

### **The Quality Disciple Spiritual Growth Retreats**

#### What:

Choose from our catalog of Quality Retreat Resources and other Spiritual Growth and Leadership books (\*on Amazon) as your retreat guide or we can create customized prayer retreats, leadership retreats, and dynamic spiritual formation experiences based upon your needs.

#### How:

> Whole day retreats

₩ Weekend retreats

★On your own retreats

#### Who:

★One on One

Small Group Facilitator

**Conference** 

XOn your own: Personal, Do It Yourself Retreat Kit

#### Where:

In person and virtual

#### When:

★Contact us for the next available date

#### Why:

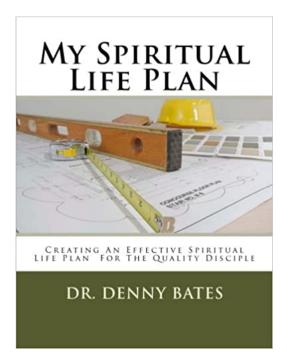
☆ Transformational Change, From The Inside Out

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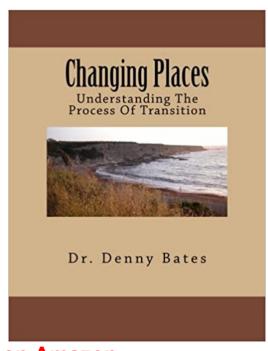


### **Growth Resource Kit For Pastors And Church Leaders**



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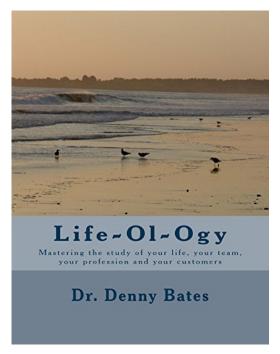
This Is A Unique Tool For Creating An Effective Spiritual Life Plan For The Quality Disciple Included Is An Assessment Of Eight Core Essentials Of A Disciple Of Jesus Included in the workbook are selected biblical facts about the core values of Grace, Worship, Bible Study, Prayer, Community, Service, Evangelism, and Discipleship. This assessment is divided into two sections: An overview of what you believe and a Biblical inquiry for why you believe.



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Every one of us is on a journey. For every journey, there is a beginning point and a destination. Usually, the most excitement comes not at the beginning or end, but during the trip. In more philosophical terms, it is called the "Process." And it is during the process that we have the opportunity to find out what we are really made of. This is especially true and underscored when adjustments have to be made during our journey. The test is this: are we willing and able to "adjust and go" when plan A has to yield to plan B, or do we ignore the newest travel updates, stick to our plans. much to our own harm? Herein lies the challenge for the Christian who desires to listen to and follow Jesus: we need to have the right kind of mindset that can embrace transition. We need to experience an inward work of grace so we will make healthy decisions on our journey. We need to listen carefully to what Jesus is telling us to do, to obey all of His instructions.



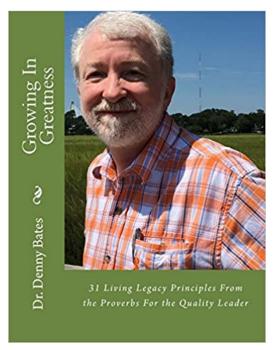


Life-OI-Ogy is your path to growth!

Have you discovered The Secret Sauce for Every Successful Professional? Discover how the pros not only learn how to be successful but become even more successful as they GROW!

What is Life-Ol-Ogy? It is a Study Of Everything And Everyone That Impacts Your Life

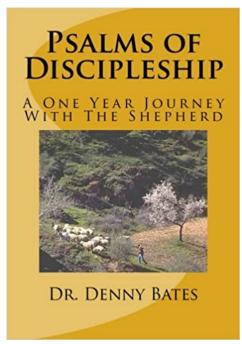
- •It is a Study Of You
- •It is a Study of Your Team
- •It is a Study of Your Profession
- •It is a Study of Your Customers



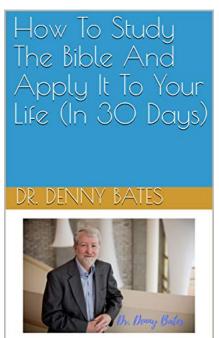
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If you are serious about growing in greatness then you are going to have to be serious in growing as a leader in three strategic areas of your life: Your Personal growth, your Professional growth, and your Spiritual growth as a leader. What is the key to experiencing monumental and measurable growth in all three? To have the heart of a servant kind of leader! How do you get there? The timeless Book of Proverbs will show you the way! (Volume 1 contains Proverbs 1:1-5:14)





You are invited to spend some time reading and reflecting upon "Psalms of Discipleship: A One Year Journey With The Shepherd," a simple, easy to use, devotional experience. By spending five minutes or fifty-five minutes on the weekly devotion and Bible study, you will be afforded the opportunity to enhance your spiritual growth. This unique devotional consists of fifty-two practical lessons designed for small group or individual study.



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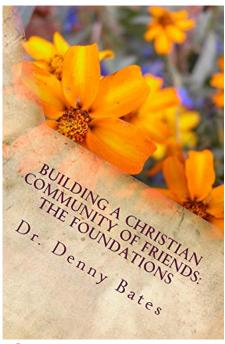
Do You Need To Read This Book And Take This Course?

What if a wealthy friend gave a significant financial gift to you and placed it in a secure, safe-deposit box at the local bank? Your new treasure is unexpected, undeserved, and under lock and key. But, what's the catch? You need a key.

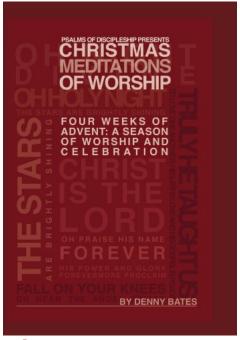
What is the answer? "What can I do in order to learn how to study the Bible?" You are cordially invited to join a special 5-week class especially designed for the following person:

- 1. It will help the New Believer begin his or her new life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- 2. It will help the Believer who has never learned how to study the Bible.
- 3. It will help the Believer who wants to sharpen his or her skills.
- 4. It will help the Believer who wants to learn how to teach others how to study the Bible.





