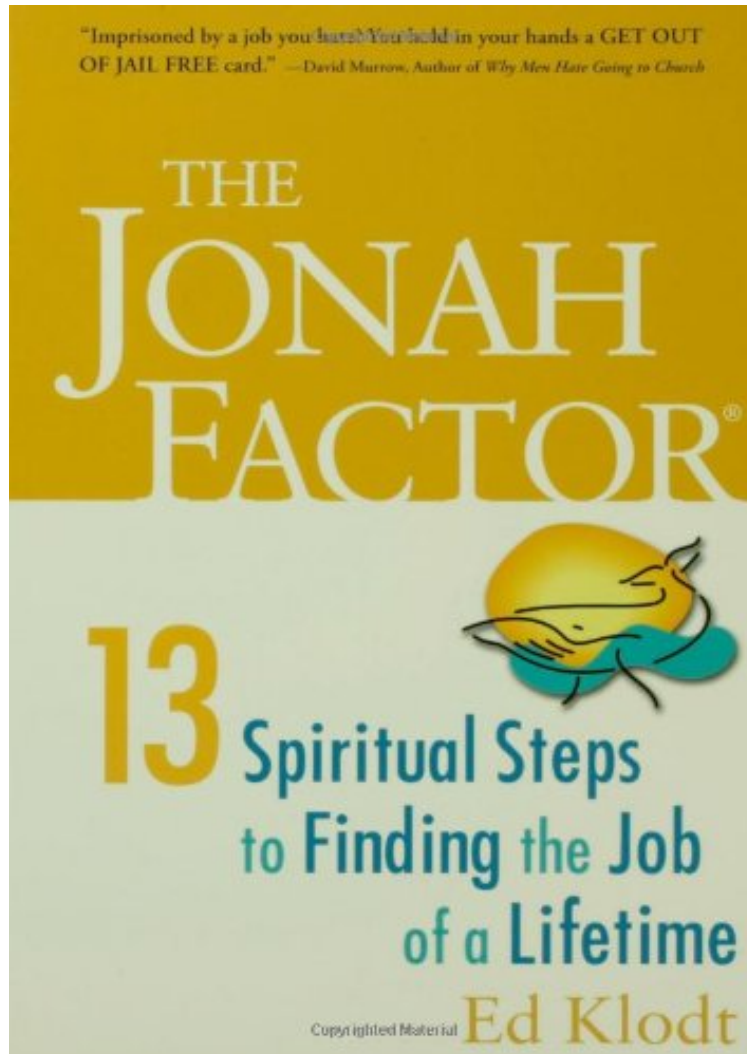


The Jonah Factor: 13 Spiritual Steps to Finding the Job of a Lifetime

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Ed Klodt : The Jonah Factor: 13 Spiritual Steps to Finding the Job of a Lifetime before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Jonah Factor: 13 Spiritual Steps to Finding the Job of a Lifetime:

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Career counseling that works! By William Vietinghoff This book, The Jonah Factor, describes in very practical terms the resources you have at your disposal in reaching a decision as to where you want to spend the rest of your life making a living - no small determination. My personal experience has

revealed that most people have, by chance, fallen into the jobs they now hold. The pay was reasonable and the benefits acceptable, so why not? Young people, even college students nearing graduation have told me they are not really sure what they want to do. They tend to lean toward the fads in hiring. The Jonah Factor is a much needed guide. Those who recognize the role of God in our lives will appreciate the affirmations found here. Even the semi-spiritual will be made to think twice. The clarity of the writing and the thoroughness of the content delivered by Mr. Klodt made preparing this review easy. Although the author bases his advice and the direction of his own life on biblical principles and quotations, the full interpretation of which may never be known to us, the process he lays out for uncovering your career purpose is not mysterious. Unlike lesser talents that might point to the scriptures and feel secure in making generalized references to God's plan for us, which read well, but leave one uninformed as to how to implement them, Mr. Klodt demonstrates a genius for converting beliefs into action. He has lived every moment of the process he preaches. He meticulously creates a vivid and down-to-earth roadmap. He provides examples from his own life and that of associates and friends that illustrate his points. He anticipates the readers' questions and warns of the obstacles that lie in their path. The book is very readable. It is written as a how-to manual, but will have you drawn into it like an adventure novel, turning the pages to see where each of the thirteen steps lead. For that reason it is deceptive. It is an entertaining book you will want to pick up at every spare moment to finish, but can never really put aside. As Mr. Klodt states early in its pages, working out the solution to the dilemma of an unwise career choice will take a lot of time and frequent return to the wisdom in The Jonah Factor.

