

Never Give Up!



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Though Daniel Goleman catapulted the idea of emotional intelligence, Joyce Meyer is a forerunner in promoting faith intelligence. Her new book is especially appropriate given our tough economic times. Everyone knows someone who has lost a job, can't sell a house, or has a strained marriage.

Meyer shares story after story of famous and ordinary people who persevered when most would give up. Meyer's litmus test for setting goals is that they're smart-specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. She'll challenge you to address what fears are holding you back, including the fear of making the wrong decision.

She's all over the common presumption that if obstacles are in your way, perhaps it's not God's will. Even failures can be stepping stones. She uses examples such as Winston Churchill, Marie Curie, Martin Luther King Jr. and many more. Discipline is no fun, but the reward is the outcome. "Go for the fruit," Meyer writes.

Her ministry is so prevalent on the radio, television and in bookstores that readers might assume she's repeating herself. But this book will give readers hope, and they'll find themselves quoting the stories when talking to others about faith.