

**General Topics :: The Purpose Driven Thread**

**The Purpose Driven Thread, on: 2005/2/8 10:08**

Since we house church we do not participate in a lot of the programs and fads that take the institutional churches by storm.

I've read Purpose Drive Life (not as a help in my life, but as research into this new fad... didnt care for the book on a number of levels) but have no experience with the 40 days of Purpose that a lot of churches are doing.

Anyone want to share their thoughts on this? Only those who have actually encountered this program, please. Positive or negative.

I want to learn more about this.

Krispy

**Re: The Purpose Driven Thread - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/2/8 10:31**

Hi Krispy,

Here are a couple of links to prior posts about it. There are actually more too. :)

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id1393&forum35#8454](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id1393&forum35#8454)) Purpose Driven vs. My Utmost

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id2649&forum41#16814](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id2649&forum41#16814)) Purpose Driven life

In Him, Chanin

**Re: a purpose for purpose driven stuff - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/2/8 11:07**

O, I forgot to mention something kind of amusing.

I found a useful purpose for some of the "Purpose Driven" material :-)

At our grocery store, they have little booklets by Warren in the checkout lanes, called "What on Earth Am I here For?" These are by all the magazines you see in the checkout lanes also. When I'm waiting in line I use the booklets to cover up the covers of the Cosmopolitan and Glamour magazines :-P

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**Re:, on: 2005/2/8 12:03**

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So you're saying some good does come from Rick Warren's material? LOL

Krispy

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**Re: - posted by Agent001 (), on: 2005/2/8 14:10**

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This little booklet is taken from my favorite section of *Purpose-Driven Life*. And yes, I have seen these material having profound impact on people who are otherwise not interested in discussing faith at all.

**Re:, on: 2005/2/8 15:01**

I have no doubt Rick Warren's ministry has had an impact on many people. I'm not here to malign him. I merely want to here from people who have done the 40 days of purpose.

My comment about the booklet was only meant as humor... nothing else.

Krispy

**Re: Please read..., on: 2005/2/9 17:46**

"Deceived on Purpose" by Warren Smith. It will tell you what you need to know about Rick Warren. He is little more than a re-invented Robert Schuller.

Influence? I have to disagree with you Krispy. I'm glad you lead a sheltered and sanctified life. Oh that I were in your home fellowship. But for almost 3 years I combed the classified ads at a [www.churchstaffing.com](http://www.churchstaffing.com). I was searching far and wide for a pastorate. It is absolutely amazing how many ads qualify their candidates by insisting that they are in harmony with "The Purpose Driven Church". I finally got delived from this web site. The Lord told me if He wanted me to pastor, He knew where I was and how to call me. So I rested that with Him. But that's another adventure.

Beloved, the apostasy is here in full force. If millions weren't deceived, it wouldn't be the apostasy. They are willfully deceived. They refuse to search the scriptures daily to see if these things be so (Acts 17:11). The Holy Spirit is able to lead you and guide you into all truth, provided He is doing the leading. Trust it to a blind person and you will both fall into a ditch. Some never get out. Selah.

**Re: - posted by mtembezi (), on: 2005/3/9 11:28**

The "40 days of Purpose Campaign" has come to Kenya.

Our church joins early next month.

I haven't read the book, but I've seen my unsaved/lukewarm relative get really hungry for God and desire growth after reading it. Plus there are a number of unbelievers at my office who have expressed interest in being a part of the group study.

May God use this book to get them saved and on fire--at least that's all I'm interested in...

If anyone has some concerns please flag them for me.

In God's love,  
Ricahrd

**Re:, on: 2005/3/9 11:47**

Ricahrd... I hope all the things you mentioned come to pass as well.

One concern I know I have is how Rick Warren uses a plethora of Bible versions, taking many scriptures out of context in order to bolster his message. Wrenching scripture out of its original meaning to match our agenda is dangerous.

