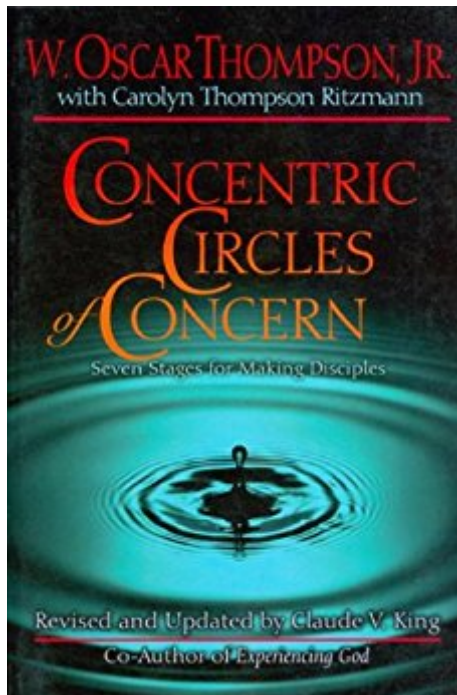




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In this stylish re-issue of W. Oscar Thompson's classic book on evangelism, Thompson shows Christians how to spread the love and good news of Christ by building and repairing personal relationships. Too often the only kind of evangelism encouraged is the preaching to strangers, anonymous crowds, and foreign countries. This book hits readers where they live, teaching them that the most effective way to witness is through a simple plan of meeting the needs of close family first, then friends, and then all others. Published post-humously, this book is a living testament of the brilliance of Oscar Thompson and his innovative method. It will be a perfect guide to lifestyle evangelism for church study groups, conferences, and the classroom.

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Author Information Oscar Thompson passed away in 1980 from a struggle with cancer. He had a great interest in helping others who struggled with the same problem. He was a pastoral consultant for the Cancer Counseling and Research Foundation along with Trinity Valley Hospice Association, Inc., where he served an additional role as a board member. Thompson was a pastor for twenty years at a Baptist Church before becoming a part of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

in Fort Worth, Texas. Before his passing, Thompson served as the president of the Oscar Thompson Evangelistic Association. Carolyn Thompson Ritzmann is the wife of Oscar Thompson. Outside of Concentric Circles of Concern she co-authored another book with her husband in the six volume Growing Disciples Series. That book is titled Witness to the World. Claude V. King attended seminary in New Orleans, but before attending seminary he worked as part of the faculty for a dynamic and evangelistic church in Nashville, TN. He developed the six volume Growing Disciples Series. His most recognized work is Experience God. It appears that King may have a calling to the Spanish community because he has made Experience God available in Spanish and also co-written another religious book, En la presencia de Dios, in Spanish.

Content Summary

The approach Thompson has towards evangelism is that through relationships everyone can show the love of Christ in their areas of influence, otherwise known as concentric circles of concern. The foundation of Thompson's approach is simplistic in nature but advanced in effectiveness. Thompson makes the statement that the most important word in the English language is relationship. A person's primary relationship should be with the Heavenly Father.

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