

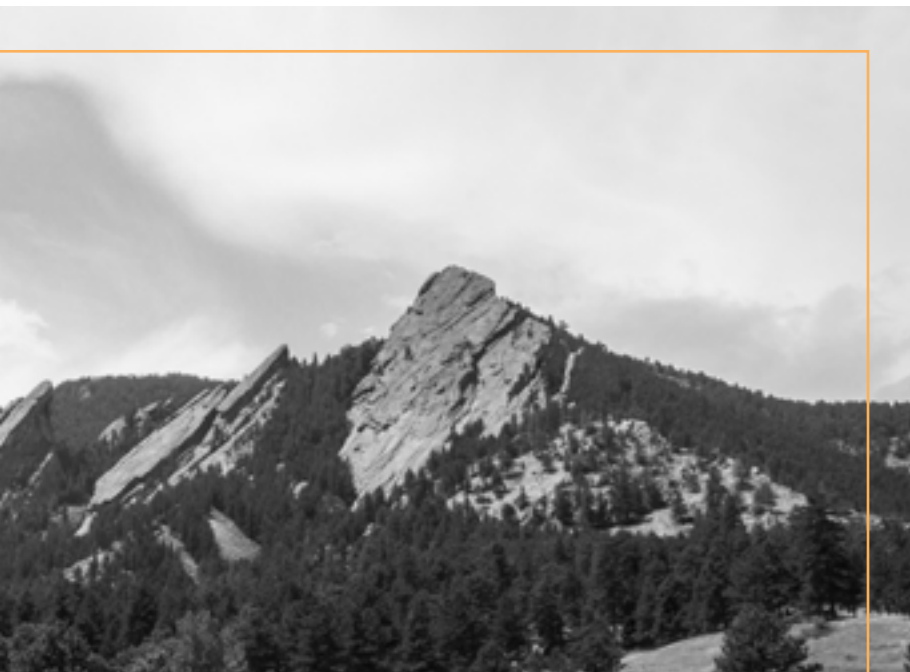
BE FREE

FREEDOM JOURNAL



THE JOURNAL you are holding is more than just a collection of pages—it's an invitation. It's about what God has done, what He is doing, and what He desires to do in and through your life. As part of our **BE FREE** initiative, this journal is designed to help you reflect, process, and engage with the deeper truths of freedom in Christ.

As you go through this journal, you will encounter questions—some easy to answer, others that will challenge you to reflect deeply. Our prayer is that this becomes more than just a place to write your thoughts, but a catalyst that helps you see God's purpose for your life, clarifies what matters most, and guides you in taking your next steps forward. We believe that as we journey together, God will move in ways beyond what we could ever imagine. "It is for freedom that **Christ has set us free**" (Galatians 5:1), and we are called to bring that freedom to those who need it most.



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The following pages contain questions and self-assessments focused on four different areas: Influence, Lifestyle, Generosity, and Legacy. To help us understand what we mean by those terms we have included definitions below.

INFLUENCE The dominion Sovereign God has entrusted me with over a part of His Kingdom to provide and protect in a way that accomplishes His greatest good. (*Reference Genesis 1 & 2*)

LIFESTYLE The manner (or style) of living that I choose to pursue, based on how much of God's money I choose to keep for myself and how much I choose to give away towards the things God wants to accomplish in the world.

GENEROSITY The level of giving that I have determined to be appropriate, based on the needs presented to me.

LEGACY The ongoing influence in the Kingdom of God that my life will have in the future, based on my present choices regarding generosity and lifestyle. (*Reference Luke 12*)

We are all somewhere on a spiritual journey in these four areas of life, and Jesus constantly challenges us to rethink where we need to grow. No matter where you are, it's always better to walk the path together. Let's encourage and challenge one another to boldly follow Jesus, knowing that lives—our own and countless others—will be set free.

Because **it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.**

This is the legacy Christ has left for us. This is the legacy we want to leave for others.

We are so excited to have you on this journey with us!

Jim Burgen, Lead Pastor



BE FREE YOUR INFLUENCE

Sovereign God has entrusted you with part of His Kingdom. Take a moment and identify the areas of God's Kingdom that He has entrusted to you (parent, supervisor, friend, spouse, mentor, teacher).

