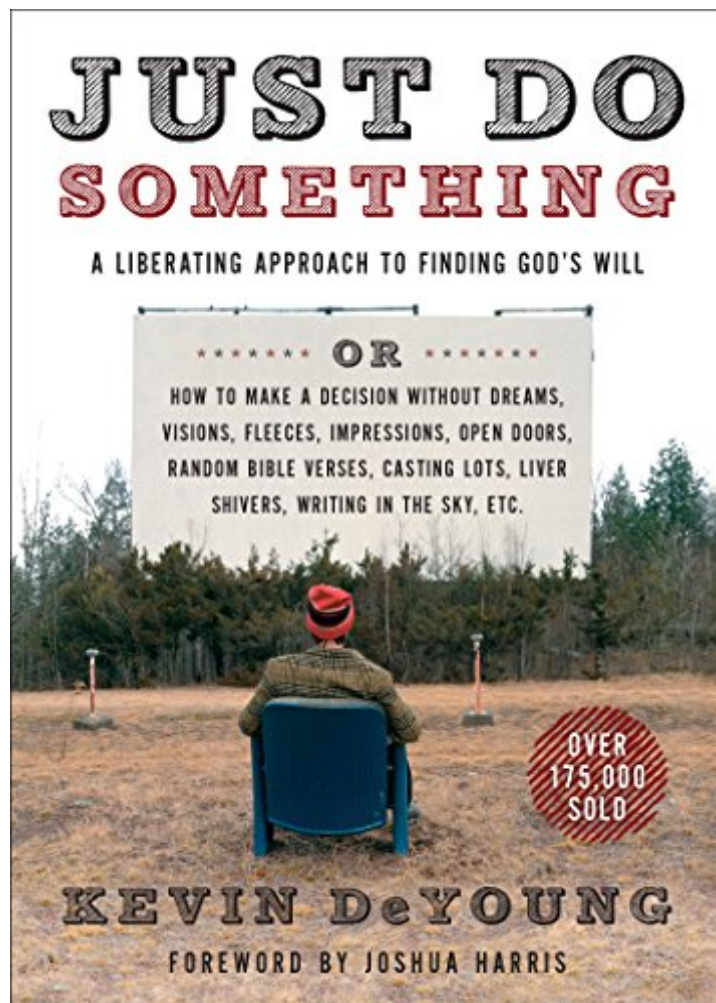




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Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach To Finding God's Will



Synopsis

Why won't God reveal his special will for my life already? Because he doesn't intend to... So says Kevin DeYoung in this punchy book about making decisions the godly way. Many of us are listening for the still small voice to tell us what's next instead of listening to the clear voice in Scripture telling us what's now. God does have a will for your life, but it is the same as everyone else's: Seek first the kingdom of God. And quit floundering. With pastoral wisdom and tasteful wit, DeYoung debunks unbiblical ways of understanding God's will and constructs a simple but biblical alternative: live like Christ. He exposes the frustrations of our waiting games and unfolds the freedom of finding God's will in Scripture and then simply doing it. This book is a call to put down our Magic 8-Balls and pick up God's Word. It's a call to get wisdom, follow Christ, be holy, and live freely. To just do something.

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Customer Reviews

Kevin DeYoung writes short, straight-forward, biblically rich books. This book is no exception. You will gain much wisdom about, first of all, what is God's will and, second, how to discern it. I have given this book numerous times to young people, but it is a book that is helpful no matter what age you are. Plus, the included study questions make it a great book for group study.

The biggest thing this book taught me is not to confuse minor concerns with the big picture. Funny, it took a book to tell me I need to read "The Book."

I bought this book to give to the graduating seniors from our church last year. It's so helpful, and I hope they read it. But even for the ones that don't decide to go cover to cover on this, I hope they are sparked to action simply by seeing the book on the shelf and having the title go through their heads.

Very good book. Gets past the current overly introspective, "how do I feel about myself" self absorption. It puts into perspective our current affluence and harks back to the day when you didn't look to your job to complete you or be deeply satisfying. You knew you were very blessed just to have a job, any job. It uses the perspective of the author's grandfathers to convey the idea that you are very fortunate to be self sustaining and not a burden to someone else. If you grew up in the depression when 1 in 4 people were out of work, you knew you were blessed to have a job and be able to do it. Also, gets to the idea of 'don't wait for the perfect career, the perfect job, before you're willing to engage.' GET TO WORK. DO SOMETHING. Quit waiting for the world to serve you just exactly what you want.

This is a simplistic book that dives into several issues today's Christians may have in daily life. There are many concepts that are boiled down to their core and restated in a way some may find incorrect for their walk in life, yet DeYoung's overall message is very clear and very relevant to all of us, in fact it is summed up very nicely in the title: Just Do Something. If you are looking for a nice, short read that will help motivate you to understand and seek out simple solutions for your life, both in small and enormous decisions, then this book will help your journey.

As a pastor, I am often approached by people struggling with anxiety over how to determine what God wants them to do with their lives. This book is the best little theology of knowing the will of God for your life that I've read. The emphasis on Wisdom over personal revelation is the remedy which

will keep many from making impulsive, foolish life decisions. Wisdom is so often overlooked as a resource available to the Christian. James tells us to ask of God who gives it away freely, and Solomon says we should seek it above jewels. Indeed, when Solomon was faced with leading a nation, he asked for wisdom to know right from wrong and to lead a people. Christians often wrongly associate spiritual guidance with a subjective ability to "hear" God talking to them in your emotions or intuition. "I think God wants us to move to Florida." Why? "I'm not sure. I just think I hear God saying this." That might sound spiritual, but it is not wise. The author speaks well in favor of wisdom. He also sets out a peace-producing theology of God's sovereign guidance for our lives. Instead of us wondering if God is trying to give us hard to read signs so that we don't fall off of a singular path that He has for us, but that is hard to discern, the author points out that God WANTS to make it simple for us to complete His plan for us, and that His sovereignty is to be depended upon instead of some intuitive divining rod. Great book.

In subtitling this book "A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will," the author (DeYoung) embarks upon a seemingly hefty task. I will confess to being once a believer who was obsessive in my pursuit to "remain within God's will," and would oftentimes be paralyzed into inaction because I would not want to upset God, and then have Him withhold the "ultimate blessings" for my life. This quick read seeks to remedy our obsession with knowing God's "blueprint" for our lives, and instead exhorts us to look to His Word, see what His heart has been since the beginning of time, and align our pursuits and endeavors accordingly. Be liberated from your fear of upsetting a Holy God by electing to take this job over that one and, instead, be drawn into the God whose story and will has been laid out since the beginning of time; with a specific space for you to fill in.

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