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Growing in Leadership

Growing in your leadership is a journey, but know this, it is a skill that you can develop. How do I know this? Because everyone is a leader! John C. Maxwell succinctly stated, "Leadership is influence. Nothing more, and nothing less."

The type of leader you become is up to you. Just like learning to play a musical instrument take time and practice, learning to play well takes good coaching (by a music teacher), time, and practicing correctly. But it you surround yourself with good teachers, practice correctly, over time you will become a good musician. The same is with leadership. Surround yourself with the right mentors (through books, podcasts, and people in your community), apply what you learn, over time you will become a great leader.

One thing to note… if I'm needing brain surgery, I'm going to be looking for the best brain surgeon I can find. I'm not going to be taking financial advice or spiritual advice from him, although he might have some good advice. I'm wanting to have a successful surgery. In the same way, some leaders might have some pour theology or hang out with people who I don't agree with in other areas. But if they're a good leader, I can still learn something from them. Someone once wisely stated, "Armed with enough humility, a leader can learn something from anyone." May we take this to heart and apply it to our lives.

Remember, the key in receiving counsel from others (directly or indirectly) is to filter everything we hear and learn through the lens and filter of scripture. As we do that, and if we have enough humility, we truly can learn something from anyone.

Here are some recommended resources to help you in your journey. (Hyperlinks are in each image)
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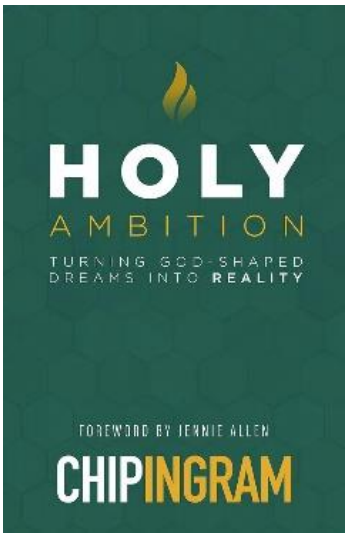
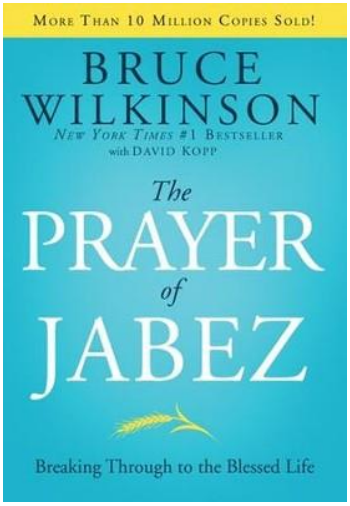


Holy Ambition, by Chip Ingraham
God is a doer of great things. Isn't it time you joined His big plans?

Human ambition is often rooted in pride. But "holy ambition"? That's something else! When your ambitions aren't about your own glory but God's, you'll find Him to be a source of empowerment that you can't get anywhere else.

Chip Ingram invites you into something more daring than your current life. Holy Ambition takes you to the biblical story of Nehemiah, a humble servant of the king who became a leader of his people. Nehemiah could have kept his comfortable position in the palace, but instead he chose a radical path that allowed him to do amazing things for God. You can too! But you're going to have to take some risks. And that means you've got to put aside fear or pride and start acting on your holy ambitions.

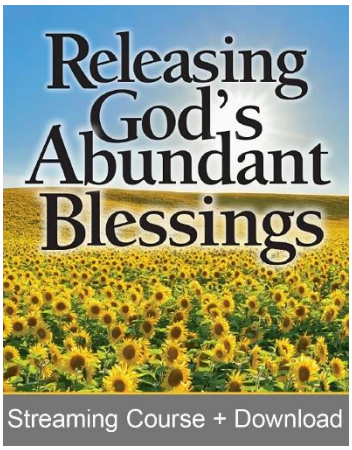
No more living in the boring middle. Start living on the edge of God's groundbreaking work, and experience the exuberance of being on mission for Him!



