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#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Joyce Meyer shares a purposeful approach to everyday living, helping readers claim the good things God has in store for them each day.

Today is no ordinary day. You may perform simple routines, feel uninspired, or lack the excitement of hope. But today could be the most important one of your life--depending on how you choose to spend it. Joyce Meyer, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, encourages you not to waste another minute. There is something special, valuable waiting for you to discover in each day. And when you spend time with God daily, asking Him to help you find it, you'll unlock the wonderful purpose He has in store for you. When you commit to letting God direct you, instead of resting passively in your own disappointments, you'll be open to receive greater happiness and blessings than you ever thought possible.

All you need is the right encouragement. With over four decades of experience helping others find fulfillment, Joyce shares key biblical insights and personal stories that will help you make the most of this moment and SEIZE THE DAY!

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Shelly Mendenhall says

The absolute best book on learning to make God a priority and then allowing Him to lead you into what's the priorities He would have you fulfill in your life to be productive as well as to advance the kingdom.

David says

I have read many Joyce Meyer's books over the years and they never disappoint me! This one was again both very inspiring, practical and informative. I would recommend this book to anyone

Jessica ? says

While this is certainly full of helpful tips and encouragement on being more efficient with one's time, overall, it feels a bit thin and repetitive. There are only so many ways to remind someone to go to bed early, wake up early, prioritize important things, and wisely schedule the day. It would have been a much stronger article, rather than stretching into a book.

I recommend reading the study guide instead, which contains all the helpful information and space for self-reflection.

received via Netgalley for review purposes

Donna says

I discovered this author by accident last summer. I've enjoyed her books because of the positive messages and the supportive scriptures given. This book was probably 3.5 stars for me. She had quite a bit of repetition. I'm not sure how many times she mentioned she was abused by her dad, but it was a lot and she often prefaced the different stories with the exact same wording of that fact. But overall, this was uplifting and encouraging. Her books serve as great reminders of what we should be doing and I always need that.

Nese says

I received a free copy of this book through Goodreads First Reads in exchange for a fair review. An impressive speaker and a remarkable person who supports so many worthwhile charities, Joyce Meyer does a good job of coming up with lessons applicable to everyday life such as forgiveness, time-management, prioritizing, fulfilling one's life purpose, and more, but the book tells you what to do without describing how to it. (The author says at the beginning of the book that if you want to learn how, there are

books for that but this is not one of them.) Since the tone of the book is advice-giving and lecturing, reading a couple of chapters a day seems to be the best way to read it instead of in one sitting. Because she is not a Bible scholar, her reporting of what is in or not in Bible and her interpretation can be open to discussion, but her lessons and suggestions are practical and applicable to day to day living. If you take Bible literally, you will enjoy this book, and if you don't, some parts of the book like the end where the word "secular" and "reasoning" are considered being less than desirable, and the scientific knowledge and believing in God exclude each other.

Joan says

Have you ever felt frustrated at the end of the day, wondering what happened to all your good intentions? Meyer provides encouragement to live each day on purpose, to live the life God meant for you.

She covers many topics, such as what we know is God's will and the importance of being willing to choose it. She reminds us that what we do here matters for eternity. She writes about the importance of wisdom, making the most of our time, how to avoid wasting time, the necessity of determination and trusting God, planning yet listening to God, the benefit of being organized, and the importance of controlling thoughts.

Meyer provides general encouragement. She does not give any strategies nor practical steps to do what she encourages. For example, on being organized, she writes, "Find a plan or system that works for you..." (125) She also suggests reading other books to find specific help but does not provide a list of possible ones to choose from.

I have found Meyer to always be encouraging and this book is no exception. We are encouraged to live our purpose with passion every day. She writes, "Why not make a decision that you are going to pursue the best life you can possibly have, and then actively go for it?" (156) What is missing is a strategy or practical suggestions on how to actively go for that best life.

I recommend this book to those who have the tools for disciplines such as time management and organization but just need some encouragement to get going.

Food for thought: "How would our lives change if we made all of our decisions with a view of eternity in mind?" (27)

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher for the purpose of an independent and honest review.

