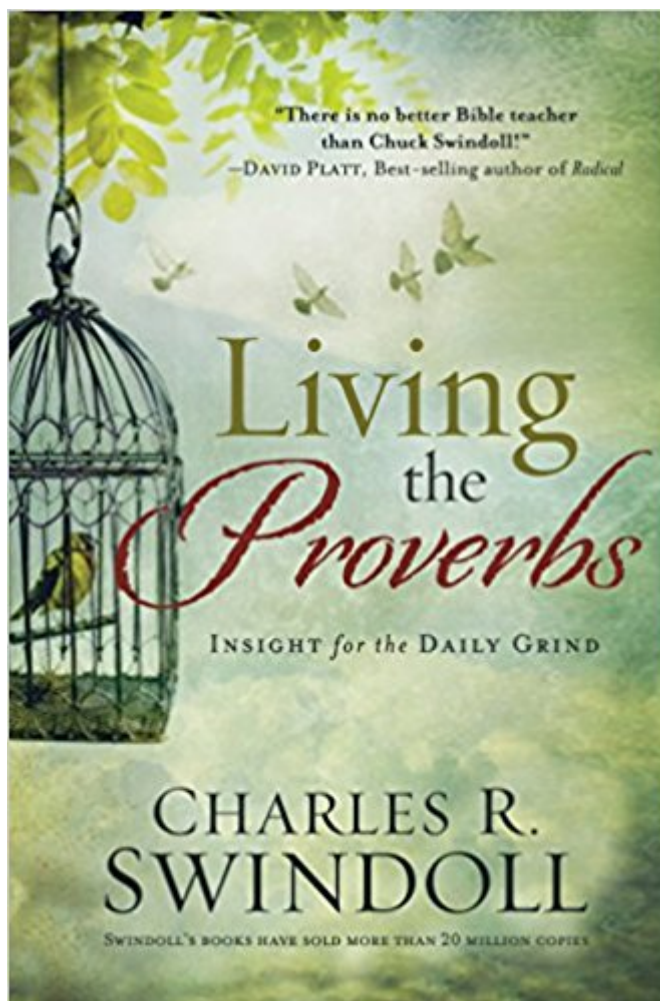


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Customer Reviews

I love the beautiful outside of this lovely book and would have been likely to recommend it solely because of this- but the contents of the book are even better. Living the Proverbs- Insights for the daily Grind. I was so thrilled to see that he handled and addressed the daily grind so well in these short but in-depth chapters. He also addressed daily grind matters like encouraging others, guarding your tongue, gossip, anger and sorrow. I expected to hurry through this book but I found myself answering the questions mentally, looking forward to applying the Scripture within, and being amazed by how well written, applicable and good this book is. Especially important was the chapter on Biblical illiteracy. The chapter on sluggardness is especially illuminating to me, excuses that I often made like "I could do it if I only had such and such" suddenly looked woefully lacking. A wise person will not fear "failure" they will learn from it and acknowledge God's sufficient Grace that can work through their lack of confidence, skill, or desire. The end of the chapter on Lasting consequences is very powerful, "Many flirt with the temptation, thinking there're strong enough,

moral enough, wise enough, or smart enough to avoid sinning, how sadly true. I also like how the author gives the original meaning of some of the words, they give even more significance to the verses. I know this book was sent into my life at this time by God as it is a potentially life transforming. It helped to uncover areas of my life that are in sin and showed me ways to come out of it. An awesome book, I will definitely be rereading it soon likely as a daily devotional. This book could effectively be used as a Bible study or a Daily Devotional for anyone struggling with the daily grind. I received this book free from Worthy Publishers in exchange for an honest review. Living the Proverbs, Insights for the Daily Grind is a beautiful new book from Pastor Charles Swindoll.

Pastor Swindoll has done a treatment of the Proverbs just like he did in Living the Psalms. Just like in Psalms, he divides sections of Proverbs into 26 `weeks` of five lessons each. Thus if you do both, you have a full year of 52 weeks, though still with week ends off. He says this is more of a devotional volume than an exegetical one, but he still manages to pull out the occasional digging into the Hebrew when it helps make it more understandable. He shows the 4 kinds of couplets (2 line poems) the Proverbs are generally written in. Contrast (to use the Japanese proverb, 'This is this, but that is that'). Completing (not only is this true, and this results from it). Corresponding (This is just like that, which helps give depth and color). Comparing (this is better than that). Of course some couplets may take a dozen lines, and may involve two or three types. (This may be this, but that is that, and is so much better than the other, so do this instead of the other because of what results!) So he uses the Proverbs to help us through times of Worry, Biblical Illiteracy, Laziness, Imbalance, Envy, 2 sections on controlling the tongue, Discontent, Lustful temptations, Motherhood (Motherhood? Oh yeah, I have to take women's word for this, but it has its own problems) and other problems of life that do their best to drag you into the Swamp of Despair. And as is usual with Charles, throws in an occasional flash of humor. As in the husband who takes all the doors off the house so his wife has no secrets from him.

Do you ever wonder how to apply the things you read in the Bible? This book breaks down parts of the book of Proverbs and shows you how to intimately consider Solomon's words of wisdom and apply them to your life. God gifted Solomon with wisdom many years ago so that He could speak to you and me today through Proverbs. I have read Proverbs a few times in my life but always as chapters. I never really took time to look at smaller parts of it at a time and give God a chance to speak to me through those smaller parts until now. I really appreciate the opportunity to experience the book along with the scripture.

Great exposition of truths we often read but don't dwell on sufficiently or perhaps truly understand. Mr. Swindoll is an excellent teacher, and his writing is easy to understand and thought provoking. I'm really enjoying this study.

• Living the Proverbs •, Insight for the daily grind by Charles R. Swindoll This book escorts the reader through a straightforward, cohesive and very thoughtful analysis of the Bible's Book of Proverbs. It shows that the Book of Proverbs is not just a collection of pithy adages as many seem to think it is. Swindoll demonstrates that with its focus on the individual's relationship, and life, with God, Proverbs is an extremely important and very helpful part of the Bible. He also shows that Proverbs is as relevant today as the Internet. Each chapter has its review questions and suggested meditations, of course, and that part of the text is also nicely designed to help 21st Century students. At the end of the book Swindoll suggests reading a chapter (of Proverbs 31 chapters) per day twice per year (January and June for convenience). He's saying Proverbs can be a very valuable • handbook • for your • daily grind •. Once you see how well he presents the analysis of Proverbs you'll understand what he's saying, and why.

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