Prayer of Jabez, by Bruce Wilkinson
Simple Prayer, Dramatic Life-Change

It's a timeless prayer that produces timely results! Bruce Wilkinson takes readers to 1 Chronicles 4:10 to discover how they can release God's miraculous power and experience the blessings God longs to give each of us. The life of Jabez, one of the Bible's most overlooked heroes of the faith, bursts from unbroken pages of genealogies in an audacious, fourpart prayer that brings him an extraordinary measure of divine favor, anointing, and protection. Readers who commit to offering the same prayer on a regular basis will find themselves extravagantly blessed by God, and agents of His miraculous power, in everyday life.

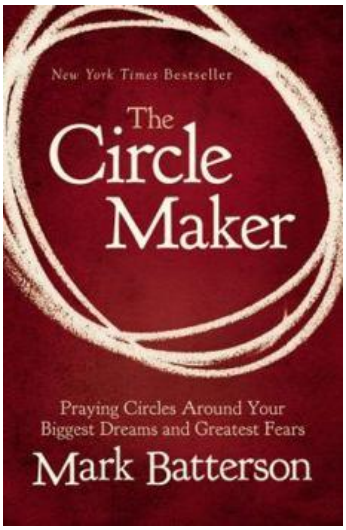
Are you ready to reach for the extraordinary? To ask God for the abundant blessings He longs to give you? Join Bruce Wilkinson to discover how the remarkable prayer of a little-known Bible hero can release God's favor, power, and protection. You'll see how one daily prayer can help you leave the past behind—and break through to the life you were meant to live.



Prayer of Jabez Video Series (New title: Releasing God's Abundant Blessings)
We all yearn for a life full of blessings from our heavenly Father. The Bible commands us to ask for "good gifts" from God, but how should we ask, and how do we receive these gifts?

Join Bruce Wilkinson in Teach Every Nation's 8-session, Bible-based video course, "Releasing God's Abundant Blessings." Dive into 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 and learn how to pray for and receive more of God's blessings. In each session, you'll also discover practical steps to maximize these blessings.

Based on the New York Times bestseller, *The Prayer of Jabez*, this course shows how God wants us to expand our territory in personal life, ministry, and business. Learn to release God's favor, power, and protection in all areas of your life. Experience God's miraculous power and receive the blessings He longs to give you!



The Circle Maker, by Mark Batterson

Do you ever sense that there's far more to prayer than what you're experiencing? Are you praying over your impossible dreams and greatest fears? Do you feel like something is holding you back in your prayer life?

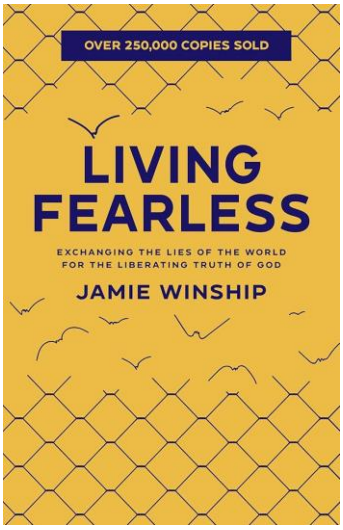
It's time you learned from the legend of Honi the Circle Maker. When his land was drought-stricken in ancient times, Honi ha-M'agel drew a circle in the sand, stepped inside it, and wouldn't budge until God answered his petition for rain. Honi's story transformed author Mark Batterson's own experience with prayer and inspired him to document his journey to praying more powerful prayers in The Circle Maker.

Sharing inspiring stories from modern-day circle makers as well as his own experiences, Mark imparts the timeless wisdom and encouragement you need to:

- Discern God's will for your life
- Uncover your heart's hidden desires
- Pursue God-sized dreams
- Connect with God in fresh ways
- Deepen your faith and your relationship with prayer
- Draw prayer circles around your family, your community, your challenges, and your dreams

This updated and expanded edition of The Circle Maker also includes new insights about the ways that God answers prayer along with stories that add convincing proof to the reality that God is able to do exceedingly far greater than all we could ask or imagine.