What is your highest responsibility in providing and protecting what God has entrusted to you?

What is one area of responsibility that you feel merits more attention?

Mark the statements that best reflect where you are in your journey. Feel free to check more than one statement in each section.

INWARD ALIGNMENT » PERSONAL EVALUATION

- ☐ I am consistently aware of my ability to influence others.
- ☐ I often forget that I have a significant sphere of influence.
- ☐ I feel good about how I use my resources to influence others.
- ☐ I would like to do more to impact the lives of others.
- ☐ I need to be more intentional about how I can influence others.
- ☐ I need direction in maximizing my influence to others.
- ☐ I would like to mentor others so they can make a greater impact for the Kingdom of God.
- ☐ I tend to minimize the level of influence that I have over others.

OUTWARD ALIGNMENT » NEW POSSIBILITIES

- ☐ I desire accountability in my life to improve my influence.
- ☐ I could intentionally make a choice to do one thing each week to become more influential in my roles and relationships.
- ☐ I believe my influence could be stronger through mentoring a few others.
- ☐ I will identify resources in my life that can be leveraged in better ways.

VERTICAL ALIGNMENT » GOD'S LEADING

- ☐ I see the benefit of studying people of influence in the Bible.
- ☐ I see the benefit of seeking out other like-minded Christ followers with whom I can build relationships and share a passion for influencing others.
- ☐ I see the benefit of praying consistently to be a faithful person of influence. *(Reference Galatians 5)*

BE FREE YOUR LIFESTYLE

What would you consider a wise lifestyle that reflects God's provision for you and His Kingdom?

What are the dangers of the deceitfulness of wealth from a spiritual perspective? (*Reference Matthew 13*)

How much is enough, and what are the benefits of simplicity?

Most of us have been given much more than we need for the basic requirements of life. So, what is God directing you to do with His Kingdom that has been entrusted to you? (*Reference Matthew 6:31-34*)

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INWARD ALIGNMENT » PERSONAL EVALUATION

- ☐ I find fulfillment in my current chosen lifestyle.
- ☐ I have spent time asking God why He has provided more than I need and what He wants me to do with the excess.
- ☐ I feel guilty at times for what I've been entrusted with.
- ☐ I experience a sense of purpose when I look at how I choose to use my resources and time.
- ☐ I consider myself a conduit of God's resources for others.

OUTWARD ALIGNMENT » NEW POSSIBILITIES

- ☐ I need to set aside time to take an inventory of what an appropriate lifestyle looks like for me.
- ☐ I have modeled living simply and could help others by sharing my story.

VERTICAL ALIGNMENT » GOD'S LEADING

- ☐ I am excited at the thought of being challenged to rethink how I use the resources I have been given.
- ☐ I would gain much from taking a six-week study for those, like me, who have been entrusted with significant means.
- ☐ I will make time to pray more often about living simply so others can be blessed with my excess.

BE FREE **YOUR GENEROSITY**

What giving experience has brought you the most joy?

What, currently, is your annual giving goal?

How could your family, including your children, be more involved in giving?

Do you feel equipped to share your giving story with others?

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INWARD ALIGNMENT » PERSONAL EVALUATION

- ☐ I give as an outward expression of my inward spiritual conviction.
- ☐ I give primarily because of relationships, tax savings, or a feeling of obligation to do so.
- ☐ I struggle with being a generous person (from the heart).
- ☐ I enjoy anonymous giving since it keeps me from the temptation of giving to receive the praise of others.
- ☐ I am cheerful when I give my time, talents, and treasure.
- ☐ I am pleased with my current level of giving.

OUTWARD ALIGNMENT » NEW POSSIBILITIES

- ☐ I will make an effort to learn more about what a generous lifestyle looks like.
- ☐ I need to spend time with my family working on a giving plan.
- ☐ I want to learn how to develop my own “giving story” so others who hear it are also motivated towards generosity.

VERTICAL ALIGNMENT » GOD’S LEADING

- ☐ I need to find others who can challenge me in the area of Biblical generosity.
- ☐ I will seek out financial advisors who will help me make giving decisions based both on practical and spiritual wisdom.
- ☐ I want giving to become a more worshipful experience for me.

