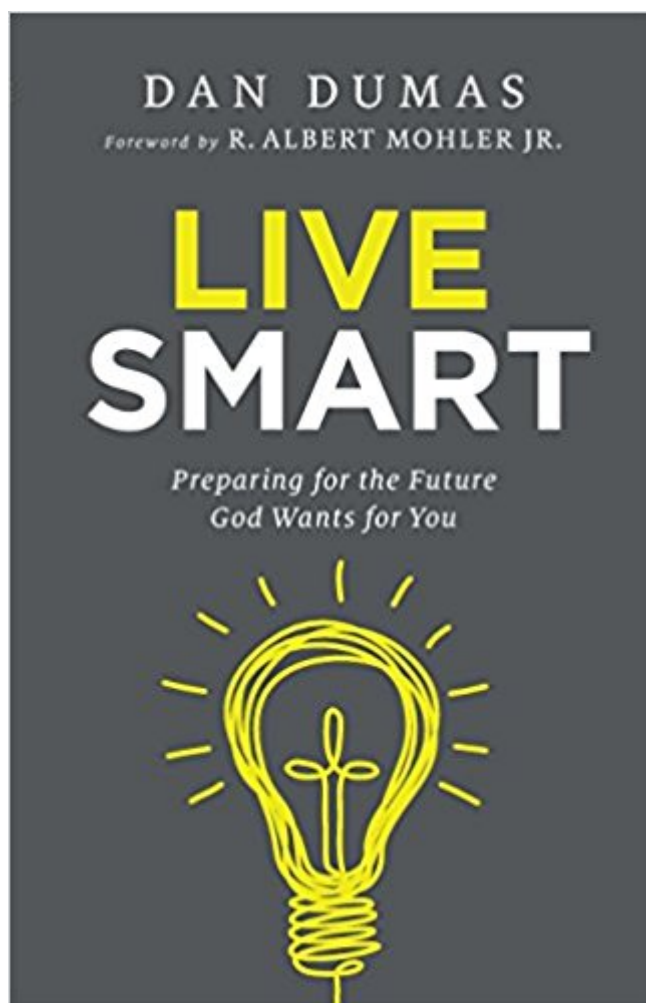


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Live Smart: Preparing For The Future God Wants For You



Synopsis

A Guide to Living Wisely While You're Young As a professor and youth director, author Dan Dumas has seen that young people have high expectations for themselves. They want their lives to matter, and there's no reason our expectations for them should be any different. This book presents practical tools and biblical advice to middle school and high school-aged readers so they can make the most of their youth. It covers everything from making the right friendships to how to think about education and how to invest in their relationships with God. The habits a person forms when they're young can last a lifetime--now's the time to make it count. This book is ideal for parents and youth pastors to give to young people to read on their own or study in groups.

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Don't Waste This Time in Your Life! The habits you're forming right now can last a lifetime. Who you hang out with, how you spend your time, and even what you read can change your future in powerful ways! *Live Smart* lays out a simple, straightforward plan to help you become all you were meant to be in your relationships, your education, your future career, and every other aspect of life. But even more importantly, this book will give you the tools for a rock-solid relationship with God. You want your life to matter. *Live Smart* presents the practical tools and biblical advice for you to make wise decisions for an exciting future. Prepare to be amazed by what God can do in your life! "Prepare to be amazed by what God can do in your life! This is a book that can make a real difference in your life, right now. Dan Dumas is a man who wants to make an impact in the world with his life, and he wants to help you make an impact as well."--from the Foreword by R. Albert

Mohler Jr."Dan Dumas is an organizational genius, brimming with wisdom and creativity. I have often sought counsel from him about practical leadership questions in my own life. Now we have a book that makes such counsel available to anyone."--Russel Moore, President of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

"This is a wonderful compendium of crucial biblical wisdom drawn from selected Proverbs. Students especially need to know and master these truths early to
 • enjoy the path of life, riches, and honor, as Proverbs says, and
 • avoid
 • a lifetime of troubles and regret."--John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church

"The growth in wisdom over time brings with it an unrequited desire for our future selves to urge our younger selves to walk a better, more God-honoring path. Humility demands that we live with careful precision in rooting out unbelief and humbly walking in faithful service to our Savior and King. This book takes dead aim at worldly expectations and reminds us of the old paths wherein we find true life (Jeremiah 6:16)."

--Chris Larson, president of Ligonier Ministries

"Live Smart is a like a Swiss Army Knife for life. It includes just about everything you need for living a life of intentionality without regrets. I am amazed by how much wisdom is packed into these pages and wish I had this tool when I was a young man. Dan Dumas is one of the most deliberate men I know, and this book mines his experience, wisdom, and knowledge of God's Word for truly living smart."

