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When the spiritual gift of leadership comes alive in churches everywhere, the church will become the hope of the world and a most influential force for good. People are leaving the church J.D. Greear pastors. Big givers. Key volunteers. Some of his best leaders and friends. And that's exactly how he wants it to be. When Jesus gave his disciples the Great Commission, he revealed that the key for reaching the world with the gospel is found in sending, not gathering. Though many churches focus time and energy on attracting people and counting numbers, the real mission of the church isn't how many people you can gather. It's about training up disciples and then sending them out. The true measure of success for a church should be its sending capacity, not its seating capacity. But there is a cost to this. To see ministry multiply, we must release the seeds God has placed in our hands. And to do that, we must ask ourselves whether we are concerned more with building our kingdom or God's. In *Gaining By Losing*, J.D. Greear unpacks ten plumb lines that you can use to reorient your church's

priorities around God's mission to reach a lost world. The good news is that you don't need to choose between gathering or sending. Effective churches can, and must, do both. Surveys of pastoral staff repeatedly show that senior or supervising pastors consistently rate their working relationships with their associate staff members higher than do the associate staff members. Satisfaction levels follow similar patterns. In many cases, supervisors are not aware of or attentive to the concerns of their staff, and yet, these staff members are critical to the success of the church. *Supervising and Supporting Ministry Staff* is a research-based guide to the senior/associate staff relationship that is filled with real-life stories and practical advice to help readers negotiate their staff relationships successfully. The book focuses not only on the business mechanics of the supervisor/supervisee relationship, but also the full experiences of the associate staff, including emotional and spiritual needs. This helpful resource addresses congregations of all sizes across denominations and discusses a range of supervisor/supervisee relationship types. What is the one aspect of this broken world that, when you see it, touch it, get near it, you just can't stand? Very likely, that firestorm of frustration reflects your holy discontent, a reality so troubling that you are thrust off the couch and into the game. It's during these defining times when your eyes open to the needs surrounding you and your heart hungers to respond that you hear God

say, “I feel the same way about this problem. Now, let’s go solve it together!” Bill Hybels invites you to consider the dramatic impact your life will have when you allow your holy discontent to fuel instead of frustrate you. Using examples from the Bible, his own life, and the experiences of others, Hybels shows how you can find and feed your personal area of holy discontent, fight for it when things get risky, and follow it when it takes a mid-course turn. As you live from the energy of your holy discontent, you’ll fulfill your role in setting what is wrong in this world right! The best boards are at the very heart of the institutions that they govern. They nurture, provide an ethical weathervane and serve as a trustee of the "community good." While an organization is given a current identity by the skill and charisma of its paid executives, the heritage and future of the organization is the sole province of the board. With those words Jim Norvell launches us into a valuable collection of statements to remind board members of their responsibilities and help them reach their objectives. His use of matching quotes from the famous and nearly so are both humorous and thought provoking. It's a book every nonprofit board member should have within arm's reach. The author of Holy Discontent shares the importance in recognizing God whispers and challenges readers to be attentive in this process and to walk in obedience, knowing without a doubt that God's whispers are always worth listening to. People are desperate for

leaders who are credible – those who possess a moral center and exhibit sound leadership skills. Given our global realities, we need strategic leaders who possess cultural intelligence and theological discernment. The aim of this book is to shape such leaders. Each chapter combines careful research with contributions from leaders around the world. These voices bring much-needed insight to leadership issues when translated and applied in different settings, especially the many urban multi-cultural contexts that exist today. Present and emerging leaders, no matter the culture or field, will find this book invaluable in sustaining their call to godly leadership. Faced with the ups and downs of life, love, and fortune, the ancient Greeks shrugged their shoulders and quoted—or created—an apt proverb. Aristotle, for example, observed, “Democracy is the worst form of despotism.” Pindar instructed, “Praise old wine, but new poetry.” These proverbs are as earthy, direct, sharp, and vivid today as when they were first uttered. The best of these nuggets of wisdom and observation have been collected in this attractive gift book, which is delightfully and humorously illustrated in a Grecian mode. Each proverb is provided in both Ancient and Modern Greek alongside its English translation. Tommy Newberry's message is simple, relevant, powerful, and timeless. In this New York Times bestseller, Newberry takes a single biblical principle and teaches us how one simple truth can magnify the joy we experience in our

