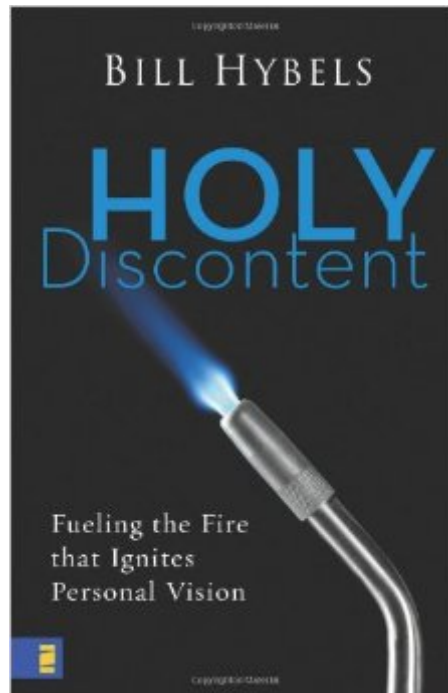


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Holy Discontent: Fueling The Fire That Ignites Personal Vision



Synopsis

What is the one aspect of this broken world that, when you see it, touch it, get near it, you just can't stand? Very likely, that firestorm of frustration reflects your holy discontent, a reality so troubling that you are thrust off the couch and into the game. It's during these defining times when your eyes open to the needs surrounding you and your heart hungers to respond that you hear God say, "I feel the same way about this problem. Now, let's go solve it together!" • Bill Hybels invites you to consider the dramatic impact your life will have when you allow your holy discontent to fuel instead of frustrate you. Using examples from the Bible, his own life, and the experiences of others, Hybels shows how you can find and feed your personal area of holy discontent, fight for it when things get risky, and follow it when it takes a mid-course turn. As you live from the energy of your holy discontent, you'll fulfill your role in setting what is wrong in this world right!

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The power of this book is again what we've come to expect from Bill Hybels. It is a powerful, easily communicated idea that motivates ministry. The idea is that there is in the life of every person some burning passion that fuels one's desire to change the world. With the urgency that typifies Hybels writing, speaking, and ministry, he seeks to motivate people into ministry by urging us to discover and develop our holy discontent with those things that most need changing. Hybels uses the line from the Popeye cartoon to communicate the concept: "I've had alls I can stand, and I can't stands

no more!" There is in any given person's life something that makes them desire change. For Hybels, he could not stand stale churches that failed to communicate the gospel effectively. We are not wholly content in this world, because this world is not yet what God wants it to be. By stoking our own awareness of and frustration with that given problem that most gets under our skin, we can find our calling and build a ministry. The book would be a good motivator for churches looking for ways to encourage volunteerism. There are two significant weaknesses to the book. First, after explaining the cleverly-termed concept, the rest of the book is a series of fairly pat illustrations, including the overused examples of Billy Graham and Mother Theresa. The string of people who found and followed a holy discontent is not surprising, which might have been remedied by more detailed research and more personal illustrations. Secondly, at a more profound level, Hybels never tells us exactly why calling should be based on a negative reaction to the world rather than a positive expression of love or the use of one's spiritual gifts.

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