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**Chris McDaniel : Ignite Your Generosity: A 21-Day Experience in Stewardship** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ignite Your Generosity: A 21-Day Experience in Stewardship:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Straightforward and simple to consider. By cpen55 The focus is certainly interpreted as being finance, but it reaches beyond and I believe could be a great tool for church people to engage. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Van Halen Asks: "Can You Be Trusted?" By John W. Pearson What if...there were so many men and women in your organization's "generous givers" circle--that when you reviewed possible future board member prospects, you had ten times more qualified candidates than open spots? What

if...before your organization mailed the monthly appeal letter, hundreds and hundreds of generous givers--prompted by the Holy Spirit--sent in their checks and made online gifts BEFORE you asked for the contribution?What if...the stories of sacrificial giving in your church were so numerous--and so life-changing--that a revival broke out even before your pastor broke out his sermon?What if...God prompted you to use the funds you've saved for a special "this is for me" purchase...and you diverted the money to a friend in need? No fanfare. No name. No tax deduction. And...what if you realized that this act of generosity (and obedience) actually produced more joy than your original plan?If any of these "what if's" capture your imagination, then you'll resonate with the quick-reading message of this perfect-size book. Published originally under another title, now Chris McDaniel and InterVarsity Press have included a small group guide and a "Generosity Challenge" resource.

Day 1: A 20-something receives a company car and so he tries to sell his personal vehicle. No buyers. He prays. God speaks: "What are you going to do with the money if I sell your car?" Oops! Plan B kicks in. His deal: "OK, God, if you sell my car, I'll give a sizeable portion to this [needy] family." No surprise--car sells. Anonymous cash delivered to needy family. No surprise--immense joy experienced by a young steward.

Day 13: (You gotta read this one!) In the late 1800s, a young girl in a Pennsylvania church, Hattie May Wiatt, was prompted by God to begin saving money for a larger church building. Yet she dies in her youth. Good news: the pastor took the 57 cents she had saved and inspired his congregation to multiply that into \$250--and the multiplication continued so that by 1912, the church had expanded and grown to over 5,600 members.

Day 14: A graduate school student learns the power and joy of giving monthly (in six-month specific commitments) rather than writing just one check--and being done with it. The author says that igniting the generosity gift also involves faithfulness and asks, "When you think of wanting to become more faithful, what is one thing you believe God is nudging you about?"The author notes that the contract for the rock band Van Halen required that the host venue provide a bowl of MMs backstage, but with every single brown MM removed. Why? That strange request was stuck in Article 126 of the detailed contract regarding stage set-up logistics. If the band's stage crew arrived and found brown MMs, then they conducted a thorough safety check--because it was likely the host had not read and implemented other more critical contract requirements. So McDaniel asks on Day 5 of the 21-day journey, "Can You Be Trusted?"So what if...instead of hassling givers, manipulating givers and shaming givers, our churches and nonprofit ministries actually INSPIRED givers and challenged their heads and hearts with Scriptures and stories--so that their check writing and online giving would be prompted by their attentive ears to the Holy Spirit's nudges?Light the fire and share this powerful mini-book with your generous givers and those who have not yet experienced the joy of giving.

We know it's important to be generous. But it can be hard to know what healthy stewardship looks like in our families and churches. What if God has deeper and richer lessons to teach us about what it means to live generously?Ignite Your Generosity will help you see your resources of time, talents and treasures in a fresh, God-honoring way. A twenty-one-day devotional, this book is now expanded with a four-week small group guide that is perfect for both individual and church use. Every day's reading features an engaging story, Scripture for further study and personal reflection questions to grow in the area of stewardship.Begin your journey of pursuing generosity God's way. Discover the joy and fulfillment that comes from a life of giving freely to his plans and purposes.

"Consumerism, materialism and debt cannot deliver lasting happiness. Ignite Your Generosity will provide you with the proven path to discover lasting joy and contentment through learning to live a generous life." (Brian Kluth, founder, Maximum Generosity)"The Bible clearly outlines that Christians are to be stewards. Thin soil cannot sustain tall growth. Ignite Your Generosity helps Christians deepen and enrich the soil so our spiritual roots can grow deep." (Wesley K. Willmer, author of God and Your Stuff and co-author of Revolution in Generosity)"God calls us to be generous with our time, talent and treasure. This devotional is an excellent tool to encourage believers in their journey to have a transformed heart that is increasingly generous." (Todd Harper, president, Generous Giving)

About the AuthorChris McDaniel (MBA, Liberty University) is an account executive for vTECH io, a Dell channel partner that provides end-to-end IT solutions. Prior to this role Chris served as the chief business development officer for DELTA Ministries International, an ECFA member that supports U.S. and international churches by specializing in short-term and mid-term missions. In this role, Chris lived out his passion to see followers of Christ become generous givers, which has fueled over nine hundred churches and 7,500 individuals to share the love of Christ in over seventy countries since 2002. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves. Chris is the author of Ignite Your Generosity, The Stewardship Bookmark, Dying to Give and The Next Mile: A Coach's Guide. He is also a contributing author to the curriculum for short-term mission teams from The Next Mile, a collaborative effort from mission agencies and organizations to offer practical tools and training for short-term mission experiences. He regularly publishes articles and develops stewardship resources and lives in Florida with his wife Jennifer and their two children.