Is the Purpose Movement bad? No, I don't think it is, in and of itself. I just don't trust a man who plays fast and loose with the Word of God.

But in today's church, most Christians are not concerned with whether or not a movement has errors or could be potentially dangerous... if it has what we consider to be positive results... then we're all for it. Kind of like "the ends justify the means".

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I'm not negative about the Purpose Movement, it has some good aspects to it. But neither am I going to be ignorant of the problems.

I also get very leary of a movement that has as one of its trademarks a vast, lucrative mass marketing campaign. The Purpose Driven Movement has raked in a tremendous amount of consumer money. It's funny to me how something that started out so simplistically (Christianity), and led by a simple carpenter who preached mainly to the common man... has been turned into such a money making industry.

Just my thoughts.

Krispy

### Re: - posted by Gideons (), on: 2005/3/9 12:12

I would be very careful of this book and suggest you read some of the other threads and look at differing opinions in the body Christ on the purpose-driven craze.

The bigger question to ask is what is my specific purpose in this life? Is it develop my ministry? Maybe God wants me to be successful?

The only answer I believe is eternal is to make us Christ-like.

There's another thread under David Wilkerson on one of his recent messages entitled "Called to Be Christ-like" <http://www.timeforrenewal.com/wmedia/050227-S1-DWI.aspx>.

That's my only purpose in this life as far as I can tell is to become more Christ-like.

### Re: The Purpose Driven Thread - posted by pray4boise (), on: 2005/3/9 12:20

As a pastor I have been very interested in what comes down the pike, mostly to see what the temperature of the Church is in America. I have read the Purpose Driven Church and Purpose Driven Life books by Rick Warren.

I must say that in order to understand the motives behind the PD Life you must read the PD Church book first. My estimation of these materials is as follows;

If there was no Holy Spirit and it was upon us as a Church to promote and drive our local Church to growth, I would say Warren has shown us how it should be done. It is the best of the worlds marketing and research.

However if you believe in the power of the Holy Spirit and you believe that the Lord adds to the Church daily, such as should be saved, then this program is not for you or your church.

David, you might remember, put the Ark of God on a cart just like the Philistines did. It was more efficient than God's way (stopping every few steps to worship and sacrifice, while bearing the ark on the priests shoulders) it was the latest technique but somebody was killed because it wasn't God's way.

If you are interested in a good book on Church Growth, I would recommend the Book of Acts. After we have a solid grip on God's word then we will begin to realize that it is God's church and he will add to it as he moves His people by His Spirit. Growth of believers is the most important thing not growth in numbers. If we are found faithful God will bring the numbers.

Recently two pastors in India were discussing church growth and the numbers who had attended their meetings. An older wiser Christian interrupted the men and said, "My brothers, it is time we stop living in the book of numbers and start living in the book of Acts!"

In His grace,

Pray4boise

**Re: pride and self-esteem - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/9 12:42**

I saw this posted on a blog yesterday and was enthralled with this whole idea of pride and self-esteem and sin. It is worth reading and makes you think twice. it is not your normal anti- purpose Driven but shows where some more gray areas are. I am still thinking on it all.

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There is an incredibly interesting book out by Intervarsity Press called Sin, Pride, and Self-Acceptance by Terry D. Cooper. The book categorizes two schools of thought on the issue of man's fallen nature: pride versus low self esteem. It begins with an imaginary conversation between two friends about an irritating acquaintance. One says that he is "full of himself" and "egotistical." The other argues that he only acts that way because he is not secure with himself and has a poor self-image. Cooper fairly represents both of these taxonomies of human nature and seeks to develop a synthesis of the two views in his conclusion.