marriage, with our parenting, and in our life as a whole. Unfortunately, we live in a society bent on nursing old wounds and highlighting what is wrong with just about everything. As a result, we have grown accustomed to viewing the world, our lives, and ourselves through a lens of negativity—and that negativity stands in direct contrast to the passionate, purpose-filled people God wants us to be. This is where *The 4:8 Principle* grabs our attention. First, the author skillfully persuades us to acknowledge the link between the thoughts we choose to think and the joy we experience. Next, he shows us how we can grow our potential for joy by refusing to dwell upon the problems and pressures that are enduring and inevitable. Finally, he challenges us to pay the price of joy by becoming “extraordinarily picky” about what we read, watch, and listen to on a consistent basis. The strength of the book, though, is in Newberry's ability to clearly explain how to put this principle into daily practice through a series of quick, easy and even fun adjustments. *The 4:8 Principle* is loaded with specific suggestions and helpful advice for going beyond the ordinary and experiencing life as it was meant to be. NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A stunning “portrait of the enduring grace of friendship” (NPR) about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. A masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century. A NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • A MAN BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST • WINNER OF

**THE KIRKUS PRIZE** *A Little Life* follows four college classmates—broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition—as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma. A hymn to brotherly bonds and a masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century, Hanya Yanagihara’s stunning novel is about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. Look for Hanya Yanagihara’s new novel, *To Paradise*, coming in January 2022. The urgent need for prayer in today's broken world is clear, but busyness still keeps many of us from finding time to pray. So Bill Hybels offers us his practical, time-tested ideas on slowing down to pray. In this four-session video Bible study based on Hybels's classic book on prayer, *Too Busy Not to Pray* calls both young and old to make prayer a priority, broadening the vision for what our eternal, powerful God does when his people slow down to pray. The coordinating *Too Busy Not to Pray Study Guide* (sold separately) leads individuals and small groups through discussion topics, group activities, and in-between-studies assignments. In *Too Busy Not to Pray*, you and your small group will learn: The importance of a consistent time and place for prayer How to organize prayers according to tried-and-true frameworks How to hear the

Spirit's promptings To love prayer time Hybels helps you slow down, listen to God, and learn how to respond. As a result, you will grow closer to God and experience the benefits of spending time with him. “Scot and Laura do an amazing job of teaching us what a good church looks like.” —Beth Moore

What is the way forward for the church? Tragically, in recent years, Christians have gotten used to revelations of abuses of many kinds in our most respected churches—from Willow Creek to Harvest, from Southern Baptist pastors to Sovereign Grace churches. Respected author and theologian Scot McKnight and former Willow Creek member Laura Barringer wrote this book to paint a pathway forward for the church. We need a better way. The sad truth is that churches of all shapes and sizes are susceptible to abuses of power, sexual abuse, and spiritual abuse. Abuses occur most frequently when Christians neglect to create a culture that resists abuse and promotes healing, safety, and spiritual growth. How do we keep these devastating events from repeating themselves? We need a map to get us from where we are today to where we ought to be as the body of Christ. That map is in a mysterious and beautiful little Hebrew word in Scripture that we translate “good,” the word *tov*. In this book, McKnight and Barringer explore the concept of *tov*—unpacking its richness and how it can help Christians and churches rise up to fulfill their true calling as imitators of Jesus. Clear Focus . . . . . is primarily for Christian school



