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Devotional Stories Featuring: Jeremy Lin, Bruce Wilkerson, George S. Patton, Walt Disney, Jim Valvano, Mother Teresa, Abraham Lincoln, Colonel Sanders, and others with selected quotes from Oswald Chambers.

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Kate says

This was an interesting devotional. Each 'day' started out with an Oswald Chambers quote and then told a little story about how we should trust God's leading in our lives. Then it had 'homework' of a scripture passage to read and questions to answer.

I liked the format of the devotional, and really enjoyed the quotes by Chambers. However, and this perhaps is because I REALLY enjoyed the last devotional I read, the other parts fell somewhat flat for me. It was nice, but didn't really make me excited and 'fired up' in my Christian walk.

All in all, though, definitely a worthwhile read.

3.5 stars

Rita Jane says

Inspirational

This book was so inspiring. The truth of God's word is evident in each of the devotionals. They challenge you each day in ways that will stretch you as a person and as a Child of God. Each is a study that will help me to better prepare me in my service to Him and my service to others. Really a great find.

Betty Van liere says

Reading it day by day and finding new insights right along. A stop and think book. Highly recommend it.

Not quite finished reading My Father's Business. This is a book to read slowly, day by day, because each devotion gives you much to meditate on. You find the scripture at the end of the devotion somehow fits into your life and during the day you will be thinking of things "to do" as Eddie suggests.

Finished My Father's Business, but will pick it up in a few months and read the devotions again. Eddie's way of writing made me look deep into God's will for my life.

Diana Flegal says

very helpful

Carolyn Wylie-mcelroy says

A Great Devotion!!!!

I really enjoyed the daily reads in this book!! It challenges you and encourages you in your daily walk. I think u will enjoy greatly!!!

Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

"The only reliable way to be truly guided by God is to assimilate the Word of God to your character...Scripture reveals God's will only if we allow His Holy Spirit to apply it to our circumstances." ~ Oswald Chambers.

Have you ever wondered what it means to discern God's Will for your life? How can you hear His call? The word discernment comes from two Latin words: discernere (to perceive) and discretis (to separate). To discern God's voice and will is to converse with Him. In both Hebrew and Greek, the word will means "to yearn." When we say, "Lord, Your will be done," we are asking God to infuse His deepest yearnings into our spirit and alter the circumstances of our lives in order that we may grow. God sees beyond our past and knows our secret desires, even those desires yet to be born. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Romans 8:26, NIV).

As you seek to discern and do God's will, ask the following questions:

Will this course of action use my gifts, talents, and passions?

How has my previous experience prepared me for this task?

Will this new opportunity cause me to be more loving?

Is this an expansion of my influence for God?

Will I feel more fulfilled and have a greater sense of inner peace?

Who will benefit from my actions?

What will it cost me and my family?

Is this a time sensitive opportunity?

We often complicate the business of knowing God's will, but His word is clear: "And You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13, NKJV) Those who seek and ask, hear His voice. The devotional stories in this book, illustrate how others have heard God's call and heeded his voice. My prayer is that you, too, will learn to recognize God's voice so that you will be able to both discern and to do his will." (pg 9-10).

In this wonderful inspirational book, My Father's Business connects some well known celebrities and tells us their personal story of how they were able to discern what God's will was for them in their own lives despite what others felt about their decision. For example the story of Walt Disney following his dream to build a magical theme park for families. He had it all planned out in his head, but those around him saw it as merely a large piece of dirt and sage filled land. Walt had to help them "see" his vision. Along with this story that

reader is taken into the Bible, to the prophet Joel who spoke of a vision he had when God would pour out His Spirit on His people and infuse them with new visions. As the conclusion of each chapter, there are some study questions for the reader to dig into the Bible deeper for more understanding on what it means to work towards God's will in your life and some opportunities to pray for others along the way.

I received *My Father's Business* by Eddie Jones compliments of Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas, The Kindred and The Vessel Project for my honest review. I've always been a fan of using short stories like Jesus used parables to define life lessons for us. These stories that Eddie Jones have compiled are much like modern day parables for us to discern and move us forward in finding out what God's will is for us in our own lives. This can be used for individual or small group Bible study's or merely for your own enjoyment. There are numerous quotes from Oswald Chambers at the beginning of each chapter to inspire you to further introspection. I easily rate this book a 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Keiki Hendrix says

In *My Father's Business: 30 Inspirational Stories for Discerning and Doing Gods Will* by Eddie Jones, the author pinpoints 30 life lesson areas that focus the reader to first discern the importance of these life lesson areas and then apply that wisdom to their lives. Each devotion is prefaced with an Oswald Chambers quotation and offers a relative Scripture. All end with thought provoking questions prompting deeper study.

The devotions are appropriately arranged beginning with a focus on the topic of faith and ending with a challenge for commitment. My favorites were: the topic 'imagination' and the illustration of Walt Disney, the topic of 'vision' and the illustration from the history of the Wright brothers, and the topic of 'humility' and the illustration of the history of the making of 'We Are the World'.

Quotes:

These are desperate times. The world needs pioneers who are willing to put aside the slothful acts of darkness and step boldly into the future. Today, if God is calling you to a new challenge, don't hesitate.
...from "Labor Heartily As Unto the Lord"

We cannot earn God's love by following denominational rules or religious tenets. He does not love us more because of our good works or love us less when we turn our backs on Him' God loved you before there was a you. Loved you while you hated Him. Loves you still.
...from "Plumb the Depths of God's Love"

When faced with the urgency of "now," consider what it means to "wait upon God." We are not called to sit and do nothing. We are called to wait. Wait—as in serve Him. Wait—as in serve others.
...from "God as Your Talent Agent"

Great for personal bible study or a small group study, I recommend *My Father's Business*. Take a month and dig deep into what it means to do God's will.

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