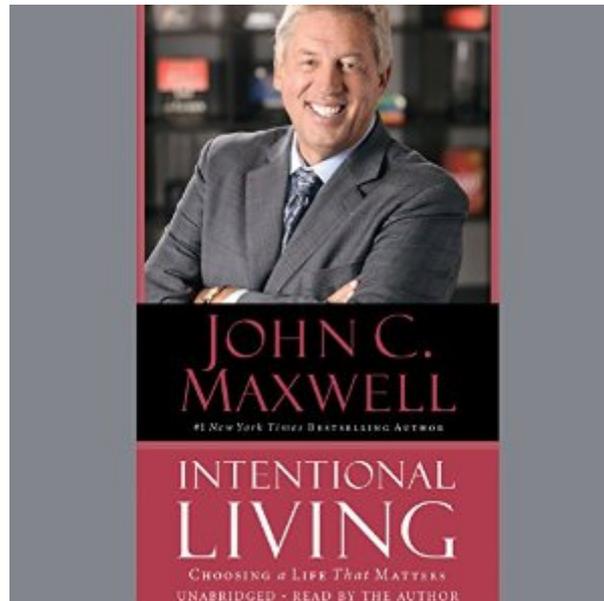


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# Intentional Living: Choosing A Life That Matters



## Synopsis

John C. Maxwell, number-one New York Times best-selling author, helps listeners take the first steps to living a life that matters in *Intentional Living*. We all have a longing to be significant. We want to make a contribution, to be a part of something noble and purposeful. But many people wrongly believe significance is unattainable. They worry that it's too big for them to achieve. That they have to have an amazing idea, be a certain age, have a lot of money, or be powerful or famous to make a real difference. The good news is that none of those things is necessary for you to achieve significance and create a lasting legacy. The only thing you need to achieve significance is to be intentional. And to do that, all you need to do is start. You can't make an impact sitting still and doing nothing. Every major accomplishment that's ever been achieved started with a first step. Sometimes it's hard; other times it's easy; but no matter what, you have to do it if you want to get anywhere in life. In *Intentional Living*, John Maxwell will help you take that first step, and the ones that follow, on your personal path through a life that matters.

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## Customer Reviews

This is John's most personal and powerful book to date. It is chock-full of personal stories that help illustrate what can happen when you start living life by design instead of default. Everyone wants to make a difference in the world, and "*Intentional Living: Choosing a Life that Matters*," is the instruction guide for how to make it happen. As is typical of John's writing style, he shares a number

of simple but very powerful ideas and actions you can take to get some momentum on your mission like; start small but believe big, search until you find your why, add value to others from your sweet spot, connect with like-minded people, and more. I also enjoy the stories he tells about how he came to prominence in his field, and it should not be a surprise: He got around people like Norman Vincent Peale, W. Clement Stone, Zig Ziglar, etc. and invested in their books, conferences and other resources. He was (and still is) intentional about his personal growth and development and he encourages you to do the same throughout the book.

This is a perspective book and not a practical book. What the book does is try and give you a new perspective on life. It tries and gets you to focus on relationships, treating others well, and doing the right thing. Then, you will find happiness and meaning in life. I mean it is a great message, but not the impression I got from reading the book summary and reviews. I was expecting a blueprint with how to's on finances, relationships, job growth, etc. Just getting better in all aspects of life. His message is that if you just become a better person and treat people well those aspects of your life will get better. He is not wrong. In fact he is very very right in what he is saying, but his message is so simple. I got the gist of it in the summary. I don't feel like the other 300 pages of the book added any value. I simply did not learn more as the book went on. It was just one anecdotal story after another. I was at least hoping for a psychology lesson, studies of human behavior, statistics on what people like and how to interact more meaningfully to connect deeper. None of that is in the book. It's simply a few personal stories of him and others to try and change your perspective on treating others better and for that subject, I have found other books much more helpful.

It seems like today it's a badge of honor to say you're overwhelmed, hustling, and "busy" beyond belief. However, as a leader this statement is a sign of burning out, not advancing forward. The goal is not a life of default, where busyness reigns. Rather, the proven path is a life of design, where intentionality abounds. In his simple, but profound style, bestselling author John C. Maxwell places these practical and proven leadership lessons on the "bottom shelf" so people can access them at every level. Discover why selfishness and significance are incompatible. Unpack how intentional people create their own calendars, rather than react to the agendas of others. Maxwell and his fantastic team have done it again. They've dug deep, struck treasure, and best of all shared it with us in an educationally entertaining manner.

**Intentional Living: Choosing a Life That Matters** The book focuses on the power of Intentional Living,

the power of living your best story and the power of living a life of significance. This book is for you if you want to make a difference in this world. This book is for anyone who wants to change his or her life and make it a life of Significance. The book gives you a new perspective on the word success. You will, like me, start thinking more about Significance rather than success. In case you are feeling intimidated with the word significance ' let me share what John says about this: 'Action is what converts human dreams into significance.' John shows you 'how to achieve a life of significance' by simple practical powerful ideas and actions that help you move towards a life of significance. I loved the way John brings out the different nuances of Intentionality, connects intentionality to your 'Why', your purpose, your actions, your personal growth, your success and ultimately your 'life of Significance'. The following lines from the book stuck with me: 'You have it within your power to make your life a great story, one of significance. Every person can. 'And John in this book shows you how.

You will quickly realize there is a great difference between intention and intentional. Those extra two letters move people from something desired to the action necessary to obtain it. John Maxwell shares much of his life's experiences, especially when he was young, to show how intentionality enriched his life. Most people survive, some are successful, fewer still lead a life of significance. The amazing thing - it is not as hard as most of us think. Know your story, your passion, purpose and have a plan. But nothing will happen if you don't execute. DAILY. IN SMALL, CONTINUOUS, CONSTANT INTENTIONAL STEPS. So stop reading this review. Read, study and put into practice what you learn in this book. You will be astonished at how your life dramatically improves. Oh, don't forget to send in your story!

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