

qualitative relationships and partnerships to help break down divisions among people. Christians are called: "to relocate, reconcile and redistribute the Lord's bounty" (p 137). The building of a beloved community through the "rebinding work of shalom" is the goal.

Metzger concludes this seminal work with a reference to the eschatological banquet, a banquet to which everyone is invited without discrimination and at which all are welcome. What a vision in the presence of the powers of consumerism and class divisions! This highly prophetic book is recommended to theologians from all persuasions, theological students, lay leaders and all Christians who can read and understand English. Its wealth should be distributed to all the people of God.



Nel, G 2007 – *The compassionate leader: Leading like Jesus did. How treating people properly can give you the corporate edge*

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The *Compassionate leader* follows a dialogical approach. The primary purpose of this book is to enable leaders or potential leaders to apply the Christian ethics outlined in their work environment.

"*Leading like Jesus did*" sets the tone for the author's approach to a highly debatable subject: leadership. Effective leadership happens when you as a leader have the ability to lead with compassion and to address the needs of people.

Potential readers are:

- Ministers
- Leaders and potential leaders
- Business people
- Members of congregations

The compassionate leader is a book on Jesus and a new way of leading people. Christians in the business world should apply a new ethics if they want to make a difference and lead people effectively.

"Research shows that spirituality in the work place enhances individual creativity, honesty and trust within companies. Employees also experience a sense of spiritual fulfillment and they are more committed to the organization's targets, goals and aspirations." Based on the life and work of Jesus, this book will help leaders to identify and associate with Jesus' leadership and "management style".

The following facets of Compassionate Leadership are addressed in this very practical and principle-based book:

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- Leading with sensitivity leads to compassion with oneself and could extend to compassion towards others.
- Emotional intelligence enables compassionate leaders to manage their own emotions.
- Responsible corporate leadership should be based on sound moral values and principles.
- The “soft” leadership style that Jesus himself displayed, can be compared to the new and highly appreciated charismatic leadership style. Jesus replaced an autocratic management style with a sensitive approach.
- The book will help any leader in facilitating change. Change is a reality every leader has to deal with. Jesus taught his followers to have an attitude of life-long learning.
- A relational approach to leadership will bring compassionate relationships into focus again. Jesus displayed an emphatic approach towards everyone he encountered.

The compassionate leader is attractively presented and is easy to read.



Peels, H G L 2007 – God en geweld in het Oude Testament

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Veral sedert die 20ste eeu kry mens die indruk dat ons in ons wêreld te doen het met 'n geweldsontploffing van ongekeende omvang. Tegnologie maak dit ook moontlik om baie gou op hoogte te wees van waar oral geweld plaasvind.

Die kerk met die evangelie van Jesus Christus as riglyn kan nie anders nie as om hierdie geweld af te keur en teen te gaan. Die kerk het ook die taak om liefde, barmhartigheid en vergewingsgesindheid te verkondig.

Wanneer oor die verhouding tussen Ou Testament en Nuwe Testament gedink word, is dit juis die geweldstema wat verantwoordelik is vir baie van die kritiek teen die Ou Testament, ook vandag.

Peels hou hom in hierdie boek besig met die probleem van geweld in die Bybel en veral die Ou Testament. Hy toon aan dat die bewuswording van “geweld” as tema in die Bybel baie resent is aangesien die lemma “geweld” nie in vroeëre woordeboeke of ensiklopedieë voorkom nie. Dit begin eers verskyn laat in die tweede helfte van die twintigste eeu.

Hierdie boek is 'n bundel van vyf artikels en twee referate wat vroeër in ander tydskrifte verskyn het.

In hierdie boek word die kritiek van S Janse op Peels se standpunt oor geweld breedvoerig weergegee. Twee van Janse se artikels waarin hy ernstige kritiek uitspreek, is in hierdie boek opgeneem. Peels se antwoord verskyn telkens daarnaas.

Die ernstigste beswaar teen die Ou Testament as deel van die Bybel is dat geweld nie net telkens goedgekeur word nie, maar dat God self as Geweldenaar beskryf word. Met meer as duisend tekste waar daar sprake is van geweld, toorn, straf, stryd, oorlog, moord, “is (het) niet overtrokken om de Bijbel te typeren als een van de bloedigste boeken uit de wereldliteratuur ...”