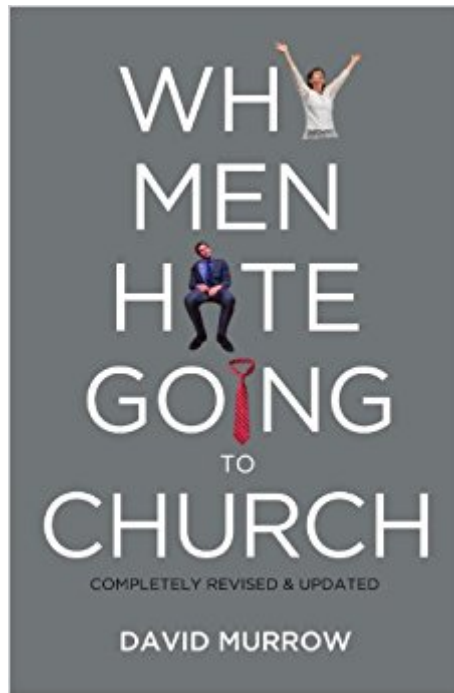




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Why Men Hate Going To Church



Synopsis

“Church is boring.” “It’s irrelevant.” “You’ve heard the excuses – now learn the real reasons men and boys are fleeing churches of every kind, all over the world. Christianity is the only world religion with a chronic shortage of men. David Murrow identifies the barriers to male participation, and explains why it’s so hard to motivate the men who do go to church. Then, he takes you inside several fast-growing congregations that are winning the hearts of men and boys. The first release of *Why Men Hate Going to Church* sold more than 125,000 copies and was published in multiple languages. This edition is completely revised, reorganized, and rewritten, with more than 70 percent new content. *Why Men Hate Going to Church* does not call men back to church – it calls the church back to men. “This is one of the most helpful books for understanding why men are indifferent toward church and how churches must change to welcome men.”

• MARK DRISCOLL, pastor of Mars Hill Church; cofounder of Acts 29 Church Planting; founder of The Resurgence “[This] is a prophetic and relevant ‘snap-out-of-it’ masterwork that every pastor must read – not just for the sake of the kingdom, but also for his own sake and sanity in ministry.”

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• FRANK PASTORE, host of America’s largest Christian talk show, KKLA (Los Angeles)

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Customer Reviews

I quit going to church after almost 40 years due to the lack of reverence that has permeated the church today. Reading this book made me realize that yes, a lot of this is due to the feminization of the church, either intentionally or subconsciously. 30 minutes of silly, self-indulgent praise songs, "fellowship moments", kids performing mini-recitals on their instruments, emasculated pastors who can't preach effectively and therefore feel the need to entertain, church lingo that offends men (sharing, falling in love with Jesus, I'm lost without you, etc.), endless social programs and activities, and men who have failed to assume their duties as men, causing them to appear weak and effeminate. The author correctly identifies these problems and the gender gap that exists in Protestant and non-denominational churches. I couldn't agree more that men must check their manhood at the door if they are to fully engulf themselves in this kind of environment. Where I think the author misses the mark though is in his so-called solutions to the problem. His constant references to Rick Warren and Bill Hybels, and their associated churches, made me wonder if his goal is to teach us how to build a mega-church, and that can't happen without more men, so we need to get 'em in any way we can. That seemed to be verified when he suggested that we need to cater to what men want, rather than what God wants. More technology during the service (so it looks like a man cave?), the occasional card trick from the pulpit, motorcycles roaring into the sanctuary, holding the service outdoors. Um....no. This book did not really focus on manly worship, but rather manly activities he'd like to see in church so as to attract men.

"The church of the first century was a magnet to males. Jesus' strong leadership, blunt honesty, and bold action mesmerized men." "But today's churches appeal more to women and folks over 50." "Males in church are perceived, right or wrong, as passive, bookish, soft, nice, well-behaved, neutered wimps. David Murrow has written an absolute must-read book for all churches interested in bringing men back, restoring a proper balance of the masculine and feminine spirits within the local church, creating an environment in which men will lovingly take charge, thrive, grow and be soldiers again in the Lord's army. I don't consider myself a type-A personality. I'm pretty laid-back, studious and love going to church. I've love fellowshiping with God's people. I'm not a knuckle-dragging Neanderthal that gets distracted after 10 minutes of a sermon. I don't need the constant stimulus of entertainment to hold my interest, but I found myself burning with a 'holy anger' reading this book, mostly at myself for how 'feminine' I've allowed myself to become over the years. And please, no more 'Jesus is my boyfriend' songs !! Two other men I know have been deeply affected to the positive by this book and are absolutely fired up about restoring the masculine spirit in their lives as well as their local church. One of them told me recently "I'm hanging up my skirt - not going to wear

it anymore."David is not advocating a bombastic, abusive male domination of our churches. Don't panic ladies, but let men be men. We were created to lead and contribute. "Most men will not invest themselves in anything that does not offer a shot at greatness.

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