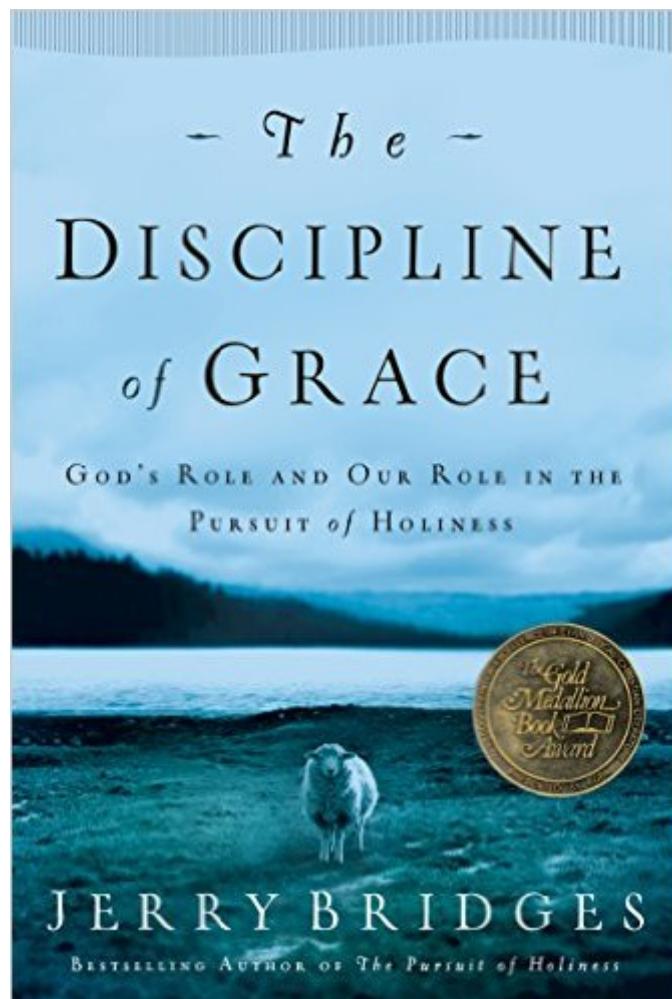


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# The Discipline Of Grace



## Synopsis

The Discipline of Grace offers a clear and thorough explanation of the gospel and what it means to be a believer. Written by Navigator author Jerry Bridges, this book explores how the same grace that brings us to faith in Christ also disciplines us in Christ. In learning more about grace, you also will learn about God's character, His forgiveness, and the Holy Spirit.

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Bible teacher Bridges here invites Christian believers who are pursuing holiness to pause for a moment to consider the role of God's grace in making such pursuit possible. Bridges urges the discernment of grace and the subsequent practice of the disciplines of commitment, conviction, choices, watching, and adversity. Bridges's Bible-centered devotions will appeal most to evangelical Christians seeking renewal of their faith. Recommended for most public libraries. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We know we need grace. Without it we'd never come to Christ in the first place. But being a Christian is more than just coming to Christ. It's about growing and becoming more like Jesus. It's about pursuing holiness. The pursuit of holiness is hard work, and that's where we turn from grace to discipline. Grace is every bit as important for growing as a Christian as it is for becoming a Christian in the first place. Grace is at the heart of the gospel, and without a clear understanding of the gospel and grace we can easily slip into a performance based lifestyle that bears little resemblance to what

the gospel has to offer us. The Discipline Of Grace offers a clear and thorough explanation of the gospel and what it means to the believer, and how the same grace that brings us to faith in Christ also disciplines us in Christ, and how we learn to discipline ourselves in the areas of commitment, convictions, choices, watchfulness, and adversity. The Discipline Of Grace is highly recommended reading for anyone struggling to overcome the world in Christ. -- Midwest Book Review --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

EVERYTHING by Jerry Bridges is deep, convicting, and biblical. You have to read it slowly and thoughtfully, not because it is written complicated, but because it demands contemplation and intergration. Table of Contents: 1. How Good Is Good Enough? 2. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector 3. Preach the Gospel to Yourself 4. We Died to Sin 5. Disciplined by Grace 6. Transformed into His Likeness 7. Obeying the Great Commandment 8. Dependent Discipline 9. The Discipline of Commitment 10. The Discipline of Conviction 11. The Discipline of Choices 12. The Discipline of Watching 13. The Discipline of Adversity