BE FREE **YOUR LEGACY**

Who has made a profound spiritual impact on your life? How did they impact you?

What are you intentionally doing right now to profoundly impact others?

What does your eternal investment portfolio look like?

If time and money were no object, what would you do with your life?

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INWARD ALIGNMENT » PERSONAL EVALUATION

- ☐ I have spent intentional time working on strategies to leave behind both a spiritual and financial legacy to my children.
- ☐ I have set up scheduled gifts to church and charities.
- ☐ I am not satisfied with the legacy I am set to leave for others.
- ☐ I have not made the spiritual impact in the personal lives of others like I really desire to.
- ☐ I think often about wanting my life to count throughout eternity.

OUTWARD ALIGNMENT » NEW POSSIBILITIES

- ☐ I want to learn from others who have left a legacy that changed lives in this life and in eternity.
- ☐ I need to increase my investments of time in people, not just my financial investments with them.
- ☐ I desire to see my assets more as a sacred trust that requires me to transfer both spiritual character and financial capital to others.

VERTICAL ALIGNMENT » GOD'S LEADING

- ☐ As I grow in generosity, I want to lead others along with me.
- ☐ I want to better understand God's specific purpose and plan for my life and the legacy He wants me to leave.
- ☐ I will spend time taking stock of the legacy I could leave with my time, talents, and resources that God has entrusted to me.

HELPFUL RESOURCES



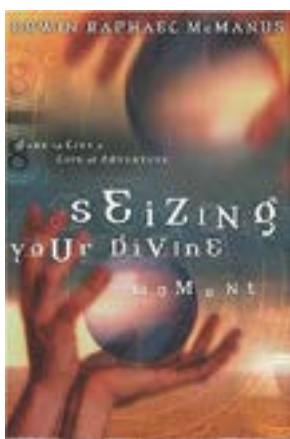
DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

John Piper



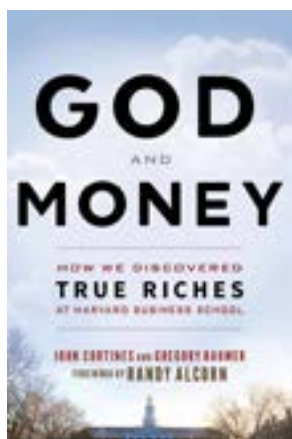
THE LEGACY JOURNEY

Dave Ramsey



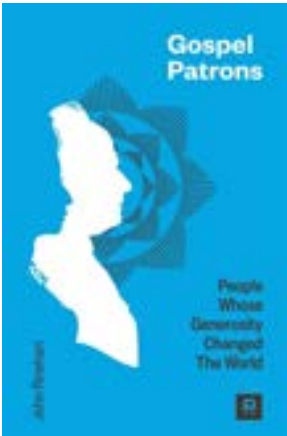
SEIZING YOUR DIVINE MOMENT

Erwin McManus



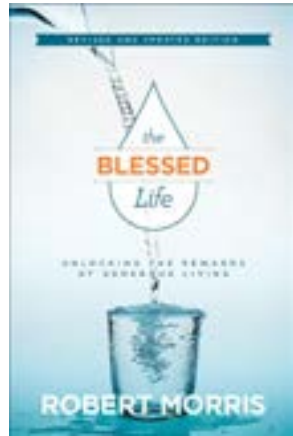
GOD AND MONEY

John Cortines &
Gregory Baumer



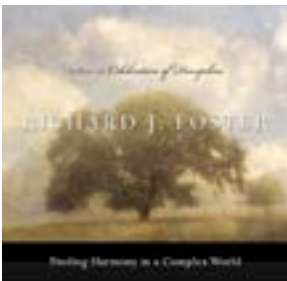
GOSPEL PATRONS

John Rinehart



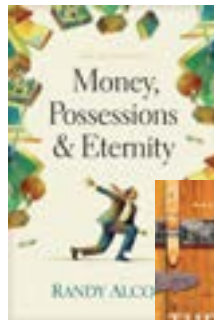
THE BLESSED LIFE

Robert Morris



FREEDOM OF SIMPLICITY

Richard J. Foster



MONEY, POSSESSIONS & ETERNITY

THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

Randy Alcorn