educators, but I believe this is a must-read for every single Christian. I was both convicted and challenged in my everyday walk with the Lord. Dr. Glen Schultz, Author of Kingdom Education ... helps us to refocus on “who” so that the tyranny of “what” does not rob us of the joy of ministry. This is a must-read for anyone ministering in Christian schooling. Dr. Daniel Egeler, President of the Association of Christian Schools International Clear Focus encourages and equips Christian educators to regain vision, purpose, and fulfillment in ministry. With a passion for discipleship, Stephen shares rich insights through compelling stories and biblical applications. He also draws on his experience from two tours of duty in the United States Marine Corps. In a world full of distractions, maintaining focus can be difficult if not impossible. When we focus intently on “who,” we begin to escape the tyranny of “what,” which steals the joy from our lives and service. Jesus perfectly modeled this for us. Follow Him through any day of His ministry, and you will see His focus is always on a who. Ours should be too. 8,789 Words Of Wisdom is brimming with great advice, maxims, sayings and saws, proverbs, precepts and truths-8,789 of them, to be exact. Turn to any spot in the book and there is the secret to living a happier, healthier, saner, more productive life. Learn to unlearn. Appreciate the questions as much as the answers. Stretch beyond what is comfortable. There are folksy expressions polished smooth over time: If you think you

can, you can. Experience is the best teacher. Quotes: Those who know don't speak, those who speak don't know (Lao-tzu). Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there (Will Rogers). Unexpected turns: Listen with your eyes. Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgment. Taken together it's the ultimate source of self-improvement. The Three Cs provide you with a primer on how to build, enhance, and protect your career. This primer is the product of what the author learned and what has been shared with hundreds of individuals on a one-on-one basis in recent years. This plan of action characterizing, connecting, and communicating is not the best plan. It is not the only plan. It is just a proven plan. No matter how big an organization, we all do ministry with a team, whether paid or volunteer. Anyone who has been part of a great team knows it's something special. When there is good chemistry, everyone is operating from their sweet spot, the objectives are clear, and kingdom progress is being made, it is incredibly fulfilling and fun. On the flip side, we're painfully aware what happens when there is dysfunction in the team--stress, tension, politics, and posturing. It's not much fun for anyone, and we end up squandering our divine assignment. Lance Witt, founder of Replenish ministries and a former executive and teaching pastor at Saddleback Church, knows what it takes to keep teams functioning at the highest level of impact. He shows leaders how to build

next-level teams that are spiritually, emotionally, and relationally healthy and productive and high-performing. Short, to-the-point chapters make the book easy to digest and the perfect resource for your team to read through together. The book you hold resonates with this conviction: that leaders such as you have the potential to be the most influential forces on planet Earth. Yours is the staggering responsibility and the matchless privilege of rallying believers and mobilizing their spiritual gifts in order to help people who are far from God become fully devoted followers of Christ. Life transformation and the eternal destinies of real people depend on the redemptive message entrusted to the local church. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to lead your church effectively so God's message of hope can change the world? Then this book is for you. *Courageous Leadership* is Bill Hybels' magnum opus, a book far too important to be written before its time. Only now, after nearly thirty years leading his own church from a handful of people with a burning vision into a globe-spanning kingdom force—only after almost three decades of victories and setbacks, of praying hard and risking big—is Hybels ready at last to share the lessons he has learned, and continues to learn, about Christian leadership. Too much is at stake for you not to maximize your spiritual gift of leadership, insists Hybels. In this passionate, powerful book, he unpacks the tools, tasks, and challenges of your calling. You'll discover the

power of vision and how to turn it into action. You'll gain frontline insights for developing a kingdom dream team, discovering your leadership style, developing other leaders, making decisions, walking with God, embracing change, staying your God-given course, and much, much more. Drawing on his own richly varied life experiences, Hybels fleshes out vital principles with riveting firsthand stories. This is far more than another book on leadership strategies and techniques. You'll find those topics in here, to be sure. But beyond them, you'll find the very essence of one of today's foremost Christian leaders—his fervent commitment to evangelism and discipleship and his zeal to inspire fellow church leaders even as he seeks to keep growing as a leader himself. If unchurched people matter to you . . . if you love seeing believers serve passionately with their spiritual gifts . . . if God's heartbeat for the church is your heartbeat as well . . . then this book is a must. *Courageous Leadership* will convince you to lead with all your might, all your skill, and all your faith. And it will give you the tools to do just that. *The Tortoise Usually Wins* is a delightful exploration of the theory of quiet leadership. Written for reluctant leaders, it interacts with three key biblical images of leadership - the leader as servant, shepherd and steward - and links them with some of the key virtues of quiet leadership - modesty, restraint, tenacity, interdependence and other-centeredness. Exploding the myth that the