By no means is this study an exhaustive exposition on the topic of Christian friendship. There are others who have accomplished much more than I and I applaud them. It has been my task and great privilege to meet with God as I studied the Scriptures. It has been my joy to have sensed the Lord's presence and blessing as I learned from His Word. It is my earnest desire that you, the reader, will learn for yourself the importance of Building A Christian Community Of Friends.

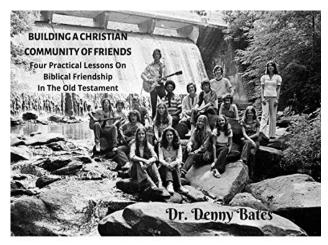


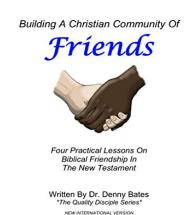
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The hectic pace of the holiday season often depletes more than it fills. The craziness of the season is normalized and many believers settle for a lackluster and "Christless" Christmas.

A commitment to reflect upon the first Advent is the initial step towards regaining the true meaning of Christmas: worship of Jesus Christ. The Christian disciple is to focus one's heart upon worship. Many Christians observe Advent as a season of prayer, fasting, and penitence. Advent is an opportunity to slow down and refocus one's heart upon the Lord. You are invited to back away from the edge of Christmas craziness and begin a four-week journey of reading, reflection, prayer, journaling, singing, and serving that will help you have the merriest Christmas of all.







Four Old Testament Friendships

Lesson #1: "The Friendship Between Abraham And God—A Friendship That Impacted Future Generations"

Lesson #2: "The Friendship Between Moses And God—A Friendship That Caused Other Believers To Worship God And Live In Spiritual Freedom"

Lesson #3: "The Friendship Between David And God—A Friendship That Endured Heartbreak And Failure"

Lesson #4: "The Friendship Between David And Jonathan—A Friendship That Transcended Obstacles Resulting In An Unbreakable Bond"

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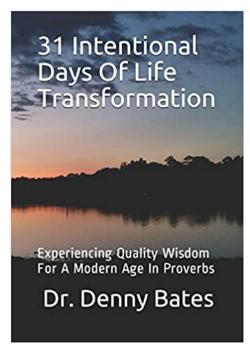
Lesson #1: "The Friendship Between Paul And Timothy—A Friendship That Passed On The Message Of The Gospel Through Mentoring"

Lesson #2: "The Friendship Between Peter And Jesus—A Friendship That Accepted A Man As He Was"

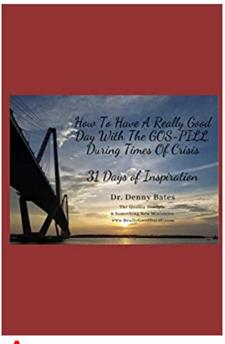
Lesson #3: "The Friendship Between Jesus And His Disciples—A Friendship That Is Based Upon Obedience"

Lesson #4: "The Friendship Between Jesus And His Bride—A Friendship That Will Last Through Eternity"





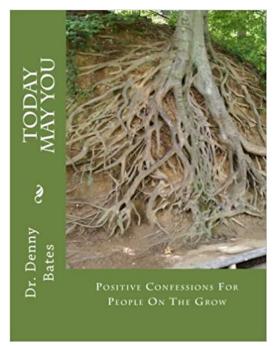
If you are looking for a way to experience growth in your personal, professional, and spiritual life then 31 Intentional Days Of Life Transformation based upon the Wisdom Book of Proverbs, then this is the book for you! 31 full sessions, with thirty-one days of devotions and Bible studies in each session that are easy to read and practically apply to one's life in five minutes or less or for a deeper study, a self-taught practical Bible study is included. Positive declarations of prayer that will seal each devotional truth in one's heart.31 daily devotions designed to move the reader to experience a transformational life change.31 sessions that are designed to cause growth in one's personal, professional, and spiritual life. Each passage of Scripture written out, using the modern, easy to understand and read, New Living Translation (NLT). Formatted in a convenient workbook size that gives the reader plenty of space for taking notes. Strategically designed for use in small groups and as sermon prep and classroom studies. The perfect gift for the person who loves the Book of Proverbs.



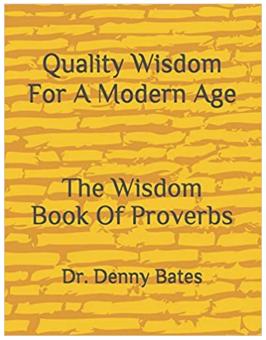
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This writing project has been years in the making when I began writing the daily devotional "Really Good Day." The catalyst for it was my own awareness and personal need to start each morning with a positive affirmation from God's Word before I got "busy" with the other activities of the day. Before long, I knew I had tapped into something special: a daily habit that began every day, just like this: "You know it's going to be a really good day when you realize . . . " As each devotional was written I began to realize the need to make it more practical for my readers. Then, came the world wide pandemic in the first few months of 2020 that shook the lives of many who were searching for answers on not only how to survive uncertain times but to thrive in them instead. Thus, the book you are holding on your lap or viewing it on your smart device has become my contribution to the next "How To" collection of world literature: How To Have A Really Good Day With The GOS-PILL During Times Of Crisis. My hope and prayer for you is that you will be encouraged by what you read, and every day will be a really good day for you.





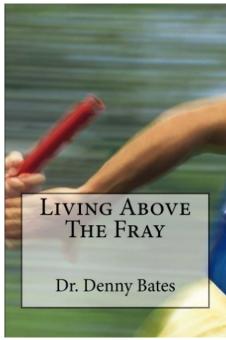
In your hands are 365 positive and practical devotions that can be read in five minutes or less. The personal application for all of them can take a life time. I was intentional in creating a spiritual growth resource that would be timeless and practical; reflective and stimulating; and writing focused positive confessions that can influence how you think in the moment and beyond. It is my nature to be a positive person. Some have asked me the question, "Is your water glass half full or half empty?" I respond in either two ways: "In theory, the glass is ALWAYS full: half water on the bottom and on the top full of air." Or perhaps this is my favorite: "Half full or half empty? I'm just grateful I have a glass."



