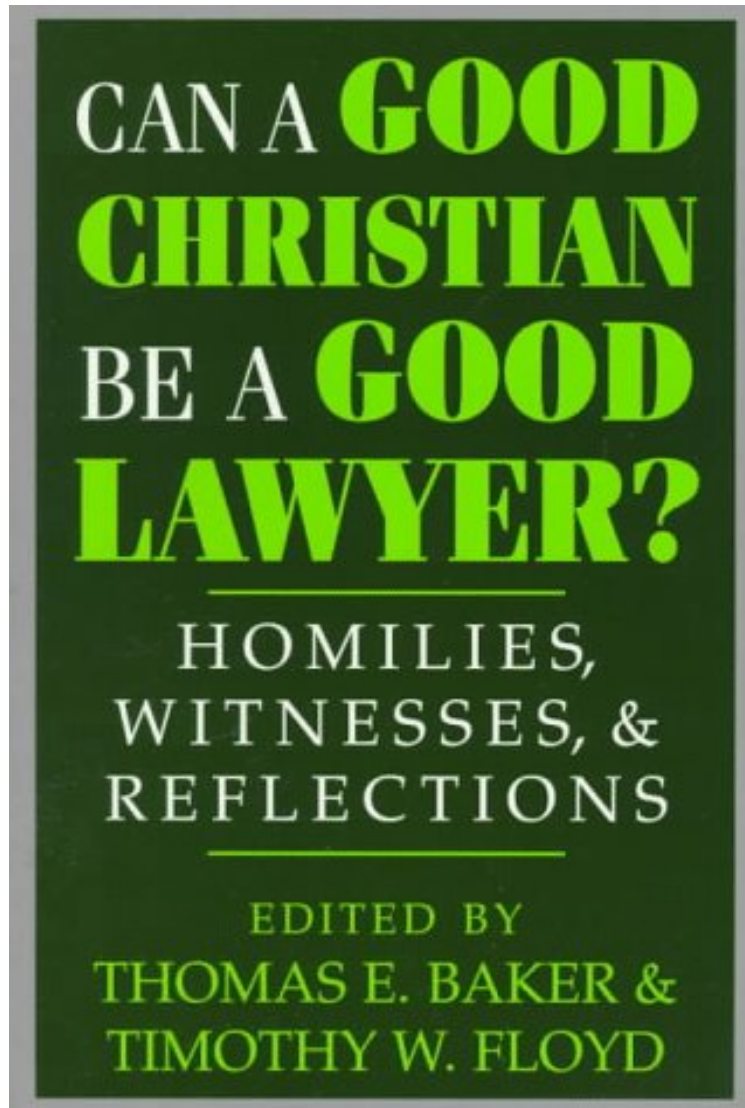


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not just for lawyers, but for all who struggle with everyday life and ethics. By Festge042 This collection is from a symposium held in the 1990s. It includes some excellent essays, particularly by the generation of attorneys who saw/participated in the civil rights movement in the 50s and 60s and matured in their practices in the 80s and 90s. Not surprisingly, it includes writings by individuals who became attorneys and then clergy and/or central figures in para-church organizations as well as from individuals who took the reverse route from professional ministry to law and a few who do both. I was particularly moved by "Reflections on Three Stories: "Practicing" Law and Christianity at the Same Time" by Dan Edwards (now the Rt. Rev. Dan Thomas Edwards, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada[...]) The original gathering of scholars was at Texas Tech University, and while that may bring to mind arch-conservatism, this volume reflects a wide range of individuals across the social, political and religious spectrum. More familiar names include: Stephen L. Carter, Kenneth W. Star, and Joseph G. Allegritti. I am not an attorney, but am very interested in the law and its intersection with society, faith and ethics. I strongly recommend this volume to attorneys and law students for whom faith is an important aspect of their lives. It is also relevant to the rest of us that struggle with the demands of our "work" the "world" and how our faith motivates, guides, and sometimes condemns our daily actions.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Unique Insight into Lives and Minds of Christian Lawyers. By Stephen Bloom This unique collection of thoughtful essays by Christian lawyers for Christian lawyers is filled with personal insight and honest perspectives on what it means to be an attorney of faith. While you won't agree with the theological or political perspective of every author represented, the collection is balanced as a whole and worthy of prayerful reading. As a practicing attorney always seeking to better integrate my Christian values into my legal thinking and counsel, I found this to be a helpful and interesting book. It is, however, addressed to a professional legal readership and not ideal for the layperson. About the reviewer: Stephen Bloom is the author of *The Believer's Guide to Legal Issues*, which he wrote to provide helpful counsel to average Christian laypersons facing common real life legal situations.

Law professors Thomas E. Baker and Timothy W. Floyd asked some of their legal colleagues to respond to this provocative question: "Can a good Christian be a good lawyer?" Here are twenty-one highly personal narratives that answer the question of how each writer tries, sometimes but not always successfully, to be both a good Christian and a good lawyer. How does a lawyer called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ reconcile his or her faith with the secular calling to the legal profession? The editors did not set out to provide some kind of final resolution or unified consensus. Instead, they have compiled a remarkable collection of reflections by lawyers, judges, and academics who represent many different branches of Christianity. The reader is likely to find many role models to emulate and the inspiration to continue to fight the good fight in these accounts grounded in legal and Christian thought. Reading about these real-life ethical dilemmas, conflicting loyalties, and personal difficulties offers the reassurance that others have shared their ongoing struggle to rhyme their career with their faith. Although every lawyer will find *Can a Good Christian Be a Good Lawyer?* especially meaningful, these essays speak to all persons of faith who strive to practice their beliefs in their work.

Arguing that the practice of law for too many lawyers presents either a Faustian bargain or a Godfather's offer, the editors present an alternative by way of meditations, case histories, and exhortations on the integration of one's family and legal practice. While the primary intended audience is clearly lawyers, the lessons taught, experiences shared, and questions raised offer much insight to all those seeking to make their occupation a bona fide calling of the Lord. Books Culture