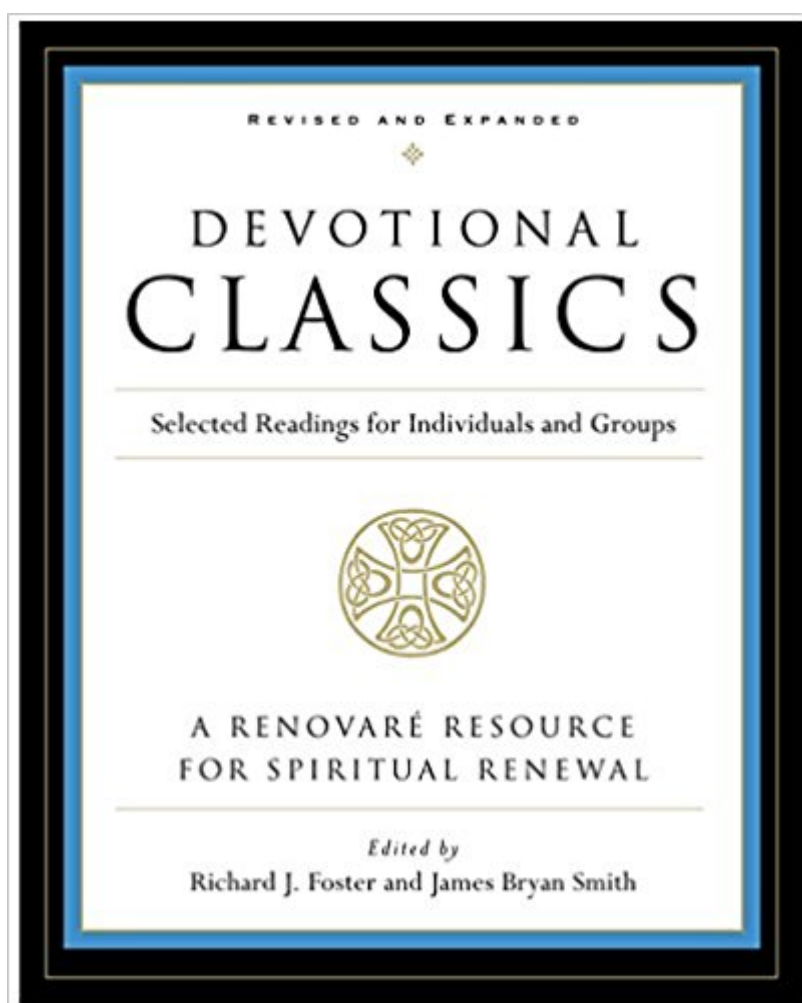


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# Devotional Classics: Revised Edition: Selected Readings For Individuals And Groups



## Synopsis

Devotional Classics: Revised Edition is an updated and expanded edition of Renovar's® companion to the devotional life. Edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith, this version incorporates all six traditions, or "streams," that comprise a healthy and holistic life of Christian faith. The fifty-two selections in Devotional Classics have been organized to introduce the reader to the great Christian devotional writers over the course of one year, through an introduction and meditation by Foster, a related biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises. Devotional Classics is indispensable for those looking for a deeper and more balanced spiritual life.

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A New, Expanded Edition of Renovar's® Classic Companion to the Devotional Life Updated to incorporate all six traditions, or "streams," that comprise a healthy and holistic life of faith, these fifty-two selections have been organized to introduce the reader to the great devotional writers over the course of one year. Edited by James Bryan Smith, each reading is accompanied by an introduction and meditation by Richard J. Foster. In addition, each entry includes a related biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises. With devotional readings in 1. The Prayer-Filled Life 2. The Virtuous Life 3. The Spirit-Empowered Life 4. The Compassionate Life 5. The Word-Centered Life 6. The Sacramental Life Foster and Smith sift through works from the great spiritual writers of the

past as well as readings from contemporary spiritual leaders to create a guide that is indispensable for those looking for a deeper and more balanced spiritual life.

