


# THE WELL- PLAYED LIFE



WHY PLEASING GOD DOESN'T  
HAVE TO BE SUCH HARD WORK

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Do you secretly believe the harder you work, the even more God is happy with you? The Well-Played Life offers a fresh spiritual direction of enjoying (and getting appreciated by) God. how that changes from enough time we have been 5 to the time we are 50; But think about what it might mean rather to unclench your teeth, loosen your grasp, and actually encounter God's pleasure in you not just in all you are doing for Him? .s pleasure. Renowned author Leonard Nice explores what it means to make sure you God in the nitty-gritty of existence;for a while.s present of play. and how in every age group of our lives, in everything we do, we can experience God' It is possible to live like that Learn how a Sabbath way of Christian joy is not only feasible, but also how we had been designed . The Well-Played Existence is a journey of a life filled up with richness, fruitfulness, and imagination of surviving in God' . and a core section of God's arrange for our lives.



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SHOULD WE REPLACE THE "PURITAN ETHIC" WITH AN "ETHIC OF PLAY"? Leonard I. Sweet. This publication posits the contrary belief: The quality of life depends upon the grade of our PLAY. he has written/cowritten many other books, such as Post-Modern Pilgrims, What Matters Most: How We Got the idea but Missed the Person, Viral: How Social Networking Is Poised to Ignite Revival, etc. It is also very readable! Sweet is an American theologian, Methodist pastor, and author who is Evangelism at Drew Theological College and a Going to Professor at George Fox University Sweet can be ordained in the United Methodist Church; It's time I repented of my workaholic ways. If that transfiguration will probably happen, I better obtain praying, and playing. I am open to correction, though criticism is certainly hard to take " (Pg. vii) He provides in the Introduction, "One wonders the way the heavenly host appearance at us, slogging along and working our method through life, when we were given free passage to rise, ride, and 'mount through to wings as eagles.' We were created to be a risen people. Christians aren't those who 'make life work. In a play paradigm, we reside in the flow. Nice is an American theologian, Methodist pastor, and author who is Evangelism at Drew Theological School and a Going to Professor at George Fox University Lovely is definitely ordained in the United Methodist Church; It's time for a theology of play. After five hundred years, the Protestant function ethic has not made us better disciples, just weary and cranky human being beings " (Pg.1-2)He explains, "Living a 'well-played' life means exceptional fullness of joy that originates from being in deep with the divine, cleaving near to the covenant, surviving in sync with the Spirit, and yoked to Christ to the idea of surrendered rely upon God's providences and promises God's choice of all of us as 'God's people' precedes any obedience about our part. Holiness is normally a dance of joy, and a time of PLAYING in God's presence." (Pg. not a map, but a mission; We live from it and perform in it. Second Age (30-60)Real Players; Anytime we praise and worship God, it really is Godplay The globe doesn't need even more work and more workers, but more play, more God, even more Godplay and Godplayers How we take part in Godplay depends partly on our 'age.' Not really our physical age but our discipleship 'age group. Third Age (60-90+) Master Players , Dr. 22) He distinguishes between the First Age (0-30), Second Age (30-60), and Third Age (60-90). (Pg. 25-26)He states, "Another reason we need to proceed to a play ethic and away from a work ethic can be that the victory was already received, on the cross There is no need to fuss and fret, despair and fear. I take no pleasure in you. Can you recall the last time you thought of the Christian life seeing that playful? not a blueprint for tracing, but a blue sky for discovering. 43-44)He asserts, "There is no PLAN. God didn't give us an idea, but an objective; 20)He suggests, "Christians don't work toward the satisfaction and acceptance of God." (Pg. God's Strategy is for us to invest out lives doing whatever unlocks out tear ducts, makes our throats deep with tune, continues the gales of laughter surging in our souls, and turns our foot to dancing. Producing our lives more joyful once we serve. After reading 40 pages of the 262 page publication, I was finally through the launch. In a play paradigm, we savor God's pleasure In a work paradigm, we retain control." (Pg. Rather than keep the playground. In a function paradigm, we go through lifestyle learning lessons. We've had five hundred years of 'making items work. In a work paradigm, we get a worldview. In a play paradigm, we author a life story. 193)He laments, "The church used to provide the best celebrations. Divine providence, divine safety, and divine promises.' We are those that make existence fun." (Pg. 143)He says, "When we celebrate the Lord God will not wish us to sit motionless and solemn as if at a funeral, but to celebrate and dance, because each time of feasting can be a remembrance of the sacred wedding feast that celebrates our blessed covenant with god, the father. The Lord of the Dance invites us to SING our lives and DANCE with the divine. But out of our relational joy in loving God, we find ourselves obedient." (Pg. 149)He points out, "Jesus didn't 'discover period' to pray amidst a bustling foundation of preaching, teaching, and healing; rather, his basis of prayer sent him out to preach, educate, and heal Christianity has hardly any to say about HOW to pray. Jesus offered his disciples no way for prayer, as a guru would do Jesus revolutionizes the practice of prayer, not by introducing new forms of prayer, but a new

