

Dear Fellow Reader,

This month's selection, *Respectable Sins*, is a book about sin, but it deals with the sins that we often do not take seriously. Jerry Bridges understands that Christians have a way of focusing on the sins of society around us while overlooking the sins so prominent in our own hearts and lives. He takes the scalpel of the Word of God and performs spiritual surgery on our hearts by exposing the cancerous sins which are destroying us spiritually. After exposing our sin, he offers hope of obedience through the gospel.

This book will be tremendously helpful to all of us, and it will accomplish several goals if read with humility. First, it brings sins we often neglect to deal with and lays them before us in plain sight. How many of us have even thought about our impatience this week? Most of us haven't because it's a sin we have learned to live with. Have you given any thought to your lack of self control today? I didn't think so.

Secondly, this book focuses on heart issues and not externals. Sins of the heart are serious before the Lord, but we neglect them because no one else sees them. *Respectable Sins* drives our attention inward to our own hearts. Thirdly, after compelling us to look inward, our gaze is driven upward to the gospel. This book thoroughly explains how the gospel confronts our sins and shapes our lives. Finally, this book helps us to take sin seriously. As explained in the book, our culture seems to brush sin aside with ease. *Respectable Sins* will help us realize the malignancy of sin.

Until next time,

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