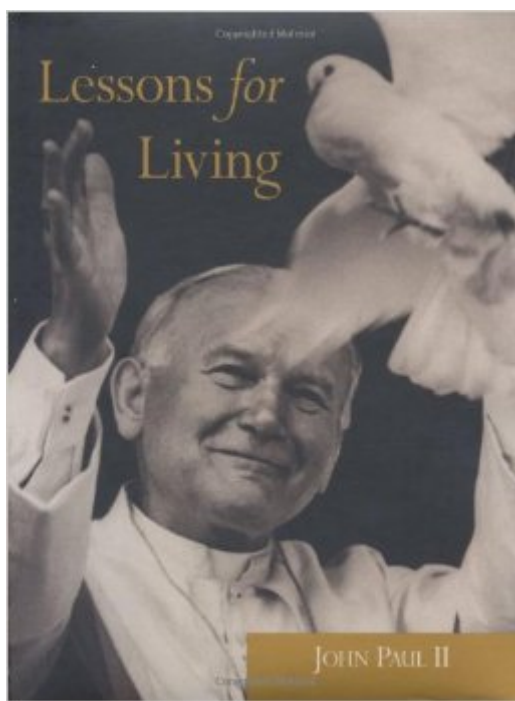


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John Paul II: Lessons For Living



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Lessons from the most beloved spiritual leader of our time—Lessons for Living presents the essential pastoral wisdom of Pope John Paul II. These short, eloquent selections, culled from more than two decades of the pope's writings and speeches, capture the clarity of John Paul's insight and the fervor of his faith. Each page presents an inspirational lesson that encourages us to draw closer to God, helping us live as faithful Christians in a sometimes challenging world. "Become friends to those who have no friends. Become family to those who have no family. Become community to those who have no community. May we all share what we have with one another as children of the one God who loves everyone and who offers to everyone the gift of peace."

—Pope John Paul II

On October 16, 1978, Karol Wojtyla ascended to the papacy and adopted the name John Paul II. Since that time, he has greeted an estimated 16 million pilgrims at the Vatican's General Audiences on Wednesdays and has touched millions of lives in his religious ceremonies, special audiences, and trips throughout the world.

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Pope John Paul II shares honors with Billy Graham in terms of evangelism and religious life. If you want inspirational but short writings, JP II is your man of the times. This Holy and God-filled man is the best thing to happen for the Catholic Faithful, all Christians and all people of all faiths. I encourage you to read his works. Simple, concise and in lay terms. Read and build on your lives.

If you are looking for things to contemplate while meditating, this book may be good for you. I, though, was very disappointed. I was hoping for more of a discussion on points. Though I do recall that they said that the lessons were short, I didn't realize how short they would be. This teaches me to buy samples from now on of books. The lessons were a paragraph, maybe two paragraph tops. To me, they felt like quick thoughts jotted down in a journal. I'm not saying they weren't good lessons...but I was hoping for more of a discussion on why a person should follow these lessons...maybe with bits of John Paul's own life experience. Most of us probably know what we should do, but I like books that tell you why we have these morals...for I find that morals are easier to uphold when consequences of breaking them are laid out (and I don't mean hellfire and damnation--there are actually very practical reasons to uphold morals).

I gave this as a gift for my son who is expecting his first child. Many words of wisdom in this book. Easy to read through and full of thought provoking quotes.

I was hoping for more of his hard philosophy. I am not catholic and these are fine little quotes, I was expecting more. There are several books on Pope John Paul II I guess I picked something a little lighter than I wanted.

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