good is the enemy of the best, it argues that the reverse is more often true, with images of unattainable perfection crippling competent people from getting on with the task of doing genuinely good things. The book strips leadership of some of its mystique, arguing that the bulk of leadership is about helping groups decide the right things to do and then getting on and doing them in an atmosphere that brings the best out of others. Brian Harris is the principal of a highly regarded theological seminary and also pastors a thriving local church, so the book carries the wisdom of both professor and pastor, satisfying the reader both intellectually and practically. These insights are supplemented by interviews with significant quiet leaders from around the world, ensuring a rich feast for prospective and current reluctant leaders. 'Books on leadership are today two a penny. Just occasionally, however, one of these books might stand head and shoulders above most of the others, and to my delight *The Tortoise Usually Wins* falls into that category. Furthermore, so many books on leadership are written for natural leaders; whereas, as the author makes clear, most churches are led by "quiet leaders" who know they are not great, but nonetheless, are "tenacious and committed to the task and willing to work co-operatively with others to achieve it". I can see many church leaders benefitting from this book. I warmly commend this unusual book.' Paul Beasley-Murray, Senior Minister, Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford; Chair of

Ministry Today UK Is it possible for church leaders to use biblical and secular leadership concepts in a way that keeps Christ—not the marketplace—at the center of their mission? Drawing on biblical material and business wisdom, *In Pursuit of Great AND Godly Leadership* explores the critical leadership decisions and practices that shape the success of Christian organizations. These decisions are illustrated in compelling interviews with over forty leaders of churches, universities, denominational bodies, and international ministries. Mike Bonem leverages his background as an MBA-trained manager and an experienced church leader to bridge the gap between the analytical and structured world of business and the faith-driven approach that is essential for healthy churches. Written to offer practical solutions for senior pastors, executive pastors, key laypeople, and leaders of other Christian entities, *In Pursuit of Great AND Godly Leadership* clearly shows the ways that secular practices can be imported into their organizations. Bonem addresses a variety of topics such as planning, finances, personnel management, measurement, team dynamics, and organizational change. In doing so, he points to the AND that every spiritual organization should strive to achieve. God gives each of us the same 168 hours every week. Some of us seem to use that time with incredible efficiency and power. But for many others this is an area of frustrating deficiency. *Time Management for Christian*

Leaders challenges leaders to evaluate goals, and teaches practical techniques for improvement. Author and coach Ken Willard reveals ways we inadvertently waste time, and offers solutions in a step-by-step process at the reader's own pace. This book is engaging, easy to read, and even entertaining. Most importantly, it is full of information that can transform the Christian leader's ministry and life. You will want to keep this book close at hand, to read again and again. These strategies, insights and coaching questions help readers to really manage their time. Or, as the title suggests, to Squeeze Blood from a Turnip. --J. Val Hastings, MCC, Founder & President of Coaching4Clergy & Coaching4BusinessLeaders Insightful, practical help for leaders! Time Management for Christian Leaders is a wonderful tool for laity. The principles in this book can open us to allow God to produce greater fruit for the Kingdom.--Brian Hammons, Conference Lay Leader -- Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church If you're looking for more abundant living, this book is for you. Ken's biblically grounded approach produces practical strategies for today's time-pressed Christian leaders.--Beth Caulfield, Director of Small Groups and Team Vital Champion, The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey This book offers both personal coaching and ways to make your church or faith-based organization more effective. Are you ready to be coached? Prepare to be both motivated and encouraged

by this book. You'll walk away from it more focused on your core values and on God's path for you. --Jim Barber, Executive Director, Society for Church Consulting; President, Barber Church Consulting