--Rick Holland, pastor, Mission Road Bible Church, Kansas City

"As I read this book, I thought, I can't wait to put this in the hands of my sons. This book has a unique combination of having a relatable author, a foundation that is biblical, guidance that is essential, and steps for
 • implementation that are practical.
 • I am thankful for this valuable work by such a gifted communicator of God's truth to young people today."

--Eric Bancroft, senior pastor, Castlevue Baptist Church

Dan Dumas (www.dandumas.com) has served as a college pastor for fourteen years with extensive experience discipling young people. Dan serves as a senior vice president at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he teaches and provides leadership for youth conferences (RENEW and D3). He also teaches classes at Boyce College. Dan lives with his wife and children in Louisville, Kentucky.

I enjoy books that focus on teaching others on how to experience God from a biblical perspective and this book does just that. Simple chapters that revolve around life's questions and struggles while gently shepherding the reader to the biblical answer. Great for both youth and adults and a book to be read every year!

Great encouragement for pre-teen, teens, even adults to organize their life. Systematically gives you the basics for a positive, productive, enriched life.

Based on all the reviews I found, this book was supposed to be appropriate for kids as young as middle school age. However, do know that an entire chapter is devoted to sexual immorality. Had I know that, I never would've bought it for my child. I wish that were listed somewhere. The rest of the book seems very overwhelming for a new Christian. Maybe if you've been a strong one for years, the ideas in this book are a breeze. But depending on your current spiritual state, this could come across as a crushing burden. One could come away thinking, "wow, there's absolutely no way I can do everything in this book. Guess I'm not cut out to be a real or strong Christian." I was looking for something like 7 Highly Effective Habits for Teens, but from a Christian perspective. I wanted some tangible, easy to reach goals...not this deeply complicated, you've got to work to earn your faith stuff. Not for me or my kids.

such a good book. changed my life. Praise God

excellent

I am an 18-year-old student just graduating from high school and headed into college, and I cannot say it enough: I love, love, LOVE this book. It is jam-packed with wisdom. As I read, I felt challenged and inspired to follow this wisdom and to "Live Smart." Dan Dumas writes this book with a clear passion to see young people equipped to live a dedicated life for the glory of God. This book isn't just a "you've got to, you've got to, you've got to, so just do it," but rather a "this is important, this is why, so this is how." Growth doesn't happen in one day, so Mr. Dumas gives the tools and motivations to live every minute, every second for the glory of God, because our future depends upon it. The little choices we make today build the foundation for the big choices we'll make tomorrow. Mr. Dumas writes as someone who remembers being young and knows the challenges and temptations we face. As you read, you feel like you're getting counsel from a wise teacher and caring friend. Never once did I feel like I was being talked down to or belittled for my age, but I felt encouraged to utilize this important time in my life for the glory of God. So I encourage parents: Buy this book for your kids.

Talk about it with them. Help them form these habits and skills. They'll thank you one day. Kids: Get this book, read this book, and apply what it says. Take the initiative to live smart. You'll never regret it. Disclaimer: I bought this book for myself as a birthday present. No one twisted my arm to write this review. '

I have been reading a lot of books lately*, and Live Smart by Dan Dumas has to be one of my favorites. It is written for high schoolers, so, seeing as how I am writing this on my 30th birthday**, I am not the intended audience. However, almost everything in the book is applicable to Christians of any age. This book is excellent because it is to the point. It is a fairly short book, but covers so much. It is broken down into four parts: You + God, You + Others, You + Yourself, You + the Gospel. Each part covers a few different things, ranging from the importance of studying the Bible and praying, to working hard. I did not find anything in this book to be controversial in the least bit, it could easily apply to anyone that accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior and seeks to follow His word, whether you are of a faith that interprets the Bible literally or more liberally. The book has some anecdotes, but only when they really apply, the bulk of the book is doing just what the title says: preparing you for the future God wants for you! It has applicable Bible verses in each topic, allowing you to see WHY he says these are the things you should do to "Live Smart", other than taking his word for it. While I was reading it I thought that the author could easily tweak a few things, tell a few different stories, and make a series of books for people in different situations: children, mothers, husbands, etc., much like Stormie Omartian has done with the "Power of a Praying..." series. I was wishing that he would, because the book was so good, and such a short read I would love to give it to people as a gift, but they might be thrown off when I hand them a book aimed at teenagers. I literally had no complaints about this book, which I received for free from the publisher.

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