Debi Lantzer says

Not too long ago, I asked my Aunt Barbara to read a book I was having a very difficult time getting started with. She read the book, taking detailed notes while reading it, and then she provided me with a written report that would certainly give her an "A" in any school reading class. When I recently got a little behind in my book reading, I remembered how awesome she handled that difficult book, so I thought I'd ask her if she had any interest in reading a Joyce Meyer book for me. Here's what Aunt Barbara said:

"I have always been a fan of Joyce Meyers, and so did not hesitate when asked to read and review *Seize The Day* by Joyce Meyer.

I'm also known as a planner. I plan my days the night before and when tomorrow is over, I ask myself, where did the day go and what did I accomplish, so much for all my plans. This self help book reminds us that we can make all the plans we want, but God's plans aren't always our plans.

Seize the Day tells us that when we try to control our life, God has his own ways of letting us know that He is in control of each and everyone of us, and He has a purpose for each of us. We only have one life to live so if it's not going in the direction it should be, with God's help each day we can change the direction. God can, not us.

The book tells us to "seize the day" and start making the moments count. It's all about learning to Live on purpose". Nothing we have or do is the result of anything we say or do. God has given each of us freewill to make choices.

When our day is over and we feel that nothing we planned has been accomplished, it is because we probably did not include God in those plans."

I received a complimentary copy of *Seize the Day: Living on Purpose and Making Every Day Count* by Joyce Meyer from Faith Words, a division of Hachette Book Group in exchange for my honest review.

Kim Tyler says

Perfect timing

A great way to start the new year. I would encourage anyone to read this book for a fresh start.

Linda M. Jones says

As usual Joyce Myers sets you on a path to peace, joy and happiness

Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

"I'm sorry I would have called or visited sooner, but I've been so busy!"

Face it, we have either heard this statement or used it ourselves. Yet when you really think about it can you honestly remember what you were doing that occupied so much of your time and kept you busy? We all start off each day with that proverbial "To Do List" and then deviate off of it at some point because we get to busy. But busy doing what? Tackling things that really don't add much to our day? Perhaps its sitting down for a moment to watch TV while you grab a quick bite to eat, and then sit back and before you know it a few hours have passed. Or you were going to clean and organize your house today, and then something popped up and we never get to it. Then that phrase about being busy once again passes our lips.

We know that our time is a priceless and precious commodity and one we are only given so much of, so where are we wasting it? For believers, our life here is to be used in large part to prepare for our heavenly eternal home. We can use our time wisely by putting it into the will of God. We should never behave as if time is a commodity that continues to multiply in our lives. It is, in fact, just the opposite. Every moment we use is one that we never get back again, so using it wisely is important. Many people put off being in right relationship with God until another time. Usually it is because they want to do thing they know God wouldn't approve of. so they think they will choose their own time. But what if they run out of time? How much of our time are we wasting living selfishly instead of loving and serving others and trusting God to take care of us?

"In his book, *Making Today Count for Eternity*, author Kent Crockett asks the reader to imagine a World War II soldier, wounded while selflessly rescuing his fellow servicemen. When he returned to the States, he was given the Medal of honor for his patriotic service. What was it that motivated him to put his life in jeopardy? When his life was at stake in battle, he wasn't thinking, I'm going to risk my life so I can receive a shiny medal. The reward was simply the nation's way of showing appreciation for his heroic actions. He risked his life to rescue his friends and defend his country. In much the same way, we don't serve God for a reward. We serve Him because we love Him and we love those around us." (pg 30).

When talking about seizing the day and living life 'on purpose,' it is important to live with an eternal mind-set. If our actions, our attitudes, and our ambitions are carried out with an eternal mind-set rather than a temporal one, we are certain to accomplish bigger and better things for God and the growth of His Kingdom. "Using the time you have left on this earth, then it begins with a decision to seize the day every day and be an individual who lives life "on purpose" for a purpose. Every moment of our lives does not have to be regimented and fit into a plan, but, on the hand, if a good portion of our time isn't put into something with purpose and meaning, it will be wasted." (pg 38).

I received *Seize the Day* by Joyce Meyer compliments of Faith Words, a division of Hachette Book Groups for my honest review. I did not receive any monetary compensation aside for a free copy of this book in exchange for my unbiased and fair opinion. This latest book by Joyce Meyers helps readers understand how to prioritize their days in order to accomplish all they can not only for themselves but in giving God glory and honor. Too often it comes at the end of our lives where we look back with regrets on all the things we didn't accomplish in our life and wish we had more time, or that we had done it differently. Joyce encourages readers to "Seize the Day" and begin to make those changes today so when we get to the end, we don't have the regrets so many others do and we can enter into the heavenly gates hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." I would easily give this book a 4 out of 5 stars.

