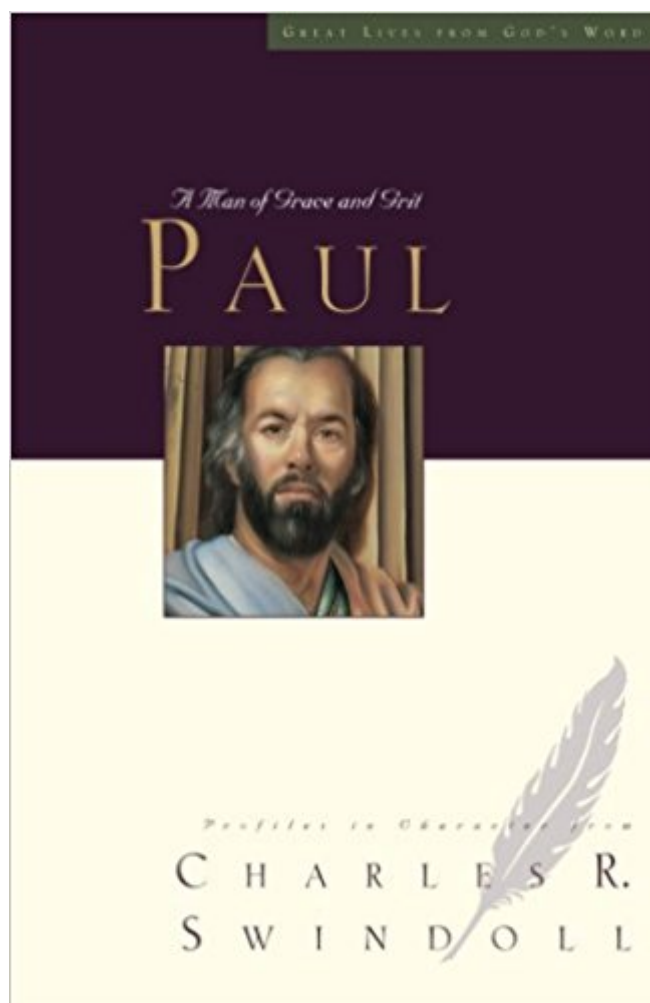


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The apostle Paul. The converted terrorist, inspired author, amazing teacher, and patient mentor. This colossal figure strode boldly onto the stage of the first-century world and left an indelible signature of greatness never to be forgotten. His life? Magnificent! And his ministry? Impressive. While assigned sainthood by some today, by his own description he was "the chief of all sinners." No other person in the Bible, aside from Christ Himself, had a more profound influence on his world and ours than Paul. He was a man of real grit, with a firmness of mind and spirit and unyielding courage in the face of personal hardship and danger. Tough, tenacious, and fiercely relentless, Paul pursued his divine mission with unflinching resolve. And God used him mightily to turn the world upside down for Christ in his generation. But Paul's message and his style were also marked by gentle grace. This man, who tormented and killed the saints of God, understood and explained grace better than any of his contemporaries. Why? Because he never got over his own gratitude as a recipient of it. God's super-abounding grace transformed this once-violent aggressor into a humble-but-powerful spokesman for Christ. A man with that much grit desperately needed that much grace. Perhaps that's why Paul's life is such a source of hope for us. If the chief of sinners can be forgiven and become God's chosen vessel, can He not forgive and use us as well? He can, if we too become people of both grace and grit. Paul is the sixth of a multi-volume series exploring Great Lives from God's Word and searching them to find the qualities that made them great. Join us for an exciting, in-depth look at this amazing life, as only Chuck Swindoll can describe it: *Paul: A Man of Grace and Grit*.

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Customer Reviews

Charles R. Swindoll has devoted his life to the clear, practical teaching and application of God's Word. He currently pastors Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas, and serves as the chancellor of Dallas Theological Seminary. His renowned Insight for Living radio program airs around the world. Chuck and Cynthia, his partner in life and ministry, have four grown children and ten grandchildren.

Author Charles Swindoll analyzes the Apostle Paul's character, providing ancient and current illustrations that listeners can use to examine their own lives. In a seamless delivery, narrator Raymond Todd portrays Paul's journey to Damascus, as described by Swindoll, during which he is blinded and then experiences the restoration of his eyesight by God. Then, as an example of solitude, Swindoll recounts the story of the movie *CAST AWAY*, about a FedEx employee who is stranded on a deserted island for four years. With light enunciation, Todd describes how, like Paul, the executive comes to surrender his pride and desire for prestige when he realizes that being on top will result in a loneliness and isolation similar to what he is experiencing as a castaway. The story of Paul's journey motivates self-examination. G.D.W. © AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is not your typical biography. If you are looking for a straight forward recounting of Paul's life, read *The Apostle* by John Pollock, which is quoted several times in this book. This book not only follows Paul's life, it also provides application from his life. The author uses Paul's life as shown through Scripture to provide timeless truths for our lives. I wish I could have heard the sermons, because this is how God intended His Word to be taught. Since I couldn't, I feel blessed that I could receive this teaching in book form. I hope that you are similarly blessed when you read this book.

Paul was formerly Saul, a man who was persecuting early Christians when he himself became a follower of Jesus. At that time his name was changed to Paul. "A Man of Grace and Grit" gives more explanation of the suffering Paul endured after becoming a Christian as recorded in the Bible. It is very challenging and encouraging.

This book is amazing. It is based on scripture throughout but goes into many explanations to help clarify the times historically. Charles Swindoll is a wonderful writer and his sense of humor and realistic comments make the book come alive. It is very relevant to Christians living in today's world trying to live the life God wants from us. Will reread this one and definitely recommend it to every person wanting to live a deeper life for Christ.

What a wonderful overview of the life of Paul with observations/commentary that impacts us all. Charles Swindoll is a very good writer and conveys ideas and biblical principles/life applications very well!

Paul's life was never dull. First appearing in the New Testament as a violent enemy of Christ, Paul later went on to not only put his faith in the risen Lord but to pen thirteen letters of the New Testament--in the midst of being beaten, shipwrecked, snakebitten, imprisoned, and chased out of town. Let Charles Swindoll be your guide as you travel down the road to Damascus with Paul and discover the passion for Jesus that drove this hero of the faith.

I am reading it right now and am taking notes to help me remember parts of the book that have made an impression on me. I appreciate the insight that Charles R. Swindoll has and also appreciate his sense of humor in his writing. Parts of the book are very applicable to daily living.

Dr. Swindoll writes of Paul's redemption and how the Holy Spirit empowered Paul to be one of the greatest missionaries in spreading God's Word. Excellent book to remind us God didn't send Paul out into the world to preach the Good News until he prepared him for his journey. Plan to do some meditating on scripture and look at what you are hearing from the pulpit.

First half is really good. It is worth buying for that first half.

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