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In this book on excellence Chuck Swindoll "America's foremost applicator of Scripture to daily life" boldly tackles the difficult problems of self-discipline, laziness, and our tendency to accept less of life than we deserve.

"Perhaps his best book . . . both a challenge to easy living and a blueprint for breaking out of patterns of mediocrity. . . . One of the most helpful aspects of this book is Swindoll's ability to distinguish between striving for excellence and the modern-day philosophies of success." *Today's Christian Woman*

"*Living Above the Level of Mediocrity* epitomizes what has lifted the author above the average. The book itself aims high and reaches its goal through keen thinking and hard work." *Moody Monthly*

"Swindoll combines interesting, insightful Bible exposition with the storyteller's ability to make an anecdote live. Throughout the book he weaves briefs about the eagle, a bird he holds up as an example of the pursuit of excellence. He writes devotionally, giving you constant food for thought." *Eternity*

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Thomas Arn says

Charles Swindoll does a great job with this book. Throughout the book he uses an eagle for an illustration. Most people like to live their lives at a level of mediocrity--the same as everyone else. They like to see others excel and wish they could also, but do not do it for various reasons. The author looks at things from a biblical perspective on why people do not excel in life. He also gives many biblical reasons to excel and soar like an eagle above everyone else. It will challenge you in how you live your life for God or for yourself.

Tim says

I started this book in 1992 and it was so thick with depth it took me months to digest even a page. Now the first chapter uses OJ Simpson as a person who lives about the level of Mediocrity (atleast my copy does). That can throw you off at little but once your past that is gets real good.

Robert Waterman says

Whether you are Christian or not, just a great read in simple language giving great advice about life.

John says

Rated: C

Cindy says

Never have I read a better book describing the truths to living a victorious life for Christ and for self. As the word says, "You are the salt of the earth, if the salt losses its saltiness it is only good for trampling on." Charles Swindoll brings to life several examples of this victorious and crashing lifestyle to live as an Eagle and Soar above the life of the mediocrity of the world. I especially enjoyed the insight to the story of "Samson" and his angelic prophecy to Soar and how his choices/thoughts brought him to captivity and sorrow; even so he was still used by God. I found the book insightful and refreshing to truths.

Rob Clarkin says

I would say this is one of Chuck's best works. A very cohesive handling of the matter of personal excellence, how to continue to hone one's gifts, and a Biblical tapestry of encouragement which pervades the whole

book. I read this twice through around seven years ago as I was considering some pivotal concerns in my own ministry; and in retrospect, I am pleased to say Chuck helped codify a handful of important principles so that my work would remain true to the Two Greatest Commandments.

I think I'm due to dig into my library and give this book another round of my concentration!

Bro says

I got off to a slow start for some reason with this book. It was good, but I am not much at reading sermons transcribed into books for some reason. I am not sure that this is what that was or not; maybe it was my sinful nature. I started skipping around and reading what I liked then wound up going back and reading it all. It really started sinking in how much I needed it all. I highly recommend this book after living in the world where there is so much pressure to be status quo. I want to be an Eagle that can soar even if you have to do it alone for God not just a Turkey always on the ground pecking around with others and complaining about those soaring overhead.

Chapel Heights says

3 copies

Steven Mandeville says

Great thoughts with lots of solid nuggets - folks spoke differently in the 80's and that made it a little trickier to get through.

Abbey says

It was a good read, filled with a great deal of real life examples and numerous references to the bible. Swindoll uses an eagle as an iconic figure to illustrate how to live above the level of mediocrity. To live above the level of mediocrity and soar like an Eagle means Living differently, having a vision (seeing beyond the majority) Determination (deciding to Hang tough), Priorities (determining what comes first) and finally Accountability (Answering the Hard questions) He goes ahead to give his views on how to combat and resist mediocrity. This is a good christian personal development book.

Dean Cummings says

Swindoll does a superb job of differentiating between striving for excellence within the context of Christian values and other philosophies of success we hear about.

Using Biblical stories, Swindoll draws on the strength of his gift for storytelling to compel the reader.

This book encouraged me in my faith.

Lydia says

This was my first Charles Swindoll book and it was decent. He has many good points but I had a very difficult time getting into it and relating to it.

Perry Malphrus says

I enjoy Swindoll's writings. He is so creative, clear, yet simple. His style is laid back but he presents the principles and truths of God's word - The Bible, in a clear and convincing/convicting fashion. He knows how to challenge a person to greater heights.

Johnny Galt says

Decent book integrating Christian ideology and scripture into living a fulfilled and positively motivated life. I kind of wish his analogies were more developed. He had some great ideas and I wanted him to go further but in each chapter he stopped right when I was getting into it. My guess is because they are not substantial? It kind of seemed that way...

Carol says

Exceptionally good book by Charles Swindoll. I particularly like the way he used the example of the life of an eagle as an example of a life lived above the level of mediocrity. This book, Living Above the Level of Mediocrity, challenges the human tendency to become lazy, complacent, and settling for less than life's best.