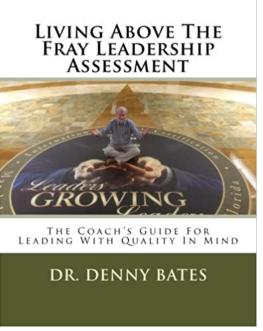
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You will get to know Dr. Denny Bates personally as he takes you through a spiritual growth process using the greatest book on wisdom ever written. Denny presents the biblical truths of the book of Proverbs to help you believe in you and he encourages you all along the way. Even non-believers use the principles of Proverbs in their self-help books, but they don't understand the true power of these principles and that is having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Denny makes sure that he doesn't leave you believing that applying these principles may work for others. He makes sure you believe that they will work for you and encourages you every step of the way.





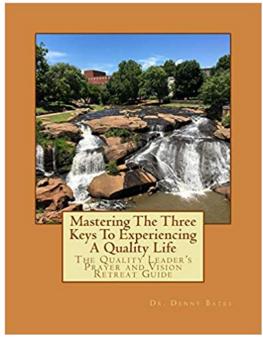
The lessons outlined on the subsequent pages are rooted in Biblical principle, but they have a profoundly personal feel. The simple test for the reader is to find yourself in this book. Where are you? On what page? In what passage? Keep in mind that you are reading this book for a reason—not just to avoid succumbing to Leader-I-Tis (as Dr. Bates terms it) but to begin to thrive as an effective leader. This book is about the personal accumulation of experience, but it is also a story of transcendence. It is about moving beyond your present circumstances to more fully realize your leadership potential. I encourage you to find yourself in the pages, the stories, and the lessons that follow. Allow yourself the chance to rise above your circumstances and live, whenever possible, above the fray.



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Learn how you and your team can overcome the infectious and highly toxic organizational disease called Leader-I-Tis by analyzing The Twelve Leadership Failures That Will Sink An Organization and by empowering others to Stay Useful, Stay Strategic, Stay Alert, Stay Strong, Stay Connected, Stay Grounded, and Stay Focused.





Everyone, no matter how spiritual and energetic a person may be, needs to be intentional and make a strategic decision to make a personal investment in themselves for a time of enrichment. Even Jesus saw the need to get away and reset. Jesus was "busy" and He saw the need to step back and reset in prayer. Taking a personal retreat is not an "escape" but it is a time to "be" and then "listen" and then to "plan" what God calls you to do and then be "able" to have the emotional, mental, and physical energy to do it well. We are being pulled in a million ways. No one can sustain that kind of tension forever. Is there an answer to your need to retreat and refresh? I believe this practical resource you are holding in your hands is the tool you need to help you reset in three essential areas of life: Your personal life, your professional life and your spiritual life. The beauty behind "Mastering The Three Keys To Experiencing A Quality Life" is that it is simple to use but profound in its process.





Do you want to learn how to have an effective ministry of encouragement?

Before you can encourage someone else, it's a good idea to begin with the most important leader there is: YOU!

Welcome to this new personal growth course! I am suggesting that there are least FIVE ways you can have a G.R.E.A.T. impact on others. And *each one* begins with you.

Be . . .

**G**race-driven, **R**eal, **E**ngaging, **A**ttentive, **T**eachable = GREAT!



# Disciple Makers 4 Jesus "Four Lasting Legacies For Life Change"



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A Quality Life

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#### A Fresh Look At 2 Timothy

Session #1: "A Legacy of Prayer For Life Change"

Session #2: "A Legacy of Trust in the Lord For Life Change"

Session #3: "A Legacy of Grace For Life Change"

Session #4: "A Legacy Of A Person Who Becomes The Catalyst For Life Change"



#### "Adding Quality To Your Life"



Is it time to gather yourself and go on a retreat?

#### A DiscipleMakers4Jesus Spiritual Retreat Created by Dr. Denny Bates

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**SESSION 1:** A Biblical Plan For Spiritual Growth: Creating An Environment Of Grace—for you and for others—That Will Enhance Spiritual Growth (Working on You)

I. Spiritual Growth and Grace: It all begins here

II. The Means to Spiritual Growth: Gifts of Grace

III. Hindrances to Spiritual Growth: Squandering Grace

**SESSION 2:** A Biblical Plan For Spiritual Reproduction: Serving The King In His Kingdom By Leaving A Legacy Behind. (Working on Others)

The First Essential Rule of Living the Christian Life: We must go and make disciples

Key Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

- I. We must make it a priority to be at the right place, at the right time (28:16)
- II. We must put away our doubt and worship Jesus (28:17)
- III. We must live a focused life according to the power of Jesus (28:18)
- IV. We must go and make disciples in the right way (28:19-20)

Are you looking to sharpen your edge in your spiritual life? Are you in need of a practical plan on how you can leave a great legacy by investing in the lives of others? Are you growing weary and in need of a good boost? If these questions resonate with you, I would like to make this personal invitation to you and ask you to join many others who are seeking a time for individual contemplation as well as corporate meetings that are sure not to only challenge you, but give you the tools you need to live as a growing disciple of Jesus.



#### DISCIPLE MAKERS FOR JESUS [DM4J] PRESENTS...



Lightning and a Volcano in Chile-May 2, 2008

### THE POWER-BROKER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM:

#### FOUR STRIKING EXAMPLES OF HOW TO LEVERAGE POWER IN THE RIGHT WAY

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. <sup>4</sup> His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. <sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. **Psalm 97:1-6 (NIV)** 

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew 24:27 (NIV)

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Session #1: "The Use Of Power At Work: Power In The Hands Of Joseph—A Powerbroker Who Felt Its Abuse And Then Later, When Given The Occasion, Used It Wisely"

Session #2: "The Use Of Power In Religion: Power In The Hands Of Paul—A Powerbroker Who Once Used His Power To Destroy Others And Then Later Asked For God's Power To Bless Others"

Session #3: "The Use Of Power When You Have It All: Power In The Hands Of God—A Powerbroker Who Has Absolute Power But Uses It To Bless Others"

Session #4: "The Use Of Power In Your Personal Life: Power In The Hands Of The Disciple—A Powerbroker Who Stewards Their Power For The Goal Of Blessing Others"





