

The Leadership Anvil Speaking Topics— Daryl McCarthy

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Types of presentations: university lectures, churches, conferences, keynote speeches, dinner speeches, panel participation, workshops

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Churches and Christian Conferences

- ***Hold Fast to Sound Doctrine—Responding to the Lure of Liberalism***

In Europe and America we are experiencing a tsunami of liberalism which is spreading to other parts of the world. Prominent evangelical leaders who have long been known for their grounding in the Word have begun denying clear teachings of historic Christianity. They have, to use a colloquial expression, “gone liberal.” This series of lectures describes theological liberalism and then prepares believers to stand firm for the Gospel. Each lecture can be given as a stand-alone presentation or combined with any of the other lectures.

- ***Lecture 1: The Treason of Theologians: Why Doctrine Matters and How Liberalism Contradicts Biblical Christianity.*** What we believe makes all the difference. Liberals deliberately seek to sound “evangelical,” but underneath the rhetoric they are denouncing Bible truth. If we understand the hallmarks of liberalism, we will be better prepared to stand for sound doctrine, as the Bible commands us.
- ***Lecture 2: Drifting from the Truth—Why Diluted Christianity Is So Enticing*** Exploring the motivations and reasons why some Christians forsake biblical Christianity for a liberal theology.

- ***Lecture 3: Knowing, Guarding, and Holding: How We Can Maintain Doctrinal Clarity and Orthodoxy.*** The Bible commands us to hold on to sound doctrine and gives us clear instructions on how to respond to liberals. While there are no quick fixes, we can systematically ground ourselves and our people in the Word of God and learn to recognize the signs of compromise.
- ***Lecture 4: Rebuking, Exposing, Loving, and Truth-telling Simultaneously—How to Respond to Theological Liberals.*** Truth often requires confrontation. Scripture repeatedly warns us about the dangers of permitting false teachers to spread their doctrines. But how can we be prepared to rebuke our brothers and sisters with truth and with love?
- ***Standing Strong, Leading Effectively, Finishing Well—Five Characteristics of Godly Leaders***
Ministry is messy and leadership is difficult. This is why many leaders do not finish well. In 2 Corinthians 4 we find clear instructions for Christian leaders on how to embrace the challenges of the Christian life and ministry leadership so they can stand strong, lead effectively, and finish well. This message will provide inspiration and direction for leaders and encourage those who are pressured, weary, discouraged, or tempted to give up.
- ***Obedience to Jesus Is Love, Not Legalism—How to Follow Jesus in an Anti-Jesus World***
One of the most serious challenges facing us as believers is how we relate to the world around us. After all, Jesus Himself said that we are in the world, but not of the world. What exactly does that mean? This talk takes a fresh look at God’s commands for us to be separate and distinct from the world. How can we keep focused Jesus-focused and not become world-focused? Will God really judge the details of our lives? The goal of this talk is to offer specific and practical ways to honor Jesus and draw others to Him with every detail of our lives, including how we handle our money, what we read and watch, and how we act and think.
- ***Nine Principles for Understanding the Church and Finding Your Place in the Body of Christ***
If we are all part of the Body of Christ, why can’t we get along with each other? Why are so many Christians inactive in the Church? Our body is made up of 37 trillion cells and they all look different and they all have different functions. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, we find nine principles on how believers can relate to one another without division or disunity. We can celebrate our different gifts and at the same time work in unity, by loving and caring for one another, and by finding our role in the Body.
- ***Is Your God Too Small?***
When we understand the majesty, the intellect, the creativity, and the all-encompassing lordship of Christ, then we understand why every occupation, every field of study, and every part of life is sacred. Only then can we truly worship God and have a robust, full-orbed Christian worldview, living and thinking under His lordship.
- ***Christian Maturity: How to Grow and Become More Like Jesus***
After defining Christian maturity, this talk identifies overall principles of maturity found in Scripture. Maturity is not automatic or inevitable. Our decisions, choices, and actions

all play an important role in our growth in Christ. The majority of the talk explains practical and specific practices which can help us mature in our walk with God.

- ***You Are God's Masterpiece***

By looking at Ephesians 2:10, we learn how to find purpose and direction in life. This message is a reminder of God's love and God's purpose in our work and our lives.

