peacemakers: A Christian Spirituality of Non-Violence	Pacifism	

Berry, Wendell	A Timbered Choir. The Sabbath Poems 1979-1997		Yes
Caliborne, Shane	Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical	Social Justice	Yes
Campbell, Cathy C.	Stations of the Banquet: Faith Foundations for Food Justice	Food Justice	
Campolo, Tony	The God of Intimacy and Action: Reconnecting Ancient Spiritual Practices	Justice	Yes
Dennis, Jay	The Jesus Habits: Exercising the Spiritual Disciplines of Jesus		
Dyckman, Katherine	Inviting the Mystic, Supporting the Prophet. An Introduction to Spiritual Direction		Yes
Foster, Richard	Freedom of Simplicity	Simple Living	Yes
Harkness, Georgia E.	Prayer and the Common Life	Prayer; Social Justice	Yes
Hart, Lawrence D.	Hell's Abyss, Heaven's Grace: War and Christian Spirituality	Pacifism	
Hartin, Patrick J.A.	Spirituality of Perfection: Faith in Action in the Letter of James		Yes
Law, William	A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life; and the spirit of love		Yes
Madigan, Shawn	Mystics, Visionaries, and Prophets: A Historical Anthology of Women's Spiritual Writings		Yes
Manning, Brennan	The Ragamuffin Gospel		Yes
Miller, James	Systematic Fasting	Fasting	Yes
Moe-Loebada, Cynthia	Healing a Broken World: Globalization and God	Globalization	
Nouwen, Henri J.M.	Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life		Yes
O'Connor, Elizabeth	Call to Commitment		Yes
Pagitt, Doug	Reimagining Spiritual Formation: A Week in the Life of an Experimental Church		Yes
Pohl, Christine D.	Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition	Hospitality	Yes
Pohl, Christine D.	Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition Study Guide	Hospitality	Yes
Prinz, Julia D.E.	Endangering Hunger for God: Johann Baptist Metz and Dorothee Solle at...		

Rahner, Karl	The Practice of Faith: A Handbook of Contemporary Spirituality		Yes
Rolheiser, Ronald	The Holy Longing: The Search for Christian Spirituality		Yes
Sider, Ronald J.	Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger	Food Justice	Yes
Sider, Ronald J.	Living More Simple: Biblical Principles and Practical Models	Simple Living	Yes
Tozer, A.W.	The Pursuit of God		Yes
Weaver-Zercher, David	Vital Christianity: Reconnecting Spirituality and Social Justice	Social Justice	Yes
Willard, Dallas	Revolution of Character: Discovering Christ's Pattern for Spiritual Transformation		Yes
Willard, Dallas	The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives		Yes

Famous Activists/ Prophets

Mother Teresa
Ralph Nader
John Calvin
Lucy (Peanuts)
Rosa Parks

Dorothy Day
Joan of Arc
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jeremiah
Malcolm X

Ghandi
Gandalf