- I. MY COMMITMENT TO GOD'S WORD
- II. MY COMMITMENT TO TRUSTING GOD
- III. MY COMMITMENT TO WORSHIPING AND SERVING GOD ONLY
- <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.
- <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
- <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."
- <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."
- <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.
- <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.""
- <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."
- <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.
- <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."
- <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"
- <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. **Matthew 4:1-11**

Session #1: The Bible Is Our Guidebook For Life

Session #2: Testing Or Trusting God

Session #3: No Compromise, No Cheating On God



# Disciple Makers 4 Jesus Growing in Grace | A Fresh Look at Biblical Discipleship



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Session #1—Growing In Faith

An overview of The Balanced Triad of Biblical Discipleship

Relationship: With Christ and with Others—Embracing Love Driven Relationships

A Biblical View of Discipleship—The Great Commandments (Matthew 22:35-40)

A Biblical View of Discipleship—The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

Session #2—Growing In Grace: A Practical Exercise



More Quality Resources from The Quality Disciple, Quality Leadership Consultants and Something New Christian Publishers

#### HOW YOU CAN HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

- ✓ GOD LOVES YOU AND HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**
- ✓ AS A RESULT OF MAN GOING HIS OWN WAY AND REJECTING GOD, A CHASM, A GREAT DIVIDE, HAS COME SEPARATING A JUST AND HOLY GOD FROM SINFUL MAN

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (NIV)** 

✓ GOD SENT HIS SON, HIS PERFECT SON TO BECOME OUR SACRIFICE. HE WHO IS SINLESS TOOK UPON HIMSELF OUR SINS, OFFERING TO RESTORE OUR BROKEN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)** 

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29 (NIV)** 

✓ GOD HAS GIVEN EACH MAN A CHOICE EITHER TO ACCEPT THE FREE GIFT OF SALVATION AND LIVE FOREVER OR TO REJECT HIS GRACIOUS GIFT AND SPEND ETERNITY FOREVER SEPARATED FROM GOD

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 (NIV)** 

<sup>12</sup>Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. John 1:12-13 (NIV)



### Essential Spiritual Growth Resources from Something New Christian Publishers and Quality Leadership Consultants

#### Websites, Newsletter, and Blogs:

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www.qualityleadershipconsultants.com links to dennybates.com.

www.thequalitydisciple.blogspot.com is the teaching blog for Psalms of Discipleship.

www.facebook.com/denny.bates is my portal to social networking.

Dr. Denny Bates and Quality Leadership Tips For You is my newsletter. Featured leadership articles, devotional thoughts, and a menu of coaching and book resources.

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#### **Books:**

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- ♦ How To Study And Apply The Bible To Your Life (PDF Book only)
- ❖ Growing Up...Practical Bible Studies For New And Growing Christians (PDF Book only)
- ❖ Psalms of Discipleship: A One Year Journey With The Shepherd (Kindle or printed copy)
- Christmas Meditations of Worship: Four Weeks of Advent (Kindle or printed copy)
- ❖ Living Above The Fray: Learning The Seven Healthy Leadership Principles That Will Shelter You From The Destructive Effects Of Leader-I-Tis (Kindle or printed copy)
- ❖ My Spiritual Life Plan: Creating An Effective Spiritual Life Plan For The Quality Disciple (Kindle or printed copy)
- Living Above The Fray Leadership Assessment: The Coaches Guide For Leading With Quality In Mind (Kindle or printed copy)
- Building A Christian Community Of Friends: Four Practical Studies On Biblical Friendships (Kindle or printed copy)
- Changing Places: Understanding The Process Of Transition. (Kindle or printed copy)
- ❖ Life-Ol-Ogy: Mastering The Study Of Your Life, Your Team, Your Profession and Your Customers (Kindle or printed copy)
- ❖ Growing In Greatness: 31 Living Legacy Principles From the Proverbs For the Quality Leader (Proverbs 1:1-5:14), Volume 1 (Kindle or printed copy)
- Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age: The Wisdom Book Of Proverbs (Kindle or printed copy)
- ❖ 31 Intentional Days Of Life Transformation: Experiencing Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age (Kindle or printed copy)
- \* Coming soon!!! Living Beyond The Fray: How Bitter Busters Can Set You Free From Becoming Bitter Against Family, Friends, Career, Church and God."



#### **Retreat Journals:**

- ❖ The Power Broker's Guide To The Kingdom
- ❖ Four Legacies For A Life Change
- ❖ Three Commitments That Change A Life
- ❖ Growing In Grace: A Fresh Look At Biblical Discipleship
- ❖ Adding Quality To Your Life

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- ❖ "Touched by Him: A Man Who Said Yes To Jesus" by Harry F. Lyles as told to Dr. Denny Bates (Unpublished)
- \* "I'm Just Rebeckah Wilhelmina And I Found A Way Out" by Rebeckah Wilhelmina (Healthy Curves Count Publishers)
- \* "The Blue Duck: Learning How To Discover Your Competitive Edge And Celebrate The Uniqueness Of You" by Sandra Mason (Younique Publishers)
- \* "How To Kick Your Own Butt: The Fine Art Of Leading Yourself Well" by Carol Mabe (CMC Transformational Publishing)
- ❖ "My Life: Then And Now: Won't He Do It" by Karen Calhoun (KMJC Publishers)
- \* "Take the Soap" by Bryan Braddock, Byon "kNOw Ca\$h" McCullough as told to Dr. Denny Bates (Take The Soap Publishers—Coming in 2020)

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What is your story?



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HELP ME WRITE MY STORY is a highly relational, process-driven, professional service that empowers an aspiring author to produce a personal memoir that is shared in a self-published book (including Kindle too). HELP ME WRITE MY STORY helps you to focus on this acrostic:

H = Heartfelt (The best place to begin writing your story is in the HEART)

M = Memories (If you do not WRITE THEM DOWN you will eventually FORGET many of them)

W = Well-spoken (To tell your story you've got to be a CLEAR COMMUNICATOR so you will be understood)

M = Motivational (It's important for you not to only share with your readers how CHALLENGING your circumstances may have been but it's even more important to share how you faced your obstacles and got through them SUCCESSFULLY)

S = Strategic (Your story will most likely not speak to everyone, but it will speak to SOMEONE, so it's important to know WHO you are seeking to influence the most and why)

I believe that our lives are the sum of many stories filled with adventures, wonders, disappointments, successes, tragedies, victories, and mysteries. Our **STORIES**, all of them, have the necessary components for a lasting legacy.