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Very Relevant
By College Student
I wasn't sure what to expect when I purchased this book because, unlike most of the book's audience, I am currently a college student struggling with God's call for my life. This book exceeded all of my expectations! The Jonah Factor put me in touch with the realities of the workplace in which I will soon be entering, yet gave me hope that, through following Klodt's "13 Spiritual Steps" I will be able to discern my vocation. Additionally, in Klodt's chapter "For the Less Traditional Career" he specifically addresses college students. This section is right on target. "Unfortunately many college students only follow the money, looking at which careers pay well or offers security, instead of pursuing a career where their gifts and abilities match their true 'calling.'" (Excerpt from The Jonah Factor)
From my experience as a college student, this is exactly true. Colleges are much more concerned with connecting students to high paying jobs than aiding students in finding their true purpose. While this may not necessarily be a bad thing, Klodt recognizes that colleges often miss the mark in preparing students spiritually for life after college. This book showed me that, while ego-gratification is attractive, I will only experience true fulfillment in the job that God has designed me for--regardless of salary. I found the thirteen steps very practical and easy to follow. They follow biblical instruction and even quote passages from the Bible to support Klodt's claims. Through utilizing these steps, I am well on my way to finding the job to which God has called me. I did not, however, find Klodt's "About Me" section distracting or disturbing in any way. Rather, I found it refreshing that somebody with a high status job was willing to leave his company to follow God's call. It's this sort of "leap of faith" that society frowns upon, yet God calls us to. Additionally, Klodt doesn't rely solely on his experience in a well-respected corporation. He includes numerous statistics, passages from the Bible and real-world experiences from people of a large variety of demographics. All in all, The Jonah Factor entirely changed my perspective on work and vocation.

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great book for those considering a job change
By Dan
I really enjoyed reading this book, especially as I am in the process of a job transition. The first part of the book set out the need to be in the job God is calling you to and the second part clearly spelled out how one can discern that. I thought the book had a number of good ideas I hadn't previously considered as I start into the job transition process (for example, test your ideas and talents in a church setting or build a team of consultants). I also thought the questions at the end of each section were helpful in spurring introspection- they help one to participate more fully in what the book is communicating.

Extensively researched, The Jonah Factor provides a step-by-step approach to helping Christians discern what jobs, careers, and volunteer activities will provide the delight and fulfillment God intends. This unique and proven thirteen-step process utilizes a combination of spiritual discernment, an inventory of talents and abilities, and partnership with a church or congregation that culminates in a carefully considered leap of faith. This book will be featured during the July 2006 online discussion. During the month participants and the author will post questions, comments, background and new observations. Posts can be made via the Web, or completely via e-mail. Sign up for these online discussions: www.lutherlink.org/books.

"Imprisoned by a job you hate? You hold in your hands a GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card!" -- David Murrow, author of Why Men Hate Going to Church
"Ed Klodt has nailed it. The largest issue of concern for any wage earner is a sense of fulfillment and being in the right place. -- Larry Kreider, President, The Gathering, USA..." provides keen insights into the work that God intends for each of us and a unique process to help us discover what God is calling us to do." -- Wink Martindale, host of TBN's "Beyond the Game"
"Martin Luther taught us about 'vocation', Rick Warren touched a cultural nerve by addressing 'Purpose', now Ed Klodt integrates vocation and purpose as he addresses the struggles and potential blessings in our occupational search for meaning." -- Howie Wennes, Interim President, California Lutheran

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