Richard J. Foster is the author of several bestselling books, including *Celebration of Discipline*, *Streams of Living Water*, *Life with God*, and *Prayer*, which was Christianity Today's Book of the Year and the winner of the Gold Medallion Award from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. He is the founder of Renovar<sup>®</sup>, an organization and a movement committed to the renewal of the church of Jesus Christ in all its multifaceted expressions, and the editor of *The Life with God Bible*.

I love this book! It is one of my favorites. It is fantastic both as a devotional and as a primer introducing a reader to ancient founts of Christian wisdom. We are so often inundated with an onslaught of books by contemporary authors. However, few of us ever even hear about our historical predecessors. Yet, there were faithful giants who shaped history through their love and devotion to God. These selections are fantastic, insightful, incisive, brief and potent. I recommend this book often and suggest that everyone read it. Its effect on me has been powerful. It continually draws me back to my Creator and inspires me with ancient wisdom that is oh so timely for today. If you give it an honest look, I doubt you will be disappointed.

This book is a must have. It gives such a wonderful smattering of great thinkers throughout the life of the church. It has been a resource that I have purchased many times over because I share it with folks and never get it back. It can be used for personal devotion, it can be used for an Adult Sunday School Class, it can be used for readings to be shared at an evening vespers. It is a wonderful book that has done the hard work of gathering some truly excellent devotions together into one lovely book.

I am loving this collection of 52 classic devotionals from some of history's greatest Christian devotees. We have started using it in our small group at church and it provides the perfect catalyst for rich, deep conversations, learning and growth among us all. In the second entry, *The Cost of Nondiscipleship*, Dallas Willard writes, "The disciple is one who, intent upon becoming Christlike and so dwelling in his "faith and practice," systematically and progressively rearranges his affairs to that end." If you want to devote yourself to Christ - if you are one who is intent upon becoming Christlike - you need a great devotional through which to dwell in faith and practice. *Devotional Classics*

provides you with the perfect resources to systematically, thoughtfully and progressively rearrange your affairs to that end. It provides just what a devotional book should provide, and does so better than any other resource I have ever owned or used. I highly recommend you purchase a copy today!

This is a wonderful way to dip your toe into the world of classic theological writing. Excerpts from such classic writers as C.S. Lewis and St. Augustine, can be digested in bite size samples. If you want to read the classics but get overwhelmed at tackling a whole book, this is the solution. After reading this book, you will feel like you can understand and participate in a sound theological discussion.

We have a small neighborhood group that meets to discuss spiritual matters. A former pastor suggested this book. As we got into it, we found we were really over our heads. We were ready to give it up when we hit the first writer that we found a little easier to get our minds around. At that time we were waiting for the arrival of some other possibilities and continued rather than going without material at all. By the time we received the other books, we'd hit our stride. It's always interesting to see which writers will inspire which members of the group. We have been humbled by the intelligence and depth of spirit of those who lived as long as fifteen hundred years ago. Our discussions go deeper and deeper and are beginning to surface in our everyday lives. What more can you ask of spiritual material? It can change your life even if it is what my young pastor calls Theology 101. Not for those who want to be spoon fed but well worth the effort.

It is wonderful to read the devotional writings of men and women from across many different traditions. This was a joy to use (it was a "textbook" for a seminary class) and I will probably end up going back to it as my main devotional someday.

This was used for a class to study classical writers of church history. It is an inspiring and "way often" challenging read. It will introduce you to some of the greatest Christian minds since The time of Christ. The writer's were not archaic, and topics were actually overwhelmingly filled with things that people deal with today. These great men and women wrote candidly and methodically about life's struggles. Their insight into the deeper Christian life is there for the taking, if one so desires to experience it. Can't go wrong with this book! Thanks, Kenneth Grisham (Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary)

A great way to sample the reflections of outstanding Christian authors. Useful for personal devotions and as a way to find new authors worth exploring further.

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