Your story is a **GIFT** to others. Your life is a **STEWARDSHIP**. Your story matters because **YOU MATTER**. Your story needs to be **SHARED** with and **REMEMBERED** by those who need to KNOW your story.

That said, many **STORIES** never go beyond the back of our minds and fade away forever. And that is why I am writing to you. I want to help you **WRITE YOUR STORY**.



#### **IMAGINE** for a moment what you could do with **YOUR STORY** in the **FORM** of a **BOOK**:

- YOUR STORY, in the form of a quality published book, becomes something tangible and is in your hands.
- YOUR STORY can give encouragement to others, especially to your family, friends, and customers/clients, and even to people you will unlikely ever meet in this life.
- YOUR STORY contains your legacy and will always be there, even after you are long gone, influencing future readers.
- YOUR STORY, in the form of a book, will be the perfect and unique item for you to give away or sell, creating a new revenue stream.
- YOUR STORY can serve as a mentor to help the person who wants to learn how to apply
  the life lessons you experienced.

YOUR STORY matters to you and YOUR STORY matters to me too.



What is HELP ME WRITE MY STORY?

HELP ME WRITE MY STORY coaches the author client through each creative phase of writing a book:

- How to create the Big Story Idea
- How to create a Write My Story Time Line
- How to do great research
- How to create a strong outline of chapters and subchapters



- How to use creative words to paint vivid mental and emotional images
- How to tell your story in an interesting way
- How to write strong chapter summaries
- How to create of book title and subtitle that resonates with the reader
- How to create a book front and back cover that catches the reader's attention
- How to write back cover copy
- How to take an author's story to the finished product in print and in Kindle formats.
- How to use the power of social networking to promote your story

#### Who needs HELP ME WRITE MY STORY?

HELP ME WRITE MY STORY can be a great resource for the person who . . .

- Wants to write their story but need practical instruction, intentional coaching and accountability.
- Wants to make sure their story, their legacy, is preserved in a format so family members and friends will remember and be inspired by their story.
- Wants to use their story as a way to open doors of future opportunities for even greater influence.
- Wants a personal product to either sell or gift to others.
- Wants the rewarding satisfaction of having a professional copy of their personal story.

#### How does HELP ME WRITE MY STORY work?

Each writing project has its own unique set of challenges, but I've sought to present three different packages and pricing levels. All five are dependent upon the pace, progress, and extraordinary challenges of the book.

#### There are five Story Coaching service levels of Help Me Write My Story\*:

\*In addition to the fees for each package, a reduced monthly payment plus a percentage of the royalties is an alternative form of payment. See me for the details.

Help Me Write My Story Books is a ghost writing and book coaching custom service. For information connect to <a href="https://www.HelpMeWriteMyStory.com">www.HelpMeWriteMyStory.com</a>



## QUALITY LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS

# PROFESSIONAL COACHING, CONSULTING, AND TEACHING

Presenting **Q**uality Ideas; Producing **Q**uality Leaders



### Introducing Dr. Denny Bates

Professional Life, Business Coach, Teacher, Writer, Speaker And Consultant



# Why is it important for you to have a professional quality life coach and leadership trainer?

It has been said, "Experience is the best guide in life." The truth is *guided experience* is the best guide! Time, money, and emotional energy can be saved by linking up with a person who already understands where you are, where you want to go and has a good grasp on how to lead you there in a positive way.

# What kind of guided experience do I offer?

Seasoned in both the market place and non-profit settings, I can offer you and/or your organization Quality Leadership coaching tracks with a relational emphasis. For instance: Personal Growth, Communication Skills, Building Healthy Relationships, Career Counseling / Job Performance, Life



Transitions, Organizational Health; and for faith-based individuals and/or organizations, Spiritual Growth. My practical experience in both for-profit and non-profit settings, coupled with my academic and professional training, affords me the ability to offer you unique Quality Leadership services.



My friend John Maxwell says,

"Everything rises and falls on leadership"

# As a Leadership Specialist, I can help YOU in the marketplace!

- ✓ With years of experience working as a manager in the marketplace, I know what it takes to create a healthy organization. I can train your leaders and employees in effective teamwork and communication.
- ✓ I know how to help business leaders practice the kind of self-care that not only benefits them personally, but also adds value to the company.
- ✓ I know how to help a management team build a culture that places great value on integrity and success.
- ✓ I can help you and your leaders set reasonable goals and show you the tools to help you reach each one.
- ✓ I can help you reproduce your values, vision and passion in the lives of others.
- ✓ I can help you sharpen your leadership skills in a group coaching setting or one to one. As a professional life coach and leadership trainer, I can offer you the finest coaching and training resources available today as a certified coach, teacher and speaker for the John Maxwell Team.









What does a Disciple-Making Ministry look like? It looks like . . .

# SOMETHINGnew

"Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past; Behold, I will do something new . . ."

Isaiah 43:18, 19a

- Is a ministry that focuses upon making Quality disciples for Jesus
- Is a ministry that encourages believers to connect in community and experience the discipled life
- Is a ministry that seeks to help other body of believers to learn how to live the discipled life through seminars, workshops, keynote speaking and interactive coaching

Contact Dr. Denny Bates for more information on how you and your church can create a culture of DiscipleMakers4Jesus

www.TheQualityDisciple.com



# What Others Are Saying About My Leadership Coaching And Discipleship Via DiscipleMakers4Jesus (DM4J)

I know and have worked with Denny Bates for more than a decade. Denny now serves as a leadership trainer and coach. It is my pleasure to recommend Denny as a valuable and trusted resource for leadership training and coaching. In addition to earning his doctoral degree in leadership, Denny is also an independent certified coach, teacher, and speaker for The John Maxwell Team. I believe you and your organization will benefit from his knowledge of what leaders need in order to grow as a leader. You will appreciate Denny's relational approach to leadership training and his ability to connect with people. Dr. Bates offers workshops, seminars, keynote speaking, and coaching ... aiding your personal and professional growth through study and practical application of John Maxwell's leadership methods. (President and CEO of Regional Hospital)

