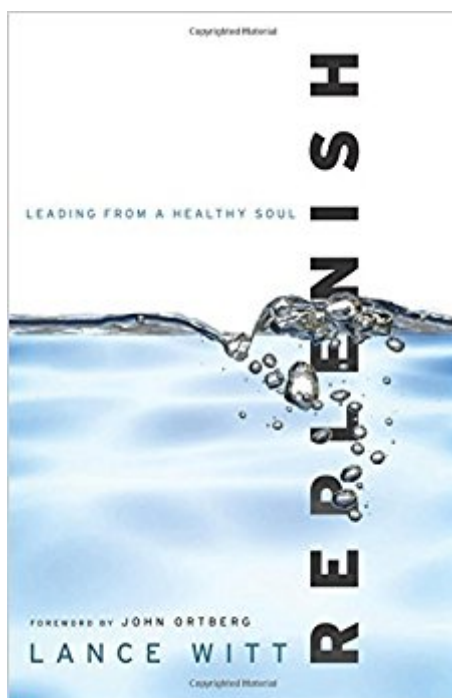


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Replenish: Leading From A Healthy Soul



Synopsis

Every leader functions on two stages--the front stage or public world, and the back stage or private world. One cannot lead successfully front stage when one is completely depleted back stage. In a time when pastors are leaving the ministry in record numbers due to cynicism, disillusionment, weariness, and personal scandals, there is an urgent need for soul care in the private lives of leaders. Replenish helps leaders focus on the back stage, the interior life, in order to remain spiritually healthy. In a caring, encouraging tone, it will show pastors how to prioritize matters of the soul develop healthy spiritual practices address problems that lead to burnout create a healthy rhythm in their lives improve their people skills and the spiritual climate of their team develop better systems in their churches discover how to lead an unhurried life For the many ministry leaders who feel alone, in over their heads, or simply worn out, this book will offer welcome relief and a healthy way forward.

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Customer Reviews

"Lance Witt understands both the dynamics of church ministry and the interior landscape of the soul. He has written wise counsel that addresses directly and transparently those parasites that seek to feed on a church leader's spirit."--John Ortberg, author, *The Me I Want to Be* Every leader functions on two stages--the front stage and the back stage. The front stage is the public world of leadership. The back stage is the private world of the leader. There are many resources to help you succeed on the front stage. But who is talking to you about you and your backstage life? In a caring,

encouraging tone, Replenish shows you how to: prioritize matters of the soul, develop healthy spiritual practices, address problems that lead to burnout, create a healthy rhythm in your life, craft a healthy leadership culture, develop better systems in your church, move toward an unhurried life. If you ever feel alone, in over your head, or simply in need of replenishment, this book will offer welcome relief and a healthy way forward. "Like many in ministry, I've found myself drowning in techniques and tools to the neglect of my soul. Lance Witt has thrown a life preserver with a perfect toss. Grab on and let him pull you back to Jesus." --Will Mancini, author, Church Unique; founder of Auxano "I will be taking our entire church staff through this book." --Todd Mullins, lead pastor, Christ Fellowship, West Palm Beach, Florida "I think every leader should read this book at least once a year to recalibrate what we do with how and why we do it." --Chip Ingram, pastor, Venture Church; president of Living on the Edge Founder of Replenish Ministries, Lance Witt is often called a "pastor's pastor." He has served for over thirty years as a pastor, twenty as a senior pastor. He also served as an executive and teaching pastor at Saddleback Church. Lance helped develop and lead the 40 Days of Purpose and 40 Days of Community campaigns. He and his wife, Connie, have two married children and love doing ministry together.

Founder and leader of Replenish Ministries, Lance Witt has served for over twenty-five years as a local church pastor and twenty years as a senior pastor. He served as an executive pastor for Saddleback Church and helped develop and lead the 40 Days of Purpose and 40 Days of Community campaigns. He teaches at national and international conferences on topics such as small groups, spiritual formation, preaching, and leadership. Lance has an MDiv from Criswell Seminary and a DMin from Denver Seminary and lives with his wife, Connie, in Texas.

This book was recommended to me by the pastor of our congregation, who herself is an inspiration in humility and determination. This book highlights the importance of leading a healthy prayer life, cleaning up your heart before Jesus in leadership and treating those in our care as precious and not as slave labour and leading them to develop their own relationship with Jesus. This book was a refreshing look at how to focus less on paperwork and programs and focus on taking the time for solitude in the secret place with Jesus. I enjoyed this book very much and it gave me confidence that the time spent in quiet away from the noise of life studying the bible and praying is time well spent. This book is about refocusing and re-prioritising and essentially points to us the children of God remembering and returning to our first love; Jesus, to refresh and replenish our souls.

You never know how much you need rest for your soul until it's too late. Replenish gives practical life application to catch yourself before it's too late. Although a book mainly for pastors, anyone serving in ministry can receive from this book. Definitely a book to read over and over often.

Good book on the dangers of burnout within a ministry model. Good suggestions for self care.

Probably the best book I've read in a while. He points us back to our need not for simply more skill or leadership ability, put a healthy heart that seeks the right things first . And in a book that I seemed would have little practical "how to" I was surprised that there is quite a lot to put into practice.

Insightful, well written and challenging. The content opens up the soul and feeds the soul. Take the time to read it.

From out of the Word and the practicality of a life lived in a healthy way, this book provides inspiration, challenge, and practical tools for living a healthy life. I highly recommend it to anyone who feels like their life maybe at least a little out of control and unhealthy.

I read "Replenish" after coming out of a hard ministry at a large church that almost took me out and am finding my soul and health again in a smaller assignment. This book has helped me recalibrate the definition of true success in ministry. I've read this book twice, discussed it with other friends in ministry, and have given it as a gift. Practical, concise, devotional, refreshing.

I wasn't super thrilled with this book, but my husband LOVED it. I think it may have been our devotional styles that led to this difference, but all in all there was wisdom to be heard from this book.

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