Meichunyu says

God has been personally talking to me through this book. It encourages me to use my free will to choose doing God's will, knowing that God will help me with every thing He intends me to do. Many valuable lessons taught in this book, to name a few:

1. Refusing to rest (sleep) when it is the time to do so is a sign of immaturity. What a profound fact! I literally can sleep more on time now! Hallelujah!
2. Living by faith requires us to take a step without always knowing positively what will happen. I was challenged by God to do certain things that might not seem to have any immediate benefits but I did it anyway because I believe it is impossible to please God without faith.
3. I reap what I sow. If I sow good seeds of not interrupting others I can reap a harvest of not being

interrupted so often myself. In fact, because I have been purposefully training myself to do this, I seldom get interrupted now! Thank God!

Lizzie says

Very challenging but also highly inspiring! Going on my must own list

Massanutten Regional Library says

Maxine, Elkton patron, June 2017, 5 stars:

Excellent advice on everyday living. Written in down to earth language with Biblical references.

David Roiel says

Do you feel like life is passing by you? As if you are trapped in a routine? A victim of your consequences, perhaps? Helpless under an unbreakable glass ceiling?

In *Seize the Day* Joyce Meyer offers a compelling roadmap out of the quagmire of blah. I have to admit, I've just started seriously taking a look at some of Joyce's works out there and I believe this woman is spiritual mother of faith to many.

This is a book about taking your life back for God. If you're stuck somewhere figurative, imaginative, in your mind, real or fake, I really recommend reading this. It is very encouraging for these reasons:

1) Joyce has been there

She knows exactly what it's like to feel helpless, hopeless, and doomed to a life of victimization and passivity. She grew up in a very abusive household and her story of how Jesus rescued her is full of penetrating truths on how we can rise above our problems and experience God's victory. She knows what she's talking about!

2) She offers Biblical but very, very practical advice

Her counsel is not only powerfully based on Biblical principles and Scriptures, but it is practical. Reading her book, I really felt like it was my grandmother telling me to get my act together! I appreciate that.

3) She does it all in Grace

It's not easy to say the things she says in this book with Grace. Instilling in readers a sense of condemnation is almost inevitable when you are telling them to wake up. I said... 'almost inevitable'. Joyce understands this and gently affirms God's grace in our lives so you are not left feeling miserable and guilty. Very important!

4) Joyce is not another self-help guru

Yes, practical advice is practical but she is very clear - real change in our lives only happens as we let the Holy Spirit transform us and our minds.

If you look at Joyce Meyer's life, you really see a woman seizing the day. That's someone I'd like to learn more from especially if I want to seize my days for the Lord and make my life better too.

Bottom line: Seize, Seize the Day.

(I received a free copy of this from FaithWords to write an optional review... how could I not!)

Donna (More Than a Review) says

I highly recommend *Seize the Day* by Joyce Meyer. The book would be great for anyone however I think it's even more impactful to those of us that are starting to realize our days may be numbered and anyone who just wants to make the most out of their life and anyone who has woken up and wondered where did the last month go or where did the last year go. If you want to live intentional and on purpose then this is a great book to not only talk about it in theory but give you practical steps. At the end of each chapter she summarizes the chapter which I think is an excellent way to go back and review it to start making good daily habits. As with most Joyce Meyer books, this one is packed full of scripture that supports her message. I'm reading the book on my iPad and I've highlighted a ton of passages. I also think having it in paperback could be very helpful so you could write in it.

Joyce makes a great point at the beginning of the book because she is suggesting a lot of things that we can 'do' so she clarifies that Christianity is not works based. She has a great summary in the last chapter: "live your life on purpose for a purpose, and with God's help, use the free will God has given you to choose His will. As you do so it will honor Him greatly and you will enjoy a satisfying reward." I have written a more in-depth blog post to share my highlights and take aways from each chapter.

I received this book from NetGalley. I was not required to write a positive review.

You can see my full review at [More Than a Review dot com](http://MoreThanaReview.com) where I rate the level of sex, violence, language and drug/alcohol use in books.