Just wanted to let you know how much our time of coaching and leadership development has meant to me. Every time I am faced with a challenge I try to walk thru the Grace tree of wisdom. You set the example every day of the man of

[I've learned] to keep the main thing the main thing!! To take care of the people that God puts in front of me everyday. (Sales Manager of automotive dealership)

God I want to be. Thank you! (Corporate Manager of Medical Services)

Denny has been my friend, pastor, colleague, mentor and confident for almost 10 years. During this time, Denny has led me through tough waters, given me wise counsel and taught me practical ways to live out my faith while falling more in love with my Savior. (Youth Pastor)

Other than my own father, Denny has been my most trusted friend and spiritual mentor. Denny's discipleship has been truly transforming and helped me to realize the importance of investing in others as he has invested in me. (Medical Device Consultant)

I treasure my relationship with Denny because we share a common heart to help people discover all that Christ wants to do in and through them. (Disciple-Making Missionary to Eastern Europe)

I have known Denny for many years and have had the privilege to work with him on the same pastoral staff for over 5 years. During that time I have sought Denny's counsel on many issues ranging from personal struggles to theological questions. Denny has always provided me with poignant, gracious and thoughtful counsel. They say that everyone should have a mentor and I am blessed to be able to consider Denny my mentor. He has been an invaluable asset in my life and ministry. (Clinical Counselor)

My relationship with Denny has been personal, honest, and Christ-centered. Denny's common sense approach to the issues of life is always soundly based on scriptural principles. I remember discussing with Denny how I felt that I needed to do so much service for the Lord because of all the times I had failed Him. Denny gently said to me, 'It's all about grace'. I was reminded that there is no 'payback' plan for the Lord. (Pastor)

Having a group of peers who candidly discuss the awesome responsibility that each carries as a servant and hearing how God has responded so richly to our needs clearly demonstrates how marvelous is our God, who works in each of our lives to do His will. (Hospital Vice-President in a discipleship group for executives)

Denny and I have know each other for nearly fifteen years, we bonded shortly after he had his heart attack because of



an illness I had years prior — Guillain-Barre Syndrome — that made me more aware of the right priorities I should have in life. Through this episode and having children similar in age we bonded in a unique and special way rarely achieved between men. Approximately one year ago I lost my job as a senior executive at a large international company that I had been with 26 years, during the transition period of me finding another job Denny was an extreme encouragement to me. During a time when I was wrestling between accepting a position or not and I will never forget what Denny told me "You can just accept it as God's providential care". He was right! I later humbly accepted the position as President & Chief Operating Officer for a Subsea Oilfield Manufacturing company. (Corporate Executive)

Denny has been a teacher | mentor | discipler | encourager | prayer partner and great friend who God has used to help me keep a godly perspective on the different times & issues of life I've gone through as I've seek to follow Jesus. Once while praying with Denny through a career move, he encouraged me to think of the gifts & skills I had and then ask what I had a passion for, and then to ask God to show me how they can fit together. From this I learned to stop putting these gifts & skills in a "Box" and limiting what God could do with them, and use them for. For the first time, as I now work for a non-profit Christian organization as a warehouse manager, I feel I'm using the gifts and abilities God has given me to fulfill His purpose at something I really have a passion for! (Former market place worker, now Missionary who is impacting the world)

Denny met with me at 7 a.m. every Friday for a year. He came to me knowing he would receive my weekly burdens. This is not the way any of us would choose to begin our day. He does not judge nor do I ever feel judged. He is one of the most selfless and giving person I have ever met. This is easy to say because I know he is just a man. His obedience to God sets him apart. He taught me to live by grace, be long suffering, and love my wife regardless of my excuses. (Medical Worker, Physical therapist assistant)

Through a lifestyle of disciple making, Denny Bates has shown me what it truly means to live out Matthew 28: 19, 20. (Educator)

I've heard it said that on this side of eternity that there are only two things that you can be certain of: death and taxes. I'm certain of three things; the first two and that I have a friend in Denny Bates! I asked God at the beginning of my ministry to bring solid men into my life that would disciple me, teach me and hold me accountable. Denny has been an extreme answer to that prayer. (Church-planting Pastor)

Dr. Denny Bates opened my eyes to the power of small groups. He showed me what a true mentor really is. I will be forever grateful for his leadership, friendship, and love! (Videographer)

Practical application of God's teachings by normal, everyday family men such as myself; that's what DM4J means to me. Listening to and sharing the innumerable ways the Lord touches the lives of each and every man in this group is not only uplifting, but inspiring. From the greatest trials to what might seem trivial, God has a plan and a purpose for it all. The value of DM4J to me is immeasurable. (Pharmacist)



### Praise For Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age:

For me, reading from the book of Proverbs has always felt a bit like trying to drink water from a fire hydrant - too much comes at me at one time and it overwhelms me. In *Quality Living For a Modern Age*, Dr. Denny Bates has meticulously broken down this powerful, timeless Old Testament book of wise instruction into day by day "bite size" truths enabling the reader to apply each truth and get the very most out of the Scriptures. The *Prayer of Commitment* found at the end of each devotion is guaranteed to help the reader in their personal growth. This is one book you will not want to hurry through. It's great for family devotions as well.

~ Kirby King, inspirational speaker and Bible teacher; author of *Abiding in Christ: What Is it Anyway?* and *Walking Through Fire Without Getting Burned: Finding Hope In The Hard Places* 

Dr. Denny Bates has a fabulous unique way to share his wealth of quality wisdom with his readers. The devotions will lift, stretch, encourage, and press you forward. Your strongest challenge may very well be the fact that you don't want to part ways and lay the book down. Just as there is a Proverbs chapter for every day of the month, this devotional will provide you with what I like to call the icing on the cake. As you begin your journey you will want to keep this book close by at all times!

