

Dear fellow readers,

“Why am I here? And while I’m here, is the reason for being here going to shape the way I live?” In a world where options are thrown at us at breakneck speed, it’s more and more difficult to hear and live the only true answers, and according to John Piper, the result is an epidemic of wasted lives.

Piper offers a timely challenge to young and old alike in what I believe may be one of his most valuable books yet, *Don’t Waste Your Life*. John Piper takes readers through his own personal journey to find purpose, and challenges them to understand what it means to glorify God in both our lives and our deaths. By focusing all our lives and selves on bringing glory to God, he reminds us that we can avoid wasting our lives on “fatal success”— i.e. living by the lies of what we erroneously believe gives meaning and purpose in life.

Don’t Waste Your Life is a powerful reminder of who I am, why I am here, and what I’m called to do and be. Particularly helpful is Piper’s challenge to all of us (especially young people) to avoid the deadly traps of materialism and to pursue a lifestyle of missions and mercy.

Millions of people are wasting their lives pursuing dreams of happiness that don't rise above a good marriage, nice kids, a successful career, a nice car, fun vacations, nice friends, a fun retirement, a painless death, and (hopefully) no hell. Piper calls this a tragedy in the making. He argues that we were created for joy. We were designed to have one life-encompassing passion. In this book he describes his own journey in discovering this great, single passion. And He pleads that at all costs we pursue our joy in the crucified Christ, who is the glory of God. The cost is great. But the joy is worth any cost. Don’t buy seductive, tragic promises of worldly joy. Don’t waste your life.

Sincerely,
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