Readings In Christian Ethics: A Historical Sourcebook
Readings in Christian Ethics presents in one volume the most consequential ethical writings from
the earliest days of Christianity through the late twentieth century. Introductory material for each
selection is provided to help set each piece in its proper historical and social context.

Wesley Seminary professors Wogaman and Strong have fashioned a useful tool for the study of the
development and diversity of Christian ethics. This long-overdue sourcebook contains primary
readings on Christian ethics from early Christianity to the 20th century. Writings as diverse as
Clement of Alexandria’s “Somata,” Hildegard of Bingen’s “Visions,” Sojourner Truth’s “Ain’t I a
Woman,” and James Cone’s “A Black Theology of Liberation” indicate the huge range of ethics in
theory and practice. An essential purchase for seminary libraries and a recommended purchase for
most public libraries.

J. Philip Wogaman is former Senior Minister at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington,
D.C. and former Professor of Christian Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.
Wogaman is a past president of the Society of Christian Ethics of the United States and Canada
and the author of several books on Christian ethics. Douglas M. Strong is Professor of the History of
Christianity and Dean of the College at the Seattle Pacific University School of Theology in Seattle,
Washington. He is the author of Reclaiming the Wesleyan Tradition: John Wesley’s Sermons for
Today.
Yes, the book is good for class, but I received the book promptly and in an efficient manner. This is so great because this was the third time I ordered the book and the semester had already started!

This is a fine compilation of primary sources that provides a good picture of the development of Christian ethics from the birth of the church up through today. Obviously, covering 2000 years in 400 pages means Wogaman & Strong could only include selections of ethical writings from each figure, but this allows them to provide a diverse sampling from each time period from church history. This is a solid one volume historical sourcebook for Christian ethics. (Note the two-star review below still commends it as great study resource. They just found it drier than expected.)

It's great for ancient bible scholars, but very difficult to read. Not what I would call a summer read. This is for studying.

Download to continue reading...
