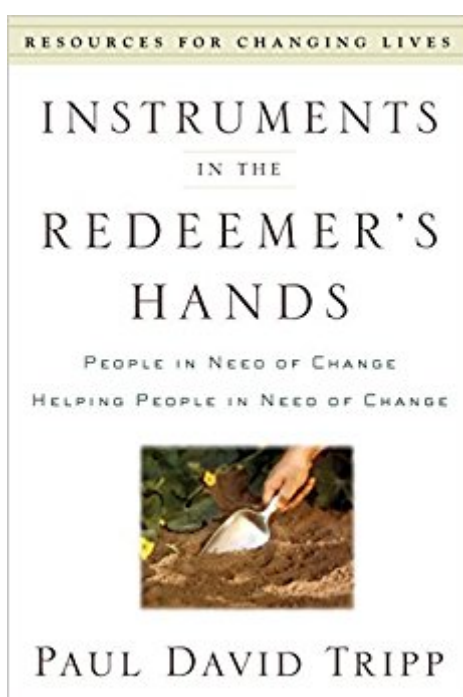


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Instruments In The Redeemer's Hands: People In Need Of Change Helping People In Need Of Change (Resources For Changing Lives)



Synopsis

In many ways, the church today has more consumers than committed participants. We see church merely as an event we attend or an organization we belong to, rather than as a calling that shapes our entire life. Many of us would be relieved if God had placed our sanctification in the hands of trained professionals, but that simply is not the biblical model. God's plan is that through the faithful ministry of every part, the whole body will grow to maturity in Christ. Tripp explains how his work follows an "all of my people, all of the time" model. If you followed the Lord for a thousand years, you would still need the ministry of the body of Christ as much as you did the day you first believed. This need will remain until our sanctification is complete in Glory. This is a comprehensive treatment of how God uses people as tools of change in the lives of others, people who themselves are in need of change.

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"Tripp is a careful and skillful physician of the heart. He unites a loving heart with a mind trained to the Scriptures. This book is a great companion for pastors and counselors. It will guide anyone who wants to give real help to others, the saving help that is found in Christ's redeeming work." --Richard D. Phillips "Helps us help others (and ourselves) by giving grace-centered hope that we can indeed change, and by showing us the biblical way to make change happen." --Skip Ryan "A wonderful reminder that everyone who belongs to Jesus can help others. God gave us to each other! This is a

wise and helpful book that should change your life and that of the church. Read it! You'll be glad."

--Steve Brown

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The evangelical Christian community who believes the Bible is sufficient for all life needs to read and believe the message of this book again and again and again and again! We are indeed people in need of change, helping people in need of change. The church has bought the following lies from the world: 1) The Bible is not sufficient to handle all our "problems". 2) we must "farm people out" to "experts" 3) we can only hope for the best the world has offer in "behavior management". The truth: The Bible is sufficient, it is more than sufficient. We are each equipped to counsel or comprehensively disciple (as I like to call it). If you read the Scriptures and take them seriously, then you are equipped. A bit of reading and training will show you what you already know to come alongside another sinner and help them not just "survive" but THRIVE in their lives, despite anything that is happening to them (or happened to them). The Bible promises genuine heart change: if the Gospel saves, it also sanctifies, but the Million Dollar question is HOW? I know so many Christians, myself included, who have been beset by so many sins and the sins seem to strangle the life out of us. BUT I don't know what I don't know. You don't know what you don't know. Read this book and begin the journey to see that discipleship is an "everyone - all of the time" activity", not reserved for the specially trained and highly exalted "professional". We are each called to this, our ugly sin included. That is precisely what makes our discipleship stand apart from the world. It is sinners reaching out to other sinners both in need of change, and Paul Tripp's book makes the case eloquently and fervently. The church should be the epicenter for all christian soul care. It is sadly not (overall). Even in churches where the sufficiency of Scripture is not an issue, the "referral mentality" is still firmly ensconced: "send that hot mess over to the Pastor" we say to ourselves, "I cannot help him or her"... Paul Tripp explains why this is simply not true. Excellent read if you were ever

wondering how to begin to see your church and everyone in it part of this "everybody - all of the time" ministry. Prepare to be encouraged.

This is an exceptional book! Paul David Tripp's book is more than just a guide to counseling, it is a guidebook to real and lasting change. This book is a definitive treatise on how to assist fellow believers in lasting change, while we are changing as well in the process. Any Christian, whether in the pulpit or in the pew has a obligation to stand alongside our fellow strugglers. Paul Tripp's book provides the tools and gives the blueprint to do just that. Very well written, deeply practical, and thoroughly scriptural, you would be hard pressed to find a better ministry or life tool. Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands is outstanding!

I had to buy this for a group class at church. Some of the women really like it but I think it rambles on and on. He makes some good points but it seems it could have been condensed more. I much prefer reading the Bible rather than a book.

Well written, from a "counseling" perspective. Makes one see the Gospel, and the role of the church, from a personal, human perspective, rather than a theological perspective. After all, wasn't Christ all about relationships rather than rules. A good book to reset our priorities based on human need (as much ours as others). Again, a priority of Christ.

This book seemed very repetitive. I didn't know if it was written for pastors and counselors, or for laymen in the church.

A mentor recommended this book several years ago but I never had the opportunity until now to read it & teach it. I give this book 5 stars, it is an excellent book for counseling, plus applicable to oneself and practical on how to work with people who want "change" or assist them to change. It gives a good biblical foundation, it shows you how to counsel people appropriately and how to address difficult situations. Plus it shows you how to critique things fairly and not judgmental. We taught it to our leadership and the class was an eye opener to their own lives and how to help others. I recommend that it should be a classroom course in any theological university, christian counseling ctr or local bible study. It's a must!

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