The belief that pride is the center of the human ego has been a traditional Christian belief for thousands of years. Starting with Augustine original sin became the predominate view of the Church and helped shape Calvin's and Dordt's doctrine of Total Depravity during the Reformation. In the 20th century, Reinhold Niehuh and C.S. Lewis carried on this belief which shows in their criticisms of modern society. However, in the last 100 years, the rise of psychoanalysis revealed the inward human struggle for self worth and significance. Starting with Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung and carried on by Carl Rogers, the argument is that pride is not humanity's primary problem, but that it is self-contempt that drives people to such vices as self-centeredness and addiction. Another supporter of this belief is by feminist theologians that argue that women are filled with an innate self-loathing as opposed to a puffed up ego, and are not innately proud.

As Cooper writes, the implications of these beliefs are massive:

Quote:  
-----Our assumptions about whether pride or low self-esteem is the primary human problem deeply influence our approach to people. If we assume that pride is primary, our approach may be more confrontational, more direct, more concerned to help others acknowledge and accept their inadequacies, limitations and sins... On the other hand, ministers convinced that deep-rooted feelings of inadequacy represent the primary problem will talk less about sin and much more about the importance of embracing ourselves as we are. Their ministry will be based on support, nurture and encouragement, rather than confrontation about our self-centeredness.  
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This is very elucidating for understanding the divergent ministry philosophies of **John MacArthur Jr. and Rick Warren. MacArthur would say that people's deepest need is to have their sin confronted by the Word of God through forceful preaching, while Warren would aver that people are coming to church not for truth, but for relief. Hence, messages ought to be tailored for the purpose of building people up.** This divergence is even seen in the two pastors who normally speak at my church. One is blunt and confrontational and the other is upbeat and encouraging.

While I have benefited from both viewpoints' understanding of human nature, I tend to side for with the egoism perspective. While I appreciated the sensitivity of such writers like Brennan Manning, **I found my true self exposed by the writings of C.S. Lewis.** However, the perfect hybrid of both that I've found is within the complicated but provocative philosophy of S?Kierkegaard and his Sickness Unto Death.

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In Him, chandin

**Re: Two Sides of the Truth - posted by Agent001 (), on: 2005/3/9 13:21**

The Samaritan woman's prosmicuity in John 4 is a reflection of both -- a legitimate desire for intimacy and fulfillment (which only God can satisfy) but at the same time blinded by sin, she sought to meet her needs through sinful acts of adultery.

Augustine, on one hand, is instrumental in the development of the idea of total depravity, nonetheless shows that he finds within himself a need for security that only God can provide -- *"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee."* (Confessions)

The doctrine of creation tells us that we are created by God as image-bearers of God, such that all our desires and needs are ultimately pointing towards God as our satisfaction. Our quests for fulfillment today are often misguided attempts to fill this void.

The consequence of the fall tells us that our sinful nature is deeply ingrained within us. We are enslaved by sin, and as a result, we deceive others as well as ourselves concerning our true conditions.

That's why, I think, Jesus is both *encouraging* to sinners such as the prostitutes and tax collectors but also *confrontation al* to the Pharisees, whose self-righteousness blinded them to see their true selves. May we all have the same wisdom.

Just my two pennies...

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/3/9 14:19**

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You could always send Mr Cooper a copy of Paris Reidhead? Personally I think this is just another expression of the the spiritual hedonism Paris Reidhead identifies so clearly. (Soren Kierkegaard? yuck!) In one ex-communist countries that I visited, in one church probably almost 50% of the congregation had studied psychology. They were extremely intelligent people; there were two chess grand-masters in the congregation! It became clear that their preoccupation with psychology was really a self-help programme, as they struggled to understand themselves and their reactions.

Paul tells us For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (Rom 12: 3 KJV)I can't count the times I have heard preachers improve on Paul by saying 'nor too lowly either'. I prefer Paul, neat.

I distrust psychological terms, especially when used to explain biblical phenomena. I distrust, 'self-esteem' profoundly. I have seen proud people being patiently taken apart by the Lord only to be put back together again by the local Christian doctor and his theories of 'self esteem'. I try to force myself to use biblical terms. If there is not an adequate biblical term for this I suspect the 'alternative medicine' of the psychologist.