Learn for yourself that drawing prayer circles around our dreams isn't just a way that we accomplish great things for God--it's a way that God accomplishes great things in us.



Living Fearless, by Jamie Winship

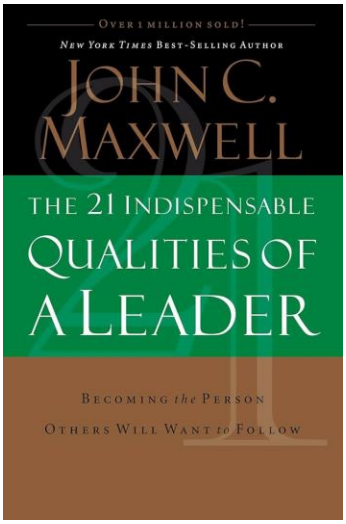
Discover the secret to being fully alive, fully human, and fully free.

After decades living and working in conflict zones, Jamie Winship discovered an important truth: all human conflict originates from fear, and fear originates from a false view of God, ourselves, and others. Until we exchange what's false for what's real, we will never experience the true freedom of our identity in Christ.

Unpacking the power of knowing your true identity in Christ, Winship will help you learn to

- tell yourself the truth
- change your mindset
- experience actual life transformation
- find radical courage in the face of all that life throws at you

With humor, clarity, and real-life practicality, Living Fearless is your invitation to listen closely to what God is trying to say to you about himself, about the person he created you to be, and about all the other people he created and loves.



21 Irrefutable Qualities of a Leader, by John C. Maxwell

Internationally-recognized leadership expert, speaker, and author John C. Maxwell touches on the process of developing the art of leadership by giving the reader practical tools and insights into developing the qualities found in great leaders.

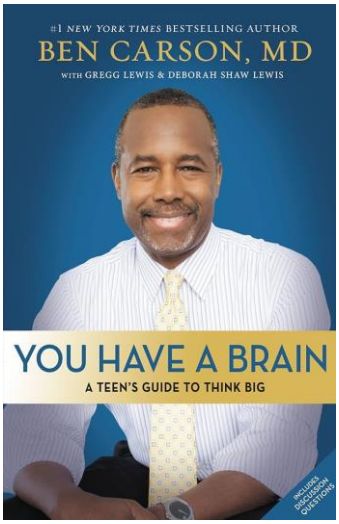
As the authority on leadership today, Maxwell shares his innovative yet timeless principles on how to effectively lead others has impacted the lives of thousands of business leaders.

In The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader, Maxwell expands on the qualities every leaders needs to be successful such as:

- Character – be a piece of the rock
- Charisma – the first impression can seal the deal
- Communication – without it, you travel alone
- Commitment – it separates doers from dreamers
- Competence – if you build it, they will come

Everything rises and falls on leadership, and leadership truly develops from the inside out. If you can become the leader you ought to be on the inside, you will become the leader you want to be on the outside.

The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader will show you that when you develop these qualities, people will want to follow you. When that happens, you'll be able to tackle anything in the world.



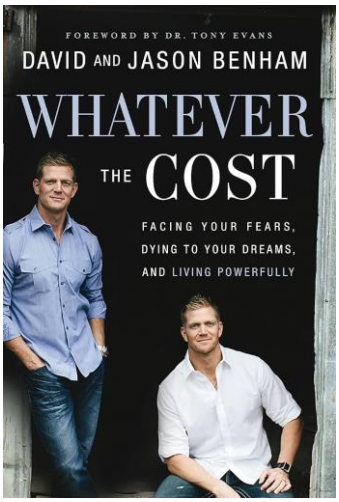
You've Got a Brain, A Teens Guide to T.H.I.N.K. B.I.G, by Dr. Ben Carson

Eight proven principles to help you overcome your self-doubt, conquer your fear of the future, reverse negative thoughts about yourself, and hurdle any other obstacles standing between you and your dreams.

But instead of letting his circumstances control him, Dr. Carson took control of his attitude and actions, leading to his discovery of eight straightforward but revolutionary principles that helped shape his future.