- ***You Are in Full-time Christian Service—Seven Keys to Finding Direction, Satisfaction and Worship in Our Daily Duties***

It is common to view divide work into sacred—"full-time Christian service"—and secular—non-church related work. According to this view, a few Christians are in the "ministry" and others are not. But according to the Bible, if you are a follower of Jesus, then whatever job you have, you are in full-time Christian service. You are called to be a minister! Christians can discover and fulfill God's purpose for their lives in the workplace and in doing this find direction, joy and worship on the job and in their careers.

- ***God Commands Us to Work and Make Money: Restoring a Robust Biblical Theology of Work and Money***

It sounds heretical to even say, "God commands us to make money," because it is so contrary to the message the Church has given for centuries. But as a matter of fact, the Bible is clear that God created us to work and to make money. But these commands to have been neglected by the Church. Most people have never heard a sermon on the subject of work and making money. We will examine key scriptures which clarify God's position on work and earning money. When the Reformation brought back a biblical view of work, calling, and money, it ignited explosive economic growth throughout Protestant Europe. We will close by showing how the Church can promote a biblical and balanced view of work and money. This can be one, two, or three sessions.

- ***Shine for Jesus—Telling Others About Jesus***

Many believers are painfully mute about who Jesus is and what He has done for them. That's a problem, because Jesus and the wonderful gift of salvation He gave us should be our favorite topic, especially with the lost. This message will explain who is called to share the Good News, why we share the Gospel—our motivation, and, how we can tell people about Jesus effectively—our methods. Evangelism requires words as well as actions; one without the other is inadequate. By the end of this message believers should be more motivated and better prepared to faithfully spread the best news the world has ever heard.

- ***We Minister in Our Weakness***

Many pastors and ministry leaders try to avoid any appearance of weakness. Yet most of us harbor a deep sense of inadequacy. How can we lead effectively when we know we are so inadequate? What can we learn from our weaknesses? This message will give Christian leaders perspective and encouragement for the pressures and inevitable failures and disappointments in leadership over the long-haul.

- ***Biblical Principles of Justice—Measuring the Social Justice Message***

We are living through a shaking time for the Church, one of the greatest seismic shifts the evangelical movement has ever experienced. One earthquake that is shaking and changing the Church to its foundations is what is called the social justice movement. In this talk we begin by acknowledging that we serve a God of justice and that as His people

we are to relentlessly pursue justice. The social justice movement has raised a host of issues which must be addressed by the Church. But we need to evaluate the social justice message on key issues to see what is in alignment with a high view of Scripture and what is not.

- ***The Raw Truth about Slavery and Racism, The Bright Hope for Healing and Unity***
 Recently, some social justice advocates have insisted that all white people are racists and conversely, that nobody else cannot be racist. This has led many people to ask, “Am I guilty of racism because of the past sins committed by my ancestors?” This talk looks at the raw truth that tragically people of every race have been guilty of the sin of racism and that sadly people of every race have suffered from slavery. But holding a person responsible for the past sins of their race is simply another form of racism. Since it is not based on truth, false guilt is dangerous. This talk will also examine the core teachings of anti-racist organizations, like Black Lives Matter, from a biblical perspective. What about systemic racism? What about police brutality to minorities? What is needed to help rebuild minority communities? What can we do to help bring truth and peace to our world today. We will close by seeing several Gospel principles which should guide us in these tumultuous days of polarization and virtue-signaling.
- ***Living in a 1984 World—Secularism in the Academy, Politics, and the Church***
 Radical secularism is rapidly reshaping the academy, politics, and even the Church. This talk provides insight into the devastation secularism has brought in these three areas and offers hope, direction, and encouragement for how we can respond as believers living in this scary new world.
- ***Here I Stand! The Protest That Saved the Church and Changed Your World***
 The Reformation is a fascinating story of God using unlikely people to protect His Church and spread His Word. As we see God's faithfulness and the Reformers' courage, humility and love for God and His Word, our lives will be changed. What happened at the Reformation? What were the key principles of the Reformation? How did it change the world? What lessons can we learn for today?
- ***It Really Is True—Understanding What It Means to Say the Bible Is “Inspired” and “Inerrant.”***
 There is abundant evidence that the Bible is true and reliable as the inspired Word of God. Why have believers throughout the history of the Church affirmed the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture? What does it mean to say the Bible is “inspired” and “inerrant?”
- ***Does God Care About Politics?***
 The Bible tells us our citizenship is in heaven. Some people conclude that we should be concerned only about spiritual things and that God doesn't care about anything here on earth like business or laws, or education or government, or health care. Does God care about social problems and political issues? This presentation examines what the Bible says about human flourishing, rule of law, public righteousness, private property, and holiness and why Christians should care about social and political issues.
- ***Mere Spirituality—C. S. Lewis and His Walk with God***
 Lewis, one of the greatest Christian scholars in our time, walked closely with God. We can learn many lessons on life with Christ from his example. We learn from C. S. Lewis

that the depth of our spiritual life and the vibrancy of our scholarly life are tightly intertwined and affect one another.