~ Carol Mabe, Life Coach, Leadership Trainer, Speaker, Author of Kick Your Own Butt: The Fine Art Of Leading Yourself Well

Denny Bates's *Quality Wisdom for A Modern Age* is valuable for two reasons. One, it lays our Christian principles that professionals can immediately apply to their career. Two, it is an ongoing resource of daily encouragement that can be used by new and seasoned Christians alike.

~ Traci McCombs, Author and Blogger

What a wonderful daily encouragement! Dr. Denny Bates has dissected the book of Proverbs to highlight the wisdom God has provided for us in this great book of the Bible. I believe this daily devotional will help you apply Proverbs' eternal truths in a more practical and relevant way that will assist you in your everyday Christian walk. I highly recommend *Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age* for your daily study of God's Word.

~ Ron Lyles

Owner, Schofield's Hardware and Sporting Goods Board Trustee, Leadership Ministries Worldwide

The book of Proverbs is a phenomenal book. It is such an inspiration on what, where, who God is. It helps in our daily walk. It gives you strength, wisdom, discernment for life. It gives practical ways to look at life through God's lenses. I would highly recommend *Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age*. ~ Cleo Corey, author and life coach

Denny inspires me. His thoughts captured in this book will warm your heart and challenge your mind. Get ready to consume fresh words of wisdom.

~ Kary Oberbrunner, author of Your Secret Name, the Deeper Path, and Day Job to Dream Job



I love the book of Proverbs. I love how you quote and simplify the meaning of each verse to give an easy understanding of this great book. Any person who reads your book will be helped by being able to apply scripture to reality. Absolutely incredible book Denny. God bless you.

~ Traceyann Pearl Brough, author of Heaven's Got A Plan For You

You will find that as you read this book your thoughts are transformed, and your emotions are empowered with life. God will meet you in it as you take the journey from one page into the next. I highly recommend because it is engaging, and you will gain insight to your daily life in an enjoyable way. He has presented challenges that are relatable with answers that are attainable.

~ Laura Harris, Artist, Design Director at No Other Wall

Proverbs is my favorite book in the Bible. Primarily because of its consistent message regarding wisdom. As a Christian business leader, I am responsible for leading my team and truly making a positive difference. I never want to come up short. God enables us with unique gifts/talents, but he holds us responsible to develop those talents; this book is a great place to start. I've known Denny for some time, and he has always been passionate about Christian leadership and helping those leaders do their very best in garnering the necessary wisdom to lead well.

~ Rick Saunders

President/CEO, First Reliance Bank

I remember the day I first met Denny Bates. It was his welcoming smile that made me think of Jesus. His humor and warmth put me at ease. I knew this would be someone I would collaborate with, share advice with, and enjoy as a longtime friend. With this new published work of his, *Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age*, I can see how Denny truly fathers others in the faith. He is a disciplemaker and this new book, and its easy-to-read format will help shape the next generation of believers.

~ Robin L. Lewis,

Author of The Guts and Glory Of Forgiveness: Living Healed, speaker, and Christ-centered life coach

I am a very simple thinker...I really enjoyed the 31 days....simple and short...to the point....easy for me to follow.

~ Wick Jackson

Envoy International, Director

In the short time I've known Denny, I have come to find him as a very dedicated man of God, who chooses daily to walk the high road, while encouraging everyone he meets to join him. Denny doesn't just offer you a kind word and send you on your way, but rather, he demonstrates a genuine interest in and concern for others ability to maneuver through the stuff of life and come out better for it on the other side. In his book, *Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age*, Denny delves into the Proverbs, unpacking the rich material contained therein, and has provided a concise and useful tool for us to apply these old Scriptural truths in todays "Modern Age."

Whether you are looking for a quick reference guide or to dig deeper, I believe you have just found what you are looking for. Thank you, Denny, for sharing your love of the LORD with us, and for your desire to see others grow in His amazing Grace!

~ Leslie Rutten

Homemaker; Occupational Therapist



For anyone who desires to be obedient to the command "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves" (James 1:22 NASB) as it applies to the Book of Proverbs, then Denny's book will prove to be a well laid out tool. There are many useful resources included. The Subject Index alone makes the book worth having. It is a tremendous guide for topical searching.

Well done my friend, ~ Ron Bennett Elder, Bible Teacher, Church at Sandhurst

Dr. Denny Bates has put together a simple, daily look at the promises of God that are declared in direction, woven to our souls in prayer. Men and women are transformed when they allow the living word of God to live in them. Each page of *Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age* is a promise of God, declared for today, brought to life in prayer. So that "Today May You" grow in the knowledge of the Greatness of God!

~ Dick Brown Business Owner

In *Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age*, Dr. Denny Bates' commitment to make quality disciples for Jesus shines through in this collection of rich resources. If you desire to deepen your walk with Jesus and are looking for an easy to follow, systematic approach which also offers the flexibility of diving deeper, then look no more. Whether you desire a personal study or to make progress with others (QWMA) takes you on a journey through the wisdom of Proverbs, encouraging a closer walk with Jesus.

~ Lisa Ray Retired Educator

James, the half-brother of Jesus, wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the dispersed who were living in a world hostile to the gospel message ... "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5). Dr. H. Dennis Bates or Denny, my spiritual brother as well as my biological sibling, has written a resource just for those that would seek God's wisdom in a world that is still hostile to His message. *Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age* is an easy to use exploration of King Solomon's masterpiece on wisdom, Proverbs. It can be used as a devotional, a small group study or a guide for wisdom on different aspects of life as the need arises. I am truly looking forward to using it in my daily life in this complicated, complex world and am thankful that Solomon had it right when he wrote that there was nothing new under the sun; Only the names and the places change. The human experience is just that, the human experience and it never changes.

~ Tamara Bates-Rhodes, RN

You know it's going to be a good day when you encounter some quality wisdom first thing, walk with it and let it guide you throughout your day. And so, it is with the daily *Declarations of Quality Wisdom* from the Proverbs-based devotional book, *Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age*, by Denny Bates. This guidebook gives you one piece of wisdom each day for you to savor and incorporate into your daily practice. In turn providing a basis for personal growth which will spill over into your professional and spiritual life. It gives you the opportunity to apply that wisdom and live it loudly.



Remember, what we say is heard in what we show. So, walk with the wisdom in this devotional and grow in greatness.