In You Have a Brain, Dr. Carson unpacks the eight important parts of T.H.I.N.K. B.I.G.—Talent, Honesty, Insight, Being Nice, Knowledge, Books, In-Depth Learning, and God—and presents the stories of people who demonstrated those things in his life.

Through the advice and real-world examples laid out in these pages, you will learn how to incorporate these T.H.I.N.K. B.I.G. principles into your own life so that you, like Dr. Carson, can embrace an amazing future filled with incredible success.

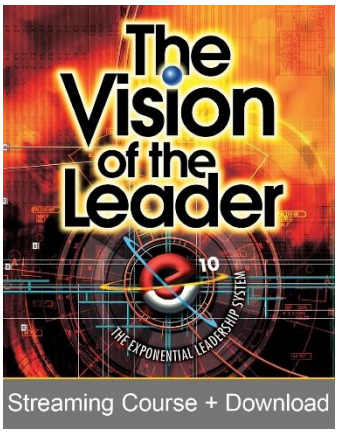


Whatever the Cost, by David and Jason Benham
Are You Ready to Live With a Full-Throttle Faith?

This trade paper edition follows the story of entrepreneurial twin brothers, David and Jason Benham, from their formative years in professional baseball to their rise as owners of a multi-million dollar business empire to securing an HGTV reality series. It's a journey where the brothers learned how they must die to their dreams not just once, but twice—as they walked away from professional baseball careers and later as their television series was stripped away from them. These experiences helped them realize that the key to powerful living is found when we die to our dreams and face our fears, and choose to live powerfully through it all. The biblical principles they implemented to guide their lives are what give us the courage to stand for what is right.

The book will expand on principles such as:

- Be a Fountain to Others and not a Drain
- Produce More in Value than You Receive
- Work to Your Ability and not Your Pay
- Breathe Life into All Situations
- Hold to a Standard of Disciplined Living
- Find Your Greatest Blessings on the Other Side of Your Greatest Fears

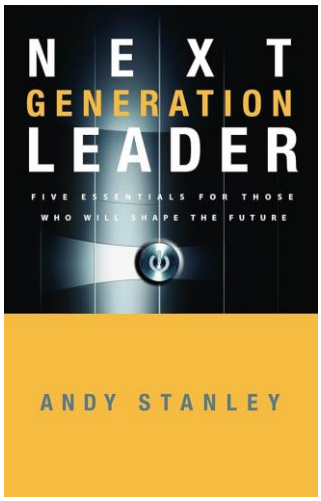


Vision of the Leader, by Bruce Wilkinson
Real Leaders Aren't Born. They're Made!
Potential is one of the most wonderful words in any language. It's optimistic and hints at greatness. It's full of possibility. And it's inside of all of us.

The Vision of the Leader was developed to train anyone to maximize their potential, act on their vision, and become great leaders. Whether in business, churches, neighborhoods, or national organizations, you can make a significant impact regardless of your position or title.
In this course, you will be inspired by powerful and insightful interviews with accomplished and pioneering leaders who have, such as Truett Cathy, Founder and Chairman of Chick-fil-A, James Pursell, Chairman of Pursell Technologies, and Crawford Loritts, author and pastor.

You'll dig into the Scriptures with renowned Bible teacher and best-selling author Bruce Wilkinson. As you study the example of Nehemiah, you will find he was an exceptional leader. He was a man who had a passion, who worked hard, prayed, encountered criticism, and made difficult leadership decisions. He did not perform miracles, part the Red Sea, nor walk on water. He was not visited by an angel. Yet he was a man of bold vision, and bold visions create excitement and inspire evangelists.