People do need to know that they are loved by God; in whatever condition they are. Not because they are not so bad as they think they are, but because they are much worse than they think they are. The 'psychological experience' of Elijah's poor 'self-image' is instructive;But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. (1Ki 19:4 KJV) Well, Elijah, if you'll excuse me asking, who said that you were? His poor 'self-image' was the result of his having a good 'self-image' and the distress that his disillusionment brought. But if he had not had the 'illusion' (to link to a previous thread) he would not have had to be 'dissed' of it.

What we need is the discernment that brings God's diagnosis to the sufferer. The Lord shows a wonderful capacity in drawing near to the down-trodden; which (Sam) is how I regard the woman at the well, rather than a promiscuous woman. Samaritan women, as Jewish women, could not divorce their husbands; this woman had been dumped 5 times. Can you wonder that she didn't bother to go through the motions the 6th time?

I suspect that 'low self esteem' is just another disguise that 'pride' is using. It is the result of someone comparing themselves with someone else, rather than listening to God's diagnosis. God never says 'there, there, it's not as bad as you think

k'; but 'fear not thou worm Jacob'. Instead of trying to improve self image perhaps we should be encouraging people to hear God's 'fear not'. 'You are a worm' but 'fear not'. I don't mind being a worm if I can hear God saying 'fear not'.

Just a half-forgotten memory... As a middle teenager I was an avid reader of the Herald of His Coming, which is some ways was a printed precursor of Sermonindex! It often suggested ways of self-humbling. For some months I hung a sign in my bedroom so that the first thing my eyes opened on, to my poor mother's bemused consternation, was "I am a worm". It didn't work; none of it 'works'... but God's word will 'do it' every time...For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb 4:12 KJV)

**Re:, on: 2005/3/9 14:28**

Quote:  
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Wow... you hit the nail on the head with that one. I've been trying to express the problems I see with the PD stuff... and you just did it for me. I have nothing more to add.

Krispy

**Re: self-esteem... - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/9 14:42**

Thanks Ron, for your input. I can see that I am in agreement. And this article/ post from this blog yesterday helped me draw a more clear line.

One example that i can use is my 15 yr. old daughter. At school they teach and brainwash them that they all have low self esteem IF they feel this way or that. Or you can tell someone who has low self-esteem by such and such...

She complained the other day that she had low self esteem because she was too tired and lazy to stand up straight as she walked (and a few other things). I told her that she KNEW what God thinks of her already (she is made in His image) and that she lacks self-discipline (which now she agrees with wholeheartedly) and should think about her SELF less. If we are busy thinking of the Lord and others, we won't have too much time thinking of our SELVES and our sorry story. I told her she didn't need "self" esteem- she needs God esteem. The only thing that matters is what the Lord thinks about you anyway.

When i shared that quote which I shared with you:

**Humility isn't thinking less of yourself, but thinking about yourself less. Self-centered people and people of low self-esteem both suffer from thinking about themselves too much — both suffer from pride.**

She said: "O, that is so true!"

Anyway, i think this makes a huge impact on the way pastors/people approach sin, pride and self-esteem. This really helps separate the issues.

Thanks again!

In His love, Chanin

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**Re:, on: 2005/3/9 15:45**

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.... this is why we homeschool.

Krispy

**Re: Purpose Driven vs Spirit Led - posted by Smokey (), on: 2005/3/9 20:28**

This purpose driven program is nothing but another worldly program that infeltrates the Body of Christ from time to time t  
o steer well meaning people astray, and away from the REAL WORD OF GOD.

My church, (Pentecostal) introduced the Purpose Driven Life program last fall. I had heard from some very good peopl  
e that there was a problem with it, so I approached my pastor about our use of the program, and he said that I was the o  
nly one in a congregation of 1400 who had a problem with it.

I will hi-lite one glaring error in the book, even before you get to chapter one. On page 10 of the paperback copy that  
I have, there are 8 so called examples of a changed life in 40 days. ALL are suspect but #3 states.