- ***Living With Hope in a Hopeless World—Learning from C. S. Lewis***
 Hope is a scarce commodity in our world. Even though he faced strident opposition and bore up under many disappointments, Lewis showed that we can look at even the worst things in life with an eternal perspective. For Lewis, our hope in Christ and our future with Him in heaven affects every detail of our lives. Hope radically transformed Lewis's scholarship and his life, even in his darkest hours. We can learn from Lewis to live as persons of hope.
- ***Kicking and Struggling: C. S. Lewis, The Dejected, Reluctant Convert***
 C. S. Lewis is widely recognized as one of the greatest Christian writers ever. Thousands of people have converted to Christianity because of Lewis's writings. But it is easy to forget what a hardened, obnoxious, and proud atheist he was; what a militant opponent of Christianity he was. So the big question is: What made the difference? Why did this cynical, sarcastic atheist become a humble follower of Jesus? This talk presents the story of Lewis's conversion from atheism to theism and eventually to confessing Christ as Lord. Then we look at several principles about conversion we learn from his story. This talk was prepared for a non-Christian audience, but Christians learn much from it as well.
- ***Christian Classics—Great Books for Knowing and Serving God***
 What we read shapes our thinking and ultimately our lives. One of the most overlooked aspects of Christian leadership is attention to what we are reading. What you are reading is a good indicator of your spiritual health. In this workshop, I will share some of the great Christian classics—biographies, history, literature, personal development, global issues—books that have shaped my life and that will change your life as well. Reading these Christian classics will take you deeper with God and make you a more effective leader.
- ***Does God Really Expect Me to be Holy?***
 Today most talk of holy living is dismissed as either legalism or wishful thinking. This message goes to Scripture to see what God says about the topic. What does it mean to “be holy”? What are some of the misconceptions about holiness? Why are we to live in alignment with God's Word and His will? How do we become holy? Is there any hope for normal people to obey God's command to be holy?
- ***Public Theology and the Inspiration and Authority of the Bible: Believing the Bible Makes a Difference***
 It is a surprise when you realize that a bold evangelist was one of the most influential public intellectuals of his day. This talk demonstrates that there is a direct link between John Wesley's high view of Scripture and his widespread influence. Believing the Bible is true and reliable made his thoughts on public issues of politics, economics, and culture authoritative and impactful. And in our generation our voice will have greater impact if we are speaking on the foundation of
- ***John Wesley as a Christian Worldview Thinker***

Even though John Wesley did not present as systematic a worldview as Calvin before him or Abraham Kuyper after him, through his sermons and his ministry we see a robust, vibrant application of Christ's Lordship to every facet of life, thought, and culture. Wesley provides an exceptionally well-rounded Christian worldview in both principle and in application. In contrast to many thinkers who present a primarily cerebral contemplation of a Christian worldview, Wesley both viewed the world through a biblical lens and he consistently applied that worldview in both theory and in practice. Wesleyan-Arminians and Reformed believers alike can learn much from Wesley's truly Reformational worldview, through his application of Scripture to current issues and addressing those issues in real and practical ways.

- ***Making the Gospel a Public Matter: John Wesley as a Leading Public Intellectual***
John Wesley served as one of the foremost public intellectuals of the eighteenth century. He was exceptionally well-informed and one of the most widely-followed public figures in England regarding not just spiritual and religious issues, but political and social issues as well. Evangelicals today can learn much from Wesley's thoroughly Christian worldview and from his careful and thoughtful application of Scripture to current issues as he addresses those issues in specific and practical terms.
- ***Recovering Insight, Courage and Justice in a Divided World—Learning from John Wesley the Public Intellectual***
Today, churches and Christian leaders are struggling to understand how to faithfully address issues of public concern, such as immigration, abortion, racism, politics, and a host of other issues. John Wesley provides a model for Christian leaders in the twenty-first century as we face militant secularism, ambivalent evangelicalism, and political polarization with insight, courage, and justice. We will examine why Wesley was so effective in shaping public opinion and national events and then see lessons we can learn from him as we respond to the critical issues of our own day.