But not in a bad way. I'm partially through chapter 4 right now (which is kind of slow going, but also not in a bad way, just very dense). I'm reading through it with a friend, and let me tell you, this book has really challenged both of us to think about the way we've approached our lives. Some of the best things so far: \* Spiritually "bad" days and "good" days alike are covered by His grace -- it doesn't matter how good or bad we are, we can't measure up, but He covers us anyway. \* "refined sins": his analysis of gossip and pride were really striking, particularly when he pointed out that if we consider ourselves perfect (pride), we mentally remove ourselves from the scope of God's grace: only sinners need grace, and if we don't consider ourselves sinners, we are not eligible for God's greatest gift to us. \* "preaching the gospel to ourselves every day": his overview of the gospel is really encouraging, but also a great exhortation to holiness. Overall, I've enjoyed this and find it very Biblically-based. A few times I've wished he'd gone into a bit more detail when defining terms, but he's done really well so far explaining both God's grace and the obedience He asks from us, without falling into either legalism or "God loves everyone! Hearts and rainbows!" that can result from discussions of grace. This is well-grounded in an acknowledgement of our sinfulness but also the hope we have through our Messiah's grace. I would (and have) definitely recommend this to people who are serious about maturing into Him who is our Head.

Growing in Grace is essential to walk in the Spirit. Jerry Bridges will challenge you to review your

faith position and walk in Holiness. Full of Scripture and Biblical truth. I would suggest every believer to read and STUDY this book once a year. We are all prone to wander but this book will keep you on track with a greater knowledge of the gospel and HIS free gift called GRACE. My suggestion is to buy the study guide along with the book and go through it with several other believers. Your spiritual growth will leap. Thank you Jerry!SM

A must have for loving the gospel the way it's meant to be loved. I wore my copy out and then gave it away. Therefore, it's a book to be loved AND shared.

I've read the book four times, but every time I managed to learn something new as if I'd never read the book before, thanks to God's grace. I'm a newly born again Christian but I started reading this book before I was born again, so this book was also instrumental in bringing me to God's truth. I've tried other books on the same topic, namely, sanctification, but I find the author to be talking to me at my lowly level of being a newly born again Christian. But, isn't it true that a great book lies in its simplicity. A Christian on L-plate like me probably can't handle complicated stuff. I'd recommend this book to any one but especially to someone who's just been born again.

Jerry Bridges is one of the great authors that I love. His book has inspired me so much and has given me insight on how God loves. I pray all who buy this book will be inspired as I have been. I will share it with my Sunday School class and family members as well. Thank you Jerry for such a wonderful inspiration and thank you for your God-given talent that He has blessed you with.

The Lord says to Moses, "Speak to the congregation of the children of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy'". The Master calls His followers, saying, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect". Yet we clearly are imperfect, and our response to this calling all too often smacks of striving, pride, and ultimately of hypocrisy. So what are we to do? And who's responsible for what? These questions are explored by Jerry Bridges in this excellent book. The title itself is a meditation on shared responsibility in the process of sanctification. On the surface it may seem that grace and the personal discipline to pursue holiness are opposed to one another, but Bridges argues that they are not. "In fact", he writes, "they go hand in hand. An understanding of how grace and personal, vigorous effort work together is essential for a life-long pursuit of holiness". A foundational point that the author makes is that Christians must constantly preach the Gospel to themselves. The conventional paradigm is that the Gospel is relevant to unbelievers, and

that after they come to the Lord, the essential focus becomes one of discipleship. However, Bridges reminds us that daily recognition of the saving grace of the Gospel message is necessary if discipleship is not to become a matter of performance and of empty striving. He describes how the primary responsibility of the disciple is to behold the glory of the Lord as it is displayed in the Gospel; this opens us to the sanctification that is the work of the Holy Spirit. And as we receive this grace, the practice of the other spiritual disciplines that are discussed in the book becomes a natural outflowing of the love of God in the believer. And so it is; as the Lord said to St. Paul, "My grace is sufficient; my power is made perfect in weakness". This book, which grapples with some of the central issues of the Christian walk, should be required reading for all believers.

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