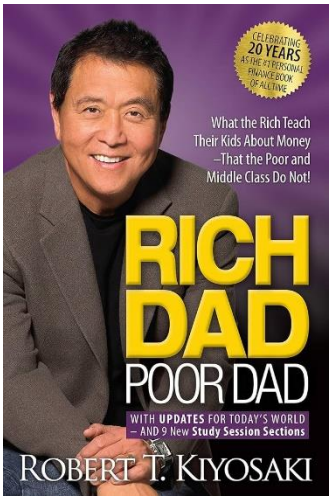
Join Bruce Wilkinson in this eight-session, Bible-based video course, *The Vision of the Leader,* to uncover the first seeds of vision and how they are birthed, examine the stages of its growth, and explore its maturity and validation.



Next Generation Leader, by Andy Stanley

The Next Generation Leader has been challenging young Christians eager to learn, grow, and lead in ministry or in the marketplace since its original release in 2003. Now with an all-new look, this repackaged version continues to advance the mission of the first release. Mentoring young leaders as they face the unique issues of a changing world has been pastor and bestselling author Andy Stanley's passion for more than a decade. Here he shares material from his leadership training sessions, developed to address essential leadership qualities such as character, clarity, courage, and competency. This is the perfect guide for any new leader—or for the mentor of a future leader!

" Andy Stanley 's The Next Generation Leader will equip the messengers to stand a little taller with a vision of hope and promise as they engraft these timeless principles into their daily lives."
—Dan T. Cathy, president and CEO, Chick-Fil-A Corporation



Rich Dad, Poor Dad, by Robert Kiyosaki

Today Rich Dad Poor Dad consistently ranks among bestsellers around the world in the categories of Personal Finance, Parenting, and Investing, has been translated into 38 languages, and has sold more than 40 million copies worldwide.

Rich Dad Poor Dad is Robert's story of growing up with two dads — his real father and the father of his best friend, his rich dad — and the ways in which both men shaped his thoughts about money and investing. The book explodes the myth that you need to earn a high income to be rich and explains the difference between working for money and having your money work for you.

Rich Dad Poor Dad...
- Explodes the myth that you need to earn a high income to become rich
- Challenges the belief that your house is an asset
- Shows parents why they can't rely on the school system to teach their kids about money
- Defines once and for all an asset and a liability
- Teaches you what to teach your kids about money for their future financial success

X Multiply Your God Given Potential, by John Bevere

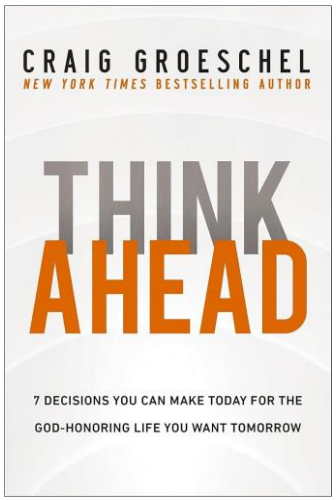
"Let's hold nothing back and die empty, pouring ourselves out completely as a gift back to God. . . . This is when we'll truly come alive and experience life to its fullest."—John Bevere

Do you ever feel like a spectator in God's kingdom? Perhaps you know there's something you should be doing, but you just can't pinpoint it. Most of us want to make a big impact with our lives, but struggle with questions like:

- How can I be sure I'm not missing God's will for me?
- What role do my unique gifts play in building God's kingdom?
- How do I make sure I live up to my God-given potential?
- Is my calling less significant if I'm not in "ministry"?
- How do I balance resting in God's grace with meaningful actions for His kingdom?
- How do I break fear and move forward even when it feels uncertain and risky?

In this profound book, best-selling author John Bevere relies on a careful exploration of Scripture and uses powerful stories to help you think differently about your calling and why it's so important to God.

If you're ready to trade inaction for greater purpose, your journey begins here.



Think Ahead, by Craig Groeschell

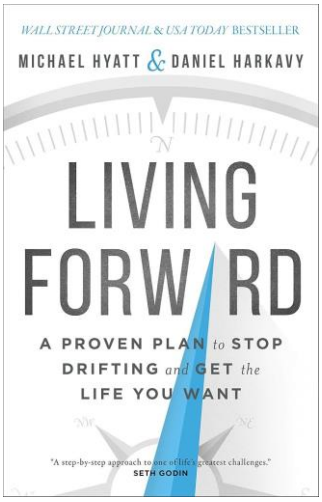
Experience the joy, freedom, and fulfillment God wants for you by learning the key to making God-glorifying choices: the power of pre-decision.

