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Dr. Les Hardin is Professor of New Testament at Johnson University Florida. His primary areas of expertise are Life of Christ, Greek, Christian Spirituality, and Revelation. Dr. Hardin holds a B.A. in Biblical Studies, an M.A. in New Testament Studies, and a Master of Divinity in New Testament from Cincinnati Bible Seminary. He also holds a Doctor in Ministry in Spiritual Formation from Ashland Theological Seminary. He has served local churches in Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, and Florida, as both a staff member and an Elder. He is currently a member of Kissimmee Christian Church.

In addition to his ministry experience in the local church, he has also taught as an Adjunct Professor for Great Lakes Christian College, Lincoln Christian Seminary, and Cincinnati Christian University.

Dr. Hardin is the author of *Letters for Micah: Navigating the Internal Dynamics of Your First Ministry* (Wipf and Stock, 2008), and *Rooted in Christ: A Beginner's Guide to the Christian Life* (Lulu, 2012). His recent book, *The Spirituality of Paul* (Kregel, 2016), is a follow-up to *The Spirituality of Jesus* (Kregel, 2009), which was a finalist for ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year Award.

Les has co-authored three books with his family: *Giving Away Christmas* (Lulu, 2010), *The Spirit of the Holidays* (Lulu, 2011), and *In Our Own Back Yard* (Lulu, 2012).

Publicly, Dr. Hardin might never admit it, but he is a medal-winning racquetball player, an avid cyclist, an assistant coach for the Orlando Road Club Junior Development Team, loves the Detroit Red Wings, and has read the entire *Anne of Green Gables* series!

Interesting Facts

- My daughter (Leah; 13) and I rode our bikes across Florida over 2 days on Thanksgiving Break (2014).
- Former tournament racquetball player (multiple medals at the Florida Open, Florida State Singles Championships, and Sunshine State Games)
- Board Member and Assistant Coach for the Orlando Road Club Junior Cycling Team (riding 100-120 miles/week)
- I have read the entire Anne of Green Gables series. I've actually been to Green Gables on Prince Edward Island.
- Born 15 miles from Cane Ridge (Carlisle, KY)
- Grew up in a church founded by Barton W. Stone (Carlisle Christian Church, KY)
- Wife (Kara) and four children (Kayla, Karissa, Micah, Leah).
- Coordinator of the Student Paper Competition for Stone-Campbell Journal Conference (was a judge for 6 years prior to running it).
- Consulting Editor for Stone-Campbell Journal
- Avid Kentucky Basketball and Detroit Red Wings fan!