Effective Leadership

- ***Badly Done: Learning from the Scandals of Christian Leaders***
Scandals are happening more and more frequently these days among pastors and Christian leaders—scandals of all kinds: moral, financial, theological, and political. These fallen leaders have created a big mess and as a result, unbelievers are hardened and believers are disheartened. This talk will present lessons we can learn from the tragic sins and scandals of so many leaders. Since we are all vulnerable to sin and gross failure, it will also show what each one of us must do to protect ourselves from similar collapse. Biblical and practical steps will be presented which will help erect guardrails to protect leaders from scandals, whether financial, moral, theological. We desperately need the Holy Spirit to help us in these treacherous times.
- ***The Seven Deadly Dangers of Leadership***
Research shows that one-third of all Christian leaders fail. Another third will do only so-so. This leaving only one-third of us who will finish well for God's glory. Then we have to ask, why do so many leaders fail to fulfill their divine calling? Most leaders fail because they succumb to temptations. Success as a leader brings its own set of dangers and failure brings another set of dangers. After more than 50 years of leadership experience, working with hundreds of leaders around the world, in this talk I answer the

question: What are the most common and formidable temptations Christian leaders face? And more importantly, how can we respond to these temptations?

- ***Leading in Impossible Times—Learning Leadership from Moses***
 Leading, even in normal times, is a challenging and demanding task. Given his track record at the age of 80, Moses would not have been hired by any company, church, or ministry organization. He was a most unlikely leader. Yet he became one of the greatest leaders of all times, in spite of his weaknesses and shortcomings. We can learn much about courageous, faithful, and godly leadership from the life of Moses.
- ***God Cares About Details and Numbers—Lessons I Learned from the Bible about Leading a Ministry***
 Even though many pastors and ministry leaders don't like to spend time on organizational details, the Bible makes it clear that God cares about details and numbers. Ministry leaders are called by God to pay attention to these things as well if they are going to be good stewards of God's work and lead with integrity.
- ***God, Money, and Ministry***
 Many pastors and ministry leaders don't like to talk or even think about money. And others think and talk about money too much. Some people in ministry feel guilty about being paid to fulfill God's calling on their lives? Is money "unspiritual"? The Bible makes it clear that God cares about money. What can we learn from the Bible about money and how to be a good steward of ministry money and our own money? Is it right to ask people for money? How do we develop accountability? What are good practices to avoid any appearance of wrongdoing or mismanagement? How can we protect against embezzlement? How do we develop and work with a budget?
- ***Raising Funds with Jesus—Eight Keys to Successful Fundraising for Your Ministry***
 From my 40 years of experience raising funds and raising support for ministry, I will share principles, attitudes and practices which help the Christian worker to embrace fundraising as an important part of ministry. I will present practices which will help you communicate clearly, identify potential supporters, write support letters and express gratitude for support. You can be a blessing to those who are supporting your ministry.
- ***Serving God in the Workplace—How Pastors and Church Leaders Can Help Believers Find Direction, Joy and Worship on the Job***
 Every believer is a minister. After the Protestant Reformation overturned the unbiblical Catholic distinction between clergy and laity, every craftsman and laborer, every mother and housewife, every business person and political leader could affirm that their work was a calling from God. Here are seven principles and practices which can transform inactive Christians into active, vibrant workers for Christ. Believers can serve God and minister on the job and they can find fulfillment in their work as the Church puts the biblical doctrine of the priesthood of all believers into practice.
- ***Should You Run Your Ministry More Like a Business? Yes, No, Or It Depends***
 Most pastors and ministry leaders have been told, "You need to run this ministry more like a business." In what ways is the leadership and management of a church or a parachurch organization similar to that of a business and in what ways is it different? Since Christ is the Lord of the universe and the Creator of all that is, there are many principles and practices which apply equally well in business or in non-profit

organizations. But we must also be aware of the unique nature of the Church and parachurch organizations which may call for a different kind of leadership or management. However, believers are called to do their work Christianly whether in business or in ministry.