~ Dennis Arnst, PhD - Audiologist

Dr. Denny Bates has created an exegesis of Proverbs that is both rich and practical, with clear encouragement about how to live wisely in a modern community of Faith. The Lord's words are like goads; spurring us on, teaching, and admonishing. Aptly applied, God's Word is alive, critical and precious, changing the trajectory of our lives. Denny's book draws a thoughtful picture of how to best glean from the Proverbs, and how to strategically do what they say. Thank you Denny for allowing yourself to be a scholar, brother, and even more so a son.

When you sent this for me to read, the Lord meant it as a balm and direction for my heart. This book is dynamic and concise, Spirit led, and a daily treasure of wisdom!

~ Dee Hoehn, M.A., L.P.C. Owner and Therapist Grace Counseling, LLC

Proverbs is well known as the book of wisdom. Having the opportunity of seeing Denny's heart and service for the Lord, I know his wisdom and insight will carry his readers on a deeper dive. Get ready for the journey.

~ Dexter Godfrey, Kingdom Power Couple

'In a society where the wisdom of the Bible is continually being pushed aside, it is refreshing to see a book published that makes The Proverbs applicable. Denny's heart to see this generation embrace the Truth and direction of the Proverbs is a light to follow through Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age"

~ Debra Lynn Hayes, author RISE....What To Do When Hell Won't Back Off

Most won't admit that they need it, but everyone needs guidance in today's modern age. Full of wisdom and a burning desire to always help others, Denny Bates does a great job of delivering this wisdom in a simple format.

~ John Chase, Financial Advisor

Dr. Bates uses the book of Proverbs to give simple yet profound words for each daily devotional with much attention to detail giving the reader points to ponder throughout his day. A good read. ~ Pam Clemons, retired RN

"Living in this world, we need all the wisdom we can get! The Proverbs are chock full of applicable tidbits and Dr. Bates does an amazing job at breaking it down into bite-size bits that we can digest on a daily basis. I thoroughly enjoy his approach and see it as something that anyone can implement daily--over and over!"

~ Renee Vidor, speaker, and community-creator, author of Measuring Up: How to WIN in a World of Comparison

In *Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age*, Dr. Denny Bates has, once again, provided a million-dollar tool for followers of Christ to develop discipleship habits and to live Kingdom lives. This resource could be used in a variety of ways and is full of "high-value wisdom" about life, about living for God, about dealing with people, and about living with situations. This work is a guaranteed GRAND SLAM for every disciple of Christ!!!

Dr. David Wike, Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church



Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age embraces the teachings of Solomon as written in Proverbs. Timely lessons that respect our schedules yet provide an in-depth challenge encouraging us to assimilate and connect with coworkers, friends, and seekers we meet on life's road. Whether you use it as a study guide or a future reference book for all things Proverbs; check it out.

Tessy L. Baker, Ed.S School Psychologist

Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age is an insightful read that shows you how to recognize and apply the truth on a daily basis. Dr. Denny Bates provides an amazing resource that brings the wisdom and practical teaching from the book of Proverbs to life. Make it a part of your routine as you grow, lead, serve, and impact the world.

~ Jim Zugschwert, speaker, coach, and author of Peak Perspective

If there is a writer who can take the ancient words of the book of Proverbs and help us apply them to our present days, that writer is Dr. Denny Bates. Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age will challenge you and bless you in your professional and personal life as Dr. Bates guides you in hearing Proverbs with enlightened spirit-led ears. This book is a must-have!

~ Helen Rogers Dobbins BSN, RN Blogger for Sorrow into Dancing

Your very practical encouragement has always been a bright spot for me. Thank you for sharing this! I can't wait to see how God will continue to use you!

~ Abby Feistel, mom and blogger

Denny is a great friend and mentor of mine and has been for nearly two decades. In *Quality Wisdom* for a Modern Age you will find insight, perspective and truth that is deeply needed for life in this world. I cannot recommend this book more highly to you. It is a must use resource as you journey through life.

~ Reeves Cannon, M.A., LPC, BCPCC, Executive Pastor, Church at Sandhurst

Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age is not book on leadership – it is a manual on how to incorporate proverbs into our daily lives to not only deal with the issues of daily life, but to anticipate them. Keep the book close to your nightstand, to use the analogy "Break glass in case of emergency", or to be inspired. Dr. Denny Bates uses daily declarations to assist individuals and leaders to help them in their daily duties. This is important as one must be able to lead themselves in order to lead others. ~ Len Clark, Ph.D. LTC Media

"Denny has a clear talent for packaging encouraging, Biblical content in a form that anyone can benefit from. *Quality Wisdom For A Modern Age* is another winner in his lineup of materials that can be used for a variety of settings and applications. I'm thankful for his contributions to the Body of Christ!"

~ Chris Honeycutt Lead Pastor, Forward /// Myrtle Beach

Dr Denny Bates is consistent in publishing *quality* resources that we can apply in our real lives. *Quality Wisdom for a Modern Age* is no different. Denny pours his mentorship onto paper again so we can turn to daily use in practical ways to become better, *quality* leaders.

~ Bo Myers: Husband, Father, Local ministry leader, Servant pastor, Deputy Coroner



### About Dr. Denny Bates

Dr. Denny Bates is Principal Consultant for Quality Leadership Consultants, founder of Something New Christian Publishers, adjunct faculty mentor in the Columbia Biblical Seminary online Doctor of Ministerial Leadership program, and a founding member of the John Maxwell Team of certified coaches, speakers, and trainers. He has earned degrees from Francis Marion College [B.S.] and Columbia Biblical Seminary and School of Missions [MDiv, DMin]. With a doctoral degree in personal and organizational leadership, he is well equipped to serve as teacher, life coach, mentor, disciplemaker, motivational speaker and writer for his own leadership and personal growth titles as well as helping others write their stories\*

Denny has written for an international publisher of Bible commentary, served as the Discipleship Pastor in the local church, as well as being a leader in the marketplace by creating the social networking brand #Aisle31. By God's grace, he seeks to live above the fray and "Press on!" Visit www.dennybates.com.

\*See www.HelpMeWriteMyStory.com for this custom service.