The spies were transformed by 40 days in the Promised Land.

In my Bible (Numbers 13:25-33) it says that 10 of the spies came back with negative reports, and only 2 wanted to take t  
he land. My suggestion is that you stay well clear of this drivel..Hold fast to the Word of God.

In Christ Greg :-o

**Re:, on: 2005/3/10 8:38**

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blem with it.  
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Boy, if that doesnt ever illustrate the condition of the church today! 1 out of 1,400 has noticed a problem and had the ner  
ve to speak up.

I commend you, brother.

And what about your pastor's attitude? "Hey, the mojority love it... it must be ok!"

Hogwash!

Krispy

**Re: The Purpose Driven Thread - posted by mtembezi (), on: 2005/3/11 11:35**

Thanks for the continued input.

Incidetally Rick Warren is in town, though I will not be able to hear him speak.

I realise I ought to prayerfull read the book, and by God's grace get a balanced view.

I don't know if this is a good illustration, but I got saved reading the Good News Bible, I was desperate for God and hung  
rily read most of the Bible before coming to the Lord.

So God used what is considered an imperfect translaiton to turn me to Himself, so here's my question:

Is the PD book an imperfect tool that God can use to turn men away from sin and to Him?

Or is it a wicked tool that will further harden men against the gospel.

I haven't thought this through, but for now I'm all for sinners coming to the Lord, loving Him and hating sin, whatever thei  
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Re:, on: 2005/3/11 11:47

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You pose an interesting question. As I stated before, I believe good does come out of the PD movement.

I don't, however, believe that just because good comes out of something then we should ignore what's wrong with it. As you said, people get saved reading the Good News Bible... but that doesn't mean I'm going to recommend it to everyone.

Paul said that he praised God for souls saved through men who had the wrong intentions... but yet he did not hesitate one bit to name the names of men in his day who were teaching false doctrines. See, he wasn't praising the **men** for preaching the gospel even with wrong intentions... he was praising **GOD** that people were being saved. Period. But he took a bold stand against heresy and heretics. (I'm not calling Rick Warren a heretic!)

Krispy

Re: - posted by mtembezi (), on: 2005/3/11 12:23

Quote:  
-----You pose an interesting question.  
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Yes, I do.

I guess I expressed myself incorrectly.

I'm not against pointing out wrong things about a message or a ministry. I appreciate that. And by God's grace I want to be sensitive and discerning.

But here's why my question is so pointed:

For the first time, there's a book that could get the unsaved to walk into a church, many churches, where the gospel is preached. And a book that's being sold at cost, making it accessible to many. So there's this excitement that it can bring people to the Lord.

But I don't want to pour my heart into--for lack of better expression-- a Trojan horse, that's why I asked to know how 'bad' the book is.

Anyway, here's another related question:

I'm so attracted to sermonindex because I listen to messages with depth, depth that I don't experience in my home church and among those I fellowship with.

So what am I to do? Leave my church? Quit BS? Pray my leadership aflame?

Confront (in love) my leadership?

I mean, I wish we were studying...I don't know... some deep book that exposed our hearts for what they truly are. A book that revealed God's holiness beauty and majesty that would cause us to barely look up in reverence, godly fear and humility. You know.. a book that would reveal to the average Christian the peril of hell that awaits their unsaved relative or friend, so much so that they would stop being so worldly and earnestly pray and witness.

I'm not joking, that's my heart cry.

But knowing that may not happen in the average church (until God answers our revival prayers), let alone attract an unbeliever into our churches, what am I to do?



**Re: The Purpose Driven Thread - posted by Matt25 (), on: 2005/3/25 23:20**

Two years ago when my fiancée and I were attending a conservative (conservative = actually believes the bible) church they went through the "40 days of purpose" campaign. It was the saddest thing I've ever seen. Every Sunday they would have one of the congregates make a speech about what the "Purpose Driven Life" has done in their lives. It was tragic because when's the last time a church made a concerted effort to have people get up to talk about the impact the New Testament has had on their life???