- ***Lessons I Have Learned Working with Boards For 50 Years***
Serving on a board or working under a board can be exasperating, frustrating, tiring, and baffling, but I thank God for how He used the experience of working under a board to teach me accountability and how to work with others. I have served on boards and worked under boards of various kinds for over 50 years. In this talk I will present key lessons I have learned about how to build an effective board of directors. What is a board's purpose? Who should be on the board? How to be an effective board member. How to lead a board-governed ministry with wisdom. What problems can hurt a board's effectiveness?
- ***Both/And Leadership, Spiritually and Organizationally Healthy—Learning from Nehemiah***
Many leaders either emphasize the spiritual side or the organizational side of their work. Nehemiah provides us with an amazing example of an outstanding leader who was both godly *and* well-organized. The little book of Nehemiah provides us with scores of sound principles and practices which work as well today as they did when he led the work of rebuilding Jerusalem.
- ***CEO with Zeal—Learning Leadership Lessons from the Apostle Paul***
While the Apostle Paul has given us an abundance of spiritually rich insights, we often miss the fact that he was also a leader—a pastor and a ministry leader. Even though few of us will have his intellectual brilliance, we can learn many great lessons on how to be an effective leader from both his example and his writing.

For Christian Academics and Educators

- ***Communicating the Gospel to Intellectuals—Lessons for Christian Academics from Paul's Areopagus Lecture***
The intellectual world is well-known for its open hostility to Christ. But in Acts 17, we see Paul boldly and persuasively presenting the Good News to the intelligentsia of Athens, the premier center of scholarship in the ancient world. I believe Acts 17 is one of the best passages of Scripture for Christian academics to study. Paul's time in Athens is packed full of principles and practices which we can adapt for our own day. We can learn much from Paul's example and his words as he faithfully represented Christ in Athens nearly 2,000 years ago. We too, like Paul, are called to courageously proclaim the risen Christ in spite of the fact that most academics will consider it foolish, absurd, and even immoral and harmful. (This can be either one talk or two talks.)
- ***Why We Need Christians in Higher Education***
Many Christians who are involved with higher education encounter skepticism about whether believers should work in institutions with so much hostility toward the Bible and the Christian teaching. This talk will make a case for why Christians are desperately needed in higher education and why the calling to scholarship is so crucial for the Church. It will demonstrate that serving in higher education is significant and changes lives and that it is a valid ministry, a way in which to serve and honor God.

- ***Problems Christians Have with Higher Education***
 Most of my academic colleagues testify to encountering various forms of anti-intellectualism in their churches and families—skepticism and, at times, outright opposition. This talk will explore why there is anti-intellectualism in Christian circles by examining some of the reasons and some of the excuses Christians give for being against higher education. We must recognize the many limitations of education. This talk will show how anti-intellectualism actually undercuts vibrant faith and adherence to biblical truth and will offer ideas on ways churches can discourage anti-intellectualism while encouraging believers to think critically, engage with the world of learning, and develop a robust Christian worldview.
- ***Seven Ways the Reformation Transformed Modern Education***
 The Reformation radically changed education in ways that continue until today. Protestant theology even changed the way teachers taught their students. Scholars and educators today can learn important lessons from the Reformers and their work in education.
- ***Serving Christ in the Academy***
 In a world which disregards truth and when the Church is suspicious about spending years in study, Christian academics can sometimes question their calling and wonder if they are accomplishing anything for God’s Kingdom. Many ask, “Is our work in the academy significant and is it ministry?” Since Christian scholars serve in one of the most strategic institutions in the world—higher education, we need to embrace our work as a calling from God. This talk will make the case that scholarly work is highly significant and it is certainly a ministry which pleases and honors God.
- ***The Seven Deadly Sins of the Academy and How Christians Can Respond***
 Over the past 40 years of being an academic myself and working with hundreds of academics from all over the world, I have observed certain pitfalls or "deadly sins" which can hinder the effectiveness of Christian professors and students in higher education. This talk presents principles and practices for maintaining spiritual health, academic effectiveness, and impact for Christ in the university in spite of the temptations we face and in spite of the stout opposition of Satan to our work.
- ***Do You Need New Glasses? Three Forms of Worldview Myopia***
 Developing a comprehensive worldview which is Christ-centered and biblically-grounded is one of the most critical tasks Christian scholars face today. During more than 40 years of teaching and mentoring Christian professors, I have observed ways in which the worldview of many Christian scholars falls short of the biblical standard. This talk gives three of the most common maladies affecting our Christian worldview.
- ***Mere Spirituality—C. S. Lewis and His Walk with God***
 An exploration of how one of the greatest Christian scholars in our time walked with God and lessons on spiritual formation we can learn as Christian academicians. We cannot separate our scholarly work from our spiritual life. They are tightly intertwined and affect one another. We learn from C. S. Lewis that the depth of our spiritual life affects the vibrancy of our scholarly life and vice versa.

