

The Legacy Journey

Dave Ramsey

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This book is not an encouragement to leave generous legacies in our wills as one might suppose, but is an invitation to work hard to create wealth and use that wealth to live generously and benefit others.

It starts by reminding us that wealth is not wrong. It is “the love of money that is the root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6: 10), not simply “money is the root of all evil” as we so often receive. It very effectively calls out negative and ungodly Christian attitudes towards wealth and rich Christians whilst making it unrelentingly clear at every turn that seeing our wealth as God’s money, and not our own, is the key to generous living. The author dismisses the concept that we give to God to prompt him to give even more back to us, so he is not, in my view, a proponent of “the prosperity gospel”.

Dave Ramsey is a well-known Christian financial adviser in the USA, with a radio show attracting 18 million viewers each week. So clearly a person of influence. However I struggle with his assertion that anyone can become a millionaire although this is later qualified by referencing the American context¹. Nevertheless, I found so many helpful points in the book that it definitely deserves a read. UK readers will however need to battle through various puzzling American acronyms and skip the last 2 chapters which contain investment and employment guidance specific to the USA.

¹ For example, page 139: “Anyone in America can become a millionaire”

This book is also available to loan from the [North East Religious Resource Centre](#)