The church is in a very tragic state. I'm with Ravenhill when he says "I'm embarrassed to be a part of the Church of Jesus Christ which is so totally radically different from the New Testament ...so impoverished, so blind, so powerless." (Revival Hymn @ 24 minutes 36 seconds or 24:36)

**Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/3/26 10:34**

I ran across a book the other day that really touches on a lot of stuff that we've had threads on the past few weeks (Revival, Wild at Heart, PDL etc.) It's a series of essays in which John MacArthur is the general editor. They do a great job of dissecting PDL. Just FYI, it's called "Fool's Gold"

**Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/4/7 21:06**

I read it and got bored of it, I wish I read it in full so that I could fully disagree or agree with it. But I did think it was a hard read and very badly put together. I can't actually remember anything out of it which shows what a good book it is. Because good books I normally remember quotes this one nothing

**Re: - posted by mtembezi (), on: 2005/4/22 13:39**

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Thanks brother,

Our church is in the 2nd week of PD.

I can't give an accurate perspective, except that I wish less contemporary versions of the Bible were used as reference.

I hope I can find a way to get the book "Fool's Gold".

But this has been my experience.

I've had opportunity to lead a group at my office, and had an opportunity to have unbelievers be confronted again with the Gospel, ask questions as to why they should be saved, and by God's grace clearly explain.

This has been very close to my heart, I consider myself a missionary to my office.

I also know a friend who committed herself to serving in prisons ministry as a result of going through PD.

That doesn't mean much, as there are hundreds or more in our city who may have gone through the book unchanged.

There's another thread "Re: Rick Warren Teams Up With New-Age Guru Ken Blanchard"

I've never heard of this guy Ken Blanchard, but a quick visit to Amazon did actually prove that he's authored a book on what the review says are "buddha's gentle words".

I'm a bit grieved and a bit confused.

Sometimes I'd rather not know stuff about someone.

Almost like "If there's something useful (useful in this case means draw people to Christ) in this book/ministry use it!"

It's just that if I dig into virtually anybody's life I find sin, and that they're not truly walking in the light. Especially those who are in the limelight.

However I can't ignore what I know now.

I don't know if this makes sense, but this is what I think my attitude should be:

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Eventually, I can only be responsible for myself.

So I trust God to work in me, to keep me pure and constantly hating sin, and to love Him first.

I recognize also that I'm responsible for my words.

So to all I'm privileged to speak to, I present the fullness of gospel according to all Scripture as I know it.

And to believer, I challenge to live a holy life, and to set apart Christ as Lord.

I'm trying to always walk in the light, but I know I haven't attained. And my prayer is to be faithful till the end. That when I'm old and gray and bent, still have Christ as my first love.

But I have to live in the place I'm in (I think so), and that means people who don't see as I do. I have to go to a church where I don't tiptoe out awed and hushed by the Lord, as much as I yearn for that and pray for such Sundays. I don't know of any church that has such Sunday meetings, perhaps they're there, I pray there are.

But I love my church still. Oh how I sometimes pray that the glory of God would fall and people would be confronted by the holiness of God and darkness of their hearts and walk out changed, awed, eternity conscious!

But truth be told, I'm not always in tears for the body of Christ, or for the lost. I know how hard it is to constantly set apart time to seek God in the closet, and to constantly die to myself. I know a little bit of the pressure that a leader of a ministry feels, having been put in charge of a ministry that is dear to me but that stretches me.

I guess I'm just hurt. Hurt that this world is bound and going to hell and some Christian leaders aren't faithful. Hurt that I too am not as faithful and as consumed as I know I can be.

Hurt that this book PD is written by a man who can share a platform with a New Age man. Hurt that my hope and prayer was that the PD Campaign could be used to turn hearts to God, and now I don't know.

I know I went into a bit of a rant, please forgive me.

I'm just a bit heartbroken.