Life in ministry moves fast, and this potent book can help us to do more of what we are meant to do. --Aubrey Malphurs, Founder of The Malphurs Group; Professor of Leadership and Pastoral Ministries, Dallas Seminary

The best leaders not only lead well but also reflect on their leadership long enough and thoughtfully enough to articulate the philosophies that cause them to do so. Whether serving in the marketplace or in ministry, as executives or rank-and-file employees, as salaried staff or volunteer servants, good leaders can pinpoint the rationale for their actions and decisions with the ease of reciting their home address. In *Axiom*: author Bill Hybels divulges the God-given convictions that have dictated his leadership strategy for more than three decades as senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church. Oriented toward four key leadership categories ...

1. Vision and strategy ('Promote Shameless Profitability, ' 'Take a Flyer')
2. Teamwork and communication ('Obi-Wan Kenobi Isn't for Hire, ' 'Disagree without Drawing Blood')
3. Activity and assessment ('Develop a Mole System, ' 'Sweat the Small Stuff')
4. Personal integrity ('Admit Mistakes, and Your Stock Goes Up, ' 'Fight for Your Family')

...*Axiom* brokers accessible wisdom from one leader's journey, as well as emboldens you to nail down



the reasons why you lead like you lead. Any vision that underestimates the importance of leadership transition is incomplete. After all, God's purposes have longer shelf lives than His leaders. *Dancing with Cinderella* outlines several core principles drawn from Jeff Harlow's leadership transition as the senior pastor of a church of over 3000 members. It serves to help other leaders navigate the organizational, relational, and emotional details of a leadership transition without losing momentum. It doesn't matter if you're the leader of a small or large church, old or plant church, traditional or contemporary church, obscure or iconic church; an unhealthy leadership transition hurts people and cripples mission. Jeff's story will help leaders, teams, and the members of a church think through the principles of transition as they prepare for the exit of a current pastor and the entrance of their new leader. This book addresses many of the questions that a transition raises: • Why are transitions so hard? • What is really at the heart of the transition? • How do the objectives of a leader change after the transition starts? • How do departing leaders define future boundaries? In these pages you can discover how to do transition right, so you don't have to figure out why it went wrong. On first publication in the 1960s, "Honest to God" did more than instigate a passionate debate about the nature of Christian belief in a secular revolution. It epitomised the revolutionary mood of the era and articulated the anxieties of a

generation. “No! Not another book on leadership!’ That was my first reaction as I received the manuscript of this book. Upon careful reading, I came to realize that Dr. Enlow has artistically captured the essence of leading by influence and has presented it in a clear and colorful way. As a veteran leader, Dr. Enlow speaks from vast experience, but it is not merely subjective anecdotal experience. The book is firmly rooted in serious and current research. As I meet leaders from all over the globe, I am no longer hesitant what to recommend them to read.” —Riad Kassis, director of Langham Scholars Ministry; international director of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education “This book under-promises and over-delivers with a powerful palette of leadership wisdom. But drop everything—right now—and read the warning in the last chapter on doxological leadership. ... I am recommending this book to all my clients—and I will likely reread this gem once a year. It’s that important.” —John Pearson, consultant ([www.johnpearsonassociates.com](http://www.johnpearsonassociates.com)) and author of *Mastering the Management Buckets* Evangelism doesn't have to be frustrating or intimidating. We just need encouragement and direction. In *Crossing the Line of Faith* you will discover how to build spiritually strategic relationships, to direct conversations toward matters of faith, and to share biblical truths in everyday language. This easy-to-read book presents a blueprint for starting a spiritual epidemic of hope and enthusiasm