What if we actually have the ability to break free from the pitfalls of impulsive decisions and develop positive, godly habits? What if becoming the person you want to be starts now, before you make a decision?

Craig Groeschel—author of Winning the War in Your Mind—will empower you to put into action seven life-defining pre-decisions that will help you overcome the daily temptations, distractions, and influences that constantly bombard us. Drawing on Scripture, story, and the latest research into human behavior, Think Ahead will help you:

- Understand the science behind your decision-making habits.
- Equip you with the tools to avoid sinful and damaging patterns.
- Overcome decision fatigue and debilitating fears.
- See how your small choices shape the kind of Christ-follower you become.

  Pastor Craig knows from personal experience and as a counselor to others what it's like to feel stuck or overwhelmed. Think Ahead is your playbook for defining and putting into action seven life-defining, God-glorifying I will statements that you can make today to prepare you for your big moments tomorrow.



Living Forward, by Michael Hyatt

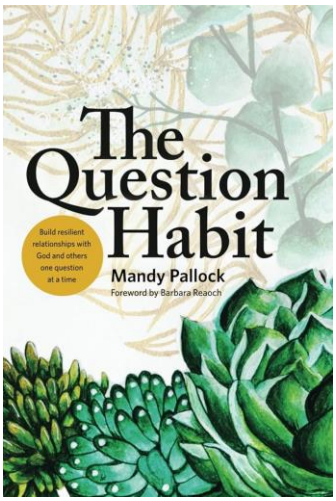
If you're like most people, you want to lead a life of meaning and significance, joy and satisfaction.

But all the drama and demands we face seem to get in the way of our dreams, don't they? We're unsure about how to take our lives from where we are now to where we want to be in the next five, ten, or even fifty years.

We know we were meant for more, but it seems like the days are slipping by and we can't do anything about it. It shouldn't be like this. And it doesn't have to be.

In this step-by-step guide, Hyatt and Harkavy share simple but proven principles to help you stop drifting, design a Life Plan with the end in mind, and chart a path that will take you there. And you can work the process in just one day.

Imagine trading just twenty-four hours for the life you really want. It's possible, and Living Forward shows you how.

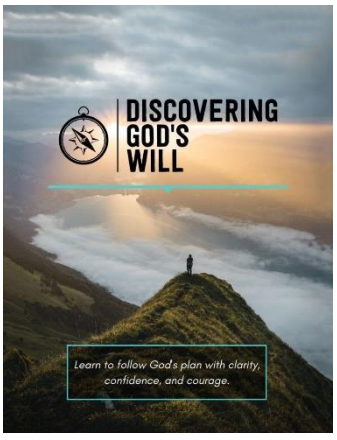


The Question Habit, by Mandy Pallock

The Question Habit: The art of building resilient relationships with God and others one question at a time

What if you could deepen every relationship just by knowing what questions to ask? Your entire life is a series of questions meant to open doors to meaningful relationships. Think of them as focused, intentional, and everyday conversations with people you and God value.

Questions are key to discovering the God-designed uniqueness of yourself and others, cultivating intentional relationships with heartfelt, open-ended sharing, and inspiring and mentoring with the why and how behind the what. Asking and listening well can take every relationship deeper. Are you ready to discover how to use the power of purposeful questions?



Discovering God's Will for Your Life, by Chad Christiansen

(use this code to receive 50% off: NETworkers)

Do you worry about your future or wonder if you're really doing what God wants you to do? Are you concerned about missing God's will for your life or completely going against His will? This course goes deeper than just learning how to get an answer from God, but will guide you into knowing Him on a personal level so you can begin experiencing the dynamic Christian life! You'll dive into a deeper understanding of God's character, His pursuit of you, how He wired you, how to discern what His will truly is, and how to live an exciting faith-filled life.