

## Free Online Resources:

-- **Abuse and Healing:** Free mp3 download of lectures (from Christians for Biblical Equality conferences) by leading evangelical scholars featuring insights on abuse such as what it is, how to recognize it, what the Bible says about it, and more. These are excellent, (and quite easy to download onto a phone to listen during your commute).

<http://www.equalitydepot.com/abuseandhealing.aspx>

-- **Say Something Field Guide:** This is the PDF version of Safe Passage's class on violence prevention.

<http://www.saysomethingnow.org/field-guide.html>

-- **Christians for Biblical Equality website:** offers a gigantic amount of scholarship on gender equality; there are a lot of resources included here about how poor theological interpretations can lead to abuse. Their resource library is extensive and free (and you can look up articles on specific passages you're wondering about) and their bookstore is worth plenty of snooping as well. [www.cbeinternational.org](http://www.cbeinternational.org)

-- **The RAVE Project website:** offers training and resources for clergy and congregations online. [www.theraveproject.com](http://www.theraveproject.com)

## Some Very Worthwhile Books:

(These can be easily and cheaply found online; Still Small also has copies of many available to lend.)

-- ***No Place for Abuse* by Catherine Clark Kroeger & Nancy Nason Clark**

This resource examines: the prevalence of abuse, the Bible's treatment of domestic violence (including verbal abuse and patterns of concealment, secrecy, and shame), the twisting of proper Christian familial concerns that endangers women and their families, and the alternatives to suffering in silence. The book also provides tools for churches in responding to domestic violence.

-- ***10 Lies Men Believe and 10 Lies The Church Tells Women*, both by J. Lee Grady**

These are quicker, easier reads than many of the other books in this list, and are nonetheless very well-rounded and well-researched. Written with personal discipleship (rather than academia) in mind, these books address not just abuse itself, but numerous attitudes and misconceptions that can lead to it.

-- ***Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life* by Cloud & Townsend:**

Because Christians believe in sacrifice and submission, it can be hard to know when confrontation and limits are necessary. *Boundaries* is an immensely helpful resource which offers practical and Bible-based help in learning how (and why, and when) to set boundaries.

-- ***Mending the Soul: Understanding and Healing Abuse* by Steven Tracy**

Gives an overview of abuse from both a scientific and a Scriptural perspective; deals with identifying abuse, healing from abuse, and questions such as the place of anger and forgiveness in the healing process.

-- ***Women, Abuse, and the Bible* ed. Catherine Clark Kroeger & James R. Beck**

Probably the most important way for us to prevent abuse in the Church is to become as solid as possible in our Scriptural foundation for opposing it. This book looks at the ways Scripture can be misused to fuel abuse and correctly used to heal abuse.

-- ***Divorce and Remarriage in the Church* by David Instone Brewer**

Many of us have run into the difficulty of how to integrate the Bible's high view of marriage/restrictions on divorce with the needs of friends who are going through abusive situations. This gives a very well-researched look at the Biblical grounds for divorce and gives the Scriptural foundation for addressing this sensitive topic.

-- ***The Verbally Abusive Relationship* by Patricia Evans**

Informative and clear, this book examines the dynamics involved in verbally abusive relationships. Because of its discussion of the thought processes and emotional wounds that lead to and perpetuate abuse, this book is also helpful in understanding other types of abuse.

## **Domestic Violence Prevention Agencies:**

-- **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

NCADV is a nationwide organization, and a very good place to find information and help.

[www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

[mainoffice@ncadv.org](mailto:mainoffice@ncadv.org)

1.800.799.SAFE (7233)

1.800.787.3224 (TTY)

-- **Jane Doe, Inc.**

Jane Doe, Inc. is a MA statewide organization. Their website also includes a map of the domestic and sexual violence agencies that exist in Massachusetts.

[www.janedoe.org](http://www.janedoe.org)

-- **Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence**

Provides training for faith communities on how to be a safe community. Based in Boston, but provides online resources as well.

[www.interfaithpartners.org](http://www.interfaithpartners.org)

**-- Safe Passage**

Serves the Northampton area; provides legal aid, counseling, hotline, training, and more.

[www.safepass.org](http://www.safepass.org)

**-- HAWC (Healing Abuse, Working for Change)**

Serves the North Shore area, offering a wide variety of services and resources free of charge.

<http://hawcdv.org>

24-hour hotline: 1-800-547-1649

**-- YWCA of Western MA**

Serves the Western MA area; office in Springfield. Offers many resources to empower women and foster safety.

[www.ywworks.org](http://www.ywworks.org)

24-hour hotlines:

Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault

(413) 733 - 7100 (TTY/V)

(800) 796 - 8711 (TTY/V)

Spanish-language

(800) 223 - 5001