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Footnotes: The Coddling of the American Church + Carlus Gupton + The Future of Print

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I want both. But for now, for items that they plan on spending more than 30
purchase print books and electronic books because our patrons continue to
As long as people read and as long as they prefer to read on pages rather
death of print books. Instead, it would be the fault of Netflix.
This, of course, presumes that people are still interested in reading. If they
All of this is not necessarily true for books. The potential shift from print
impossible to produce and distribute newspapers the way they once did.
Because they cut the cord as people do with cable). It is financially
the deaths suffered in the earlier paragraph (online ads don't pay nearly
impossible to produce and distribute newspapers the way they once did.
Basically, newspapers had massive revenues that covered massive
expenses. Now, pull out a few pieces of that revenue: 1) Craigslist kills the
That's all it took. Three losses meant three streams of revenue gone. No one
to deliver the paper.

Let's suppose a daily newspaper charged .75 per issue and was delivered to
the block with a single hole-puncher in one hand and a metal ring of cards
needed money, that sum funded a headquarters, newsroom, human resources,
Print newspapers operated on a business model where large, far-reaching
Print news was killed by everything else in the paper.
problems for print books. I understand why someone would associate the
convince you otherwise, print books are in a good place for now.
Last year we added nearly 3,000 print titles to

may be challenged by the choices you have to make but you don't feel the
guide and direct the affairs of your home to the best possible outcome. You
enjoyable or pleasurable for every member of the family. You still need to
We hinder our ability to move forward with visions of hope, inspiration, and
make them as comfortable as possible. This is only human nature and I
members feel hurt, ignored, or threatened.
small group leader make sure everyone in their group is involved in a
call of the gospel within our Christian community and the truth of the
What are some examples of churches coddling their members?
What do we mean by coddling our members?

community's expectations for relational intimacy (discipleship and partnership)
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1. Although the minister cannot provide advice, the leader can help members
2. I have found that wisdom must prevail in all circumstances that we
3. It is important to give people language to help them voice what would

The leader's disposition and how he processes the challenges are the
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