- ***God Uses Academics (Along with Others) to Accomplish His Work***
Throughout history time after time God has used scholars to accomplish His work. Often they strengthened the Church and defended the faith in a way others could not. Frequently academics spread the Gospel to the unreached, again, in a way others could not. This talk will tell the amazing story of how God used Irish academics to spread the Gospel across Europe. The Protestant Reformation was born in the university and many of the leaders were university professors and scholars. In turn, the Reformation sparked a global transformation in education. God used John Wesley, an Oxford don, to spark an amazing revival that transformed history. And the story goes on.
- ***Hearts and Minds on Fire: Irish Monks Transforming the World***
The fascinating story of the Irish monks who left their beloved homeland between 500 and 800 AD and spread out across Scotland, England, and the Continent teaching, evangelizing, and changing the culture. Their scholarship, holy lives, and their sacrifice reshaped Europe.
- ***Bringing the Fragrance of Christ into the University Classroom***
Unfortunately, some Christian professors think the only way they can draw others to Christ is through a direct, verbal witnessing encounter in which the Gospel is presented. But many times such an approach is impossible in the university context. This workshop presents a holistic perspective on how Christian academics can bring quietly, gently, discreetly, and unobtrusively bring the fragrance of Christ into the university classroom in settings where evangelism, proselytism, or the very mention of God is prohibited. Numerous examples are given from the most restricted access countries.

Topics for Public University Convocations, Lectures or Classes

- ***Murder, Mystery and Sex: Understanding the World's Bestselling Classic Work of Literature***
This is the amazing story of the most translated book in history, the first book to be printed and the book which most influenced the English language, as well as many other European languages. If you want to understand English and if you want to read and understand English and American literature, this is the one book you need to read and understand. You will be gripped by the drama of the stories in this book and you will be drawn by the power of its words. This lecture illustrates the sheer literary beauty of the Bible as well as its immense practical appeal.
- ***Great Books that Will Change Your Life***
Books have played a major role in shaping my life. Reading opens up a whole new world of people, places and ideas. Reading expands our horizons and at the same time lets us see deep inside ourselves. In this lecture, I share some of the great books—fiction, history, personal development, global issues—that I love—books that have shaped my life and that could change your life as well.
- ***"I Will Not Recant"—How the Reformation Changed Our World***

The Protestant Reformation and the Counter-Reformation radically altered the sixteenth-century world and that impact continues to shape our world in the twenty-first century as well. What happened at the Reformation? What were the key issues at stake? How did it change the world politically, socially, culturally, theologically, and economically? What lessons can we learn for today? (This lecture can be given in two parts or in one lecture.)

- ***Ten Secrets for Finding Success and Happiness in Life***
 Most of us want to experience happiness and success in life. During this talk I share lessons I have learned during more than 40 years in the workplace, traveling to 60 countries and from meeting hundreds of highly successful people all over the world and learning from them. How do we define true success? What is happiness and should we even pursue it? How do we find meaning in life? I will present ten secrets that can lead a person to authentic success, a fulfilling life and significant meaning in life.
- ***How to Fail Successfully***
 The fear of failure can paralyze you. Unless you're willing to fail, you will never succeed. Fear is one of the biggest obstacles that keep people from success. Every successful person has failed repeatedly. A willingness to fail is part of the price of success. I have failed many times. I have worked with many great people who experienced heartbreaking failure. I have learned much from failures. By learning from our failures, we come closer to success.
- ***The Teacher Who Created a Nation and Saved a Civilization--A Model for Educators with Historic Impact***
 This is the fascinating story of Patrick and how his teaching brought civilization to Ireland and later how Irish educators transformed the course of Western civilization through their teaching across Europe from 400 to 800 AD. A stirring reminder of the strategic importance of teachers in changing a nation and shaping a culture.
- ***How the Protestant Reformation Impacted Nations, Politics and History and Why That Matters Today***
 The theological changes which the Reformation brought led to a dramatically different view of God, government, nations, politics, and the world. This worldview-shift significantly changed the social, political, cultural, and economic life of Northern Europe and eventually of North America as well. A clear understanding of the changes the Reformation inaugurated can help us face the challenges of the twenty-first century.