for spreading the Gospel. Winning leaders have winning points of view---succinct, practical, portable leadership proverbs that help them arbitrate decisions and rouse troops to action. In Axiom, Bill Hybels reveals eighty God-given, from-the-gut truths that continue to raise his game and his vision, thirty-plus years into his local-church leadership experience. The book of Proverbs is a cornucopia of practical wisdom on a variety of topics. The insights and truths covered in this book of ancient Hebrew Wisdom literature run the gamut including the nature of true wisdom and understanding, vices and virtues, relationships and roles, priorities, planning for the future, how to communicate, and how to manage one's resources. In recent decades, the book of Proverbs has increasingly become the focus of attention for Christians who wish to live lives more in tune with God's principles. In particular, Christian thinkers have begun to correlate biblical principles with the study of effective leadership. Yost examines the subject of godly leadership by using the book of Proverbs as his springboard. This is a scholarly, yet deeply devotional, study of the leader's priorities, the leader's plans, and the leader's speech. Once you have read this book, you will never look at the book of Proverbs or the subject of leadership the same way again. Every leader functions on two stages--the front stage or public world, and the back stage or private world. One cannot lead successfully front stage when one is completely

depleted back stage. In a time when pastors are leaving the ministry in record numbers due to cynicism, disillusionment, weariness, and personal scandals, there is an urgent need for soul care in the private lives of leaders. Replenish helps leaders focus on the back stage, the interior life, in order to remain spiritually healthy. In a caring, encouraging tone, it will show pastors how to prioritize matters of the soul develop healthy spiritual practices address problems that lead to burnout create a healthy rhythm in their lives improve their people skills and the spiritual climate of their team develop better systems in their churches discover how to lead an unhurried life For the many ministry leaders who feel alone, in over their heads, or simply worn out, this book will offer welcome relief and a healthy way forward. Michael White and Tom Corcoran sparked a firestorm in 2013 with their first book, Rebuilt, the story of how they brought their parish back to life. In Rebuilding Your Message, the award-winning authors now share their carefully honed communication practices to help priests, staff, volunteers, and parishioners better proclaim the irresistible and life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ at every level. A parish doesn't just communicate its mission from the pulpit. Teaching and preaching also happen in classes and small groups, in bulletins, on the church website and social media, and through volunteers who welcome visitors through its doors. In Rebuilding Your Message, Michael White and Tom

Corcoran—authors of the bestselling books *Rebuilt* and *Tools for Rebuilding*—share dozens of strategies to help Catholic parishes establish and sustain excellent communications. White and Corcoran believe that every parishioner should be engaged in communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ. The authors push Catholics beyond the status quo with practical help for creating a welcoming church, practicing homilies, and preparing lessons, as well as more complex strategies such as developing a message series that connects all forms of communication to both the liturgical year and the seasons of the local community. *An In-Depth, Biblical Guide for Successfully Raising Personal Support* Break through the fundraising fears and financial barriers keeping you from full-time ministry. *Funding Your Ministry* will answer your questions and put you on the biblical path for recruiting and maintaining donor support. Updated, Third Edition International funding coach Scott Morton has expanded his popular resource with new sections on: social media, email best practices, proven principles for gospel-workers around the globe, stewardship and budget management, and a leader's guide for encouraging fundraisers. *Funding Your Ministry* will help you become a joyful and courageous fundraiser, develop a Biblical view of requesting support, build long-term donor relationships, overcome fundraising blind spots, strengthen your stewardship, and reach over 100% of your goal. You've studied

everything you think you need to know before entering a career in ministry. But how well do you know yourself? Serving as a pastor is tough, but it can be fulfilling and rewarding if you take the time to examine both your gifts and vulnerabilities. The church needs leaders who have the clear-eyed courage to pursue the hard journey of self-examination. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving mega-churches and innovative business leaders while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic center of Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story to how they brought their parish back to life. Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter is a story of stopping everything and changing focus. When their parish reached a breaking point, White and Corcoran asked themselves how they could make the Church matter to Catholics, and they realized the answer was at the heart of the Gospel. Their faithful response not only tripled their weekend mass attendance, but also yielded increased giving, flourishing ministries, and a vibrant, solidly Catholic spiritual revival. White and Corcoran invite all Catholic leaders to share the vision, borrow their strategies, and rebuild their own parishes. They offer a wealth of guidance for anyone with the courage to hear them. Almost every organization has a vision. Few ever accomplish it. Even after short-term success in it, fewer stay true to it over time. Be Mean:

Relentlessly Protecting the Vision is about regaining or sustaining the trajectory of the vision over time. It's about staying true to the vision. Lovejoy explains that this requires understanding the importance of vision, developing a vision we're willing to die for, and keeping the vision from being compromised or even hijacked. Though many books have been written on the subject of developing mission or vision statements, there have been few written on how to sustain or protect the vision over time. Shawn has dealt with hundreds of leaders in ministry and has seen countless struggle with keeping everyone on board with the mission and how to align the rest of the organization with the vision. Shawn Lovejoy walks the church leader through the experiences that have taught him to Be Mean, and shows us a strategy of Relentlessly Protecting the Vision. Why bother with church? Can't I follow Jesus on my own? Christians young and old struggle to answer these questions, believing Scripture says little about church life. But the Bible is far from silent. The New Testament envisions a vibrant church of devoted brothers and sisters adopted into God's family. The biblical image of the church family has the power to reshape everything our local churches do—the ways pastors lead, how members engage one another, what worship leaders sing, and much more. Now is the time to reclaim a biblical vision of the church as a family and reject the prevailing corporate-church paradigm assumed by church growth

gurus. The church that thinks of itself as a family will learn to build meaningful relationships and show the unbelieving world how good church life can be. Author and leading speaker on leadership issues within the church, Don Cousins presents an essential guide for rescuing the church from a marketplace mentality. This book will be attractive to all ministers who are seeking to understand how leadership works and why it can be so difficult. It would be useful as a study book for lay ministers as well and for all who take up a leadership role in local churches. It could also be attractive to lay people who as disciples seek to lead in their places of work with Christian values and behaviours. Do you have anyone in your life who can't seem to stick with a project, meet a deadline, or even clean up after themselves? All of us feel we deserve special treatment sometimes. Some people live with this entitled attitude, such as: Professionals who wander from job to job looking for a boss who will see them as amazing as they consider themselves to be--whether they're productive or not Young adults who refuse to grow up and so go nowhere Spouses or dates who believe, "I'm special, and I deserve more than you're giving me" Leaders who expect special treatment because of their position, not because of their character If you have a difficult relationship with an entitled person, or if you have discovered entitlement in yourself, understand this: It doesn't have to stay this way. There is a cure. It's called the Hard



Way and it works. In *The Entitlement Cure*, Dr. John Townsend explains that the Hard Way is a habit that focuses on doing whatever is needed even if it is difficult, uncomfortable, takes longer, and requires more energy. Dr. Townsend offers daily steps, such as risk-taking, to help you or those you love choose the Hard Way. Ultimately, entitlement fails us. We don't develop the character abilities and relationships necessary to reach success and become the people God intended us to be. By contrast, Hard Way people have better relationships, reach their goals, have a clear job direction, enjoy rich spiritual growth, and are equipped to face and solve challenges. As Dr. Townsend writes, "Stand against entitlement in every form in which it manifests itself. Resolve your own tendencies toward the disease. Be a loving and firm force for helping those in its trap to find life and hope. And you will make the world a better place." Discover why the Hard Way is the best way in this practical guide to true success. "By filling one's head instead of one's pocket, one cannot be robbed." The appeal of Chinese proverbs is profound and universal. With brevity, clarity, and simplicity, these carefully chosen words help pass wisdom and insight throughout the ages. This timeless, eloquent collection of proverbs offers fundamental truths about the natural world and the human condition, on subjects such as: Ability • Adversity • Beauty • Character • Conflict Cooperation • Deception • Defeat • Fortune •

Greed • Happiness Honor • Inspiration • Knowledge • Leadership • Love Moderation • Necessity • Neighbors • Obstinance • Opportunity Perseverance • Pride • Sincerity • Strategy • Success Thought • Trust • Victory • Wisdom • And More "With our thoughts we must build our world." Based on the book of Proverbs and Bill Hybels's Making Life Work, this study guide will help you develop discipline, speak truth and strengthen relationships--equipping you to think and act out of godly wisdom.

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