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## Mitchell and Riley's "Christian Bioethics: A Guide for Pastors, Health Care Professionals, and Families" (Book Review)

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Presented in a detailed and systematic manner, the text is well cited with a bibliography of primary and secondary sources as well as an index locum. Throughout the text, key Greek terms are used in place of their English equivalents. This is a critical resource for scholars researching Philippians and is therefore highly recommended for any institution awarding post-graduate degrees inclusive of this subject.

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**Christian Bioethics: A Guide for Pastors,  
Health Care Professionals, and Families,**

by C. Ben Mitchell & D. Joy Riley. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2014. 207 pp.  
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*Christian Bioethics* discusses and analyzes difficult issues in bioethics. This book is part of a Christian ethics series (*B&H Studies in Christian Ethics*), and is written by an expert in moral philosophy, C. Ben Mitchell, Ph.D., and an expert in bioethics, D. Joy Riley, M.D. Both authors are committed Christians, and bring their faith and expertise to this work. Each chapter begins with a real case, and then offers the reader questions for reflection. Next, the authors question each other, and offer answers from medical and ethical points of view. This text is well cited, with references at the bottom of many pages, and each chapter ends with additional resources for further study.

*Christian Bioethics* is organized according to the bioethical design of theologian Nigel Cameron, with sections called “Taking Life,” “Making Life,” and “Remaking Life.” A “Process for Medical Ethical Decision Making” (p. 41), is offered in the introductory section. Abortion, euthanasia, infertility, and organ donation are addressed in the “Taking Life” and “Making Life” sections. Cloning and life-extending technologies are discussed in the “Remaking Life” section. Individual chapters can easily stand alone as a supplement for a course or as guide for discussion.

All who avow a Christian worldview will find this resource very helpful when facing bioethical challenges. The design of this book, with the real cases, questions and discussion, makes difficult subjects accessible. In the introduction the authors state, “The resources God has supplied give us access to right, wrong, good, and bad ways of dealing with ethical questions in medicine and patient care” (p. 5). Mitchell and Riley use scripture wisely throughout the text as they confront the difficult decisions that arise in the current state of medical care.