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# Prison To Praise



## Synopsis

"A most inspired account of the grace of God working in a human life..." Norman Vincent Peale An enlightening book that is not about a prison with bars, but about a prison of circumstances - and how to be set free! Millions say it has changed their lives and introduced them to the solution to their problems.

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## Customer Reviews

Prison to Praise shows how God's power changed an angry young man into a powerful minister of the gospel. This volume also includes the Christian classic, Power in Praise. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Merlin R. Carothers es capellan (teniente coronel retirado). Ingreso al ejercito en 1943 y presto servicios en la Segunda Guerra Mundial en Francia, Alemania y Belgica. Pertenecio a la guardia del general Eisenhower despues de la guerra. Dado de baja en 1945, asistio a la Universidad Marion (Indiana) y al Seminario Asbury (Kentucky) antes de asumir el pastorado en una iglesia metodista en Clypool, Indiana durante tres anos. Despues de ingresar de nuevo al ejercito en 1953, el capellan Carothers presto servicios en alemania, Corea, Republica Dominicana, Panama y Vietnam, retirandose en 1971. En la actualidad se desempeña extensamente como consejero y conferenciante. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This book is excellent. It helped me realize how much I have been trying to do things on my own as a Christian. I struggled a long time with everything from relationships, to a lack of a career and other things. I began a decline in my faith due to feeling like I was rejected by God. But when this book was recommended to me, I actually went out and bought it this time, mainly because I was currently at work at a Prison. I figured, perhaps it could be something I could recommend my inmates. Well, This ended up being a quick read, and led me to also buy *Power in Praise* by the same author. Both have helped me alter my view point toward God and my life Circumstances. God calls us to praise him in EVERYTHING, but many of us only praise for the good things, and then complain for all the bad, often rejecting God. There were many stories in the book of people who were struggling through one thing or another, but were convinced to at least try to praise God for the struggle. And then Shortly thereafter, once they started doing just that, God started to work in their lives. Honestly, when I read that over and over, that God worked so quickly time and time again, I doubted the legitimacy. But I gave it a shot. And now I am pleased to report, that after only a few weeks of trying to thank God for everything, He provided me with my first non dead end job and I start on Monday. This is my first job that actually uses what I went to school for, and I hardly had to do anything to get it. In fact, I didn't even know the exact position I was applying for when I went in for the interview. But one circumstance after another (even a few negative ones) all came together because I trusted in God to handle it and started thanking God for every circumstance no matter how stressful, painful, or annoying it may have been. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is struggling with any aspect of their lives.

I was in a cult when I first read this book 21 years ago. I was unhappy and felt very oppressed, victimized and never "good enough" . I figured I had nothing to lose so I tried it first on a nasty day when I had to stand out on a corner collecting money with a sore ankle . My praise was pretty sarcastic at first but as the day went on, I started noticing many subtle changes happening within me. I persisted and by the end of the day I felt a "joy unspeakable" I had never experienced before. This led me to further study as I wanted to understand how this was possible. The more I learned it became harder for me to accept that I was to thank God FOR everything. It seemed blasphemous and utterly irresponsible - especially to thank Him for ALL my own flaws and weaknesses! I knew better, it was on me, not God. But I just couldn't get around those scriptures Ephesians 5:20 and Romans 8:28. The hardest thing I had to do was to thank God for everything about myself I didn't like. I did it in Faith and obedience to His Word. When I persisted in this something broke apart deep within me and a stronghold Satan had on me for years started crumbling. It is impossible

to be truly thankful to God if you don't believe He is GOOD (and for you) and that He is Sovereign.. Praising God helped get me to that point and within a few years, I was able to get "free" enough to leave our cult after 30 years. This practice, along with studying God's word, has brought me more joy and freedom than anything else I've done as a Christian. Merlin is the most Christ like man I have ever met, so I've also seen the fruit of this practice walked out.

This book has been translated into 58 languages. Does that explain its need and value? As the author states, "This is not a book about a prison with bars, but about a prison of circumstances - and how to be set free!" Most of us are in a prison of some sort whether it be an addiction, medical or financial issues, trust issues, love problems, etc. Learn to escape the circumstances that bind and hold you down. Free yourself by learning to praise the Father who adores you.

God is using this book and His word to change me. I've been a Christian for many years. I know the love of God as expressed through the gift of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and His word. But what of His power? For too many years I haven't praised God for all things in my life, but only for pleasant things. For too many years I have been on the throne on my life, not God. I have not believed that God is really sovereign over everything, even the pain and tragedy in this life. No wonder I'm not seeing His power in my life. Mr Carothers, through his life experiences and what God taught him, and through His word, has written a pathway for us. It's called praise and surrender to the sovereign Lord who loves us and wants us to be with Him through everything.

Very short, powerful and dynamic book about Merlin's personal pathway to victory in Praise. Praising God for all things, all circumstances and all the lemons life hands you. In sheer faith in God's sovereignty over all, praising Him releases faith, as you cannot praise without faith. And once faith is released, the demons of doubt, unbelief and hopelessness take off and the angels arrive and work with your faith, and things change... often quite rapidly... for the better.

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