Concentrate for praying. Prayer for Jesus isn't about techniques, but trust..."Utilizing the frame work of the Three Age groups - First Age (0-30) Novice Players;' Simplexity is a systemic mix of both complexity and simplicity." (Pg. In a work paradigm, we aim to please God. Festivals were noisy, multisensory, sensual events with party planners who were the best artists of their time. Now it appears many Christians are allergic to parties, if not outright against them. I result from a tradition that was so against any form of levity that it refused to condone actually fund-raising that was fun. No bazaars, grab hand bags, fairs, festivals, carnivals, or anything that might charm to 'vanity or the love of satisfaction.'" (Pg. 220-221)He concludes, "[This publication] envisions a similarly different 'master strategy': to turn every house, and every soul, right into a park and playground, a park for God to play in, a playground for the abundant lifestyle of Godplay. our biggest hope is to hear God's primary 'It is good' spoken over each of our lives since it was at our baptism. Or we will listen to another thing: 'Depart from me. We play on a field which Jesus has already won our independence. he has written/cowritten many other books, such as ' Follow God's satisfaction. In a play paradigm, we go through life ripening our souls.' Probably it's time to start making factors fun. 90)He observes, "The sacred isn't found in are much as it is certainly in play." (Pg. coined phrases from another publication he wrote. On your own mark...get set...I must admit We had fun reading this book, but it additionally convicted me personally. Our 'labor' is portion of the deceptive work of Satan, who would like us to trust that the results has yet to be motivated. Me either. you will when you browse this book. Not really my cup of tea The Well-Played Life by Leonard Lovely was a huge disappointment. Not long ago i finished reading the book The Well-Played Lifestyle - Why Pleasing God Doesn't Have to Be Such Hard Work by Leonard Sweet. From beginning to end, the reserve tells the tale of the satisfaction God takes in people, and how, as we humans improvement through the Three Age range described by Dr. Sweet, we have to live in a way that returns the compliment. Ideas for taking part the fun of "using God in the Backyard" - the best metaphor for discipleship relating to Dr. Sweet always is. Why is it, do you think, that Christians are regarded as hardworking, humorless party-poopers? The Well-Played Existence examines how this picture came about and reminds us that the only people who can redesign this perception are Christians. Contained in the chapters are many vivid examples of joyful, exciting and God-pleasing occasions in scripture, specifically in the life span of Christ, which can inspire us to check out our lives as believers much less work, but as content, creative activity. I acquired this publication because I was worked up about its premise, but I came back it since it was a difficult read Great Read! It's period for a theology of enjoy. I contact this 'simplexity. Anytime we approach lifestyle with the pleasure of a child, it is Godplay.'" (Pg. He also under no circumstances fulfilled an alliteration he didn't like, and that can get a little aged after 100 pages. I saw that at times I am among the rock-confronted and rigid barrier of believers which can be so intimidating to those who don't however know Christ. You might not actually realize how legalistic your relationship with god is. Sweet's words. PLAY! But don't get the notion that this book is all natural cotton candy and Skittles. I would rather be defined as a member of the family of living stones that form the spiritual dwelling of a joy-filled Jesus. I was wrong. A summary of this book in under 140 characters: Whenever we are clothed in God's glory, we have been in our play clothes. Disclaimer - I was sent a free copy of the book The Well-Played Life - As to why Pleasing God Doesn't Have to Be Such EFFORT by Leonard Sweet from Tyndale Momentum. My opinions are my very own. Strolling with god in the garden this is probably the most influentially powerful books on the the indwelling life of Christ that I ever read. it'll really widen your horizon, both vertically and horizontally. It might even cause you to dance if you do not have before. It is certainly filled up with goodness, truth, and beauty in addition to puzzlers, ideas and playful procedures for those who wish to live "in sync with the Spirit" in Dr. In fact, I really believe most people would be very reluctant to place what "playful" and "Christian" in the same sentence. A Delightful Read Leonard Sweet's Good Played Life is a delightful reminder that the Christian should life should be marked by pleasure. Following a Holy Spirit feels similar to play than work. What a marvelous

experience when Jesus leads the way! Thought provoking Something to help you think that about what we have to be doing.” (Pg. Leads us to observe how enabling God to lead makes life meaningful and joyful.. Arresting. Worth the time to browse and think about its application to your life This guy can change a phrase! Sweet defines each age group, pointing out their issues and strengths under chapter headings such as Follow the Leader, Cave Dwellers, Play in the Dirt, Rock-Paper-Scissors, and Angry Birds. Nevertheless, this is a very worthwhile read. Sweet - are skillfully and imaginatively offered in The Well-Played Life. Five Stars This is a fantastic book with a refreshing viewpoint.He wrote in the Acknowledgements of this 2014 book, “The truth that I am composing a book on a ‘play ethic’ when I am known for my WORK ethic may strike some as the elevation of hypocrisy I used to trust that the standard of life depended on the standard of our work. Alpha -Omega!! That is a totality of my Good -Played Life in reality revealed by our Holy Spirit.” (Pg. Understanding the full circle of guarantees being performed out . Truly understanding that His yoke is simple n his burdens light in the game of Life.. 185)He explains, “The theological edifice I am constructing in the course of my life is not a ‘systematic’ theology, but a SYSTEMIC and AESTHETIC theology built from the ground up and composed from the sound up The older I obtain, the more complex my theology becomes, but the more SIMPLE my faith is I mature with age, and I immature with age group. Thoughtful.Rene Garcia SHOULD WE REPLACE THE “PURITAN ETHIC” WITH AN “ETHIC OF PLAY”? L Leonard I. It’s time and energy to abolish function.’ Don’t ‘stick to your bliss. Imagine then, how unexpected and intriguing it was to see that somebody had written an entire book on the subject. 86) He provides, “What’s much better than a divine PLAN? Lovely’s book is overly-complicated and complicated. The quotes by celebrities that are devote sidebars don’t flow well with kindle format, sometimes exceeding 3 pages with ordinary text alongside it. The author throws around Latin (I think) & 243-244)This is a creative and interesting work, which will be of great interest to those studying the Emerging Church, or additional contemporary motions in Christianity. In the early pages of the reserve there is a extremely provocative thought tossed out to us: “It’s time to abolish work!! As always, Len Lovely delivers. Great book, highly recommend!!



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