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Now thoroughly revised and expanded, this classic booklet by Charles E. Hummel offers ideas and illustrations for effective time management.

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## **From Reader Review Tyranny of the Urgent (IVP Booklets) for online ebook**

### **Onjaleke says**

Very important concept for believers and time management. We need to take control of our time so that we can be better servants in the kingdom.

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### **Oluwaranti Liad-Tella says**

Its simple but still deep. i will definitely read it several times before the end of my earthly sojourn. Great book!

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### **Lendl Meyer says**

This is the 3rd or 4th time I've read this booklet. Short and small, it is packed with challenge for our priorities and reliance on God. Highly recommended

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### **Crossroads Ecc says**

This book encourages us to realize that we need to give priority to the important things, rather than the ones that seem so urgent. It will give you strategies for taking control of how you spend your time, and help you to align your schedule with the things you genuinely value.

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### **Robert Logan says**

No one was in more demand than Jesus. Someone who can heal will be constantly followed, mobbed, and bombarded with requests. (You think you've got problems!).

Yet at the end of Jesus' earthly life, he makes an astonishing statement. Just before he goes to the cross, Jesus prays to the Father, "I have accomplished the work you sent me to do" (John 17:4). How could he say that while there were still so many he hadn't healed, so many still possessed by demons, so many who hadn't yet come into relationship with him. From a human perspective, there was more left undone than accomplished. And yet Jesus was finished.

Tyranny of the Urgent, the classic booklet by Charles Hummel, begins with the premise that we have overloaded ourselves with too much to do. Our lives resemble over-packed suitcases bursting at the seams.

If you contrast that way of living with how Jesus lived, the difference is stark. The secret was found in Mark 1:35: Jesus got up early in the morning and prayed and met with the Father. The sense of priorities and

calling and direction he received for that day, flowing out of his time with the Father, allowed him to move with calmness and purpose as he proceeded into whatever interruptions would come his way. Some of those interruptions were divine appointments, like the bleeding woman who touched him on his robe when he was on his way somewhere else. He was able to discern that this was something he needed to attend to. Other times the distractions needed to be ignored.

It's a sorting process. When you set out with a clear idea of your priorities— not everything that you could do, but what God has actually called you to do— you can then evaluate things that come up in light of those priorities. That grid will help you tell the difference between divine appointments and distractions.

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### **Tracie says**

Ever wonder why there are never enough hours in the day to get your to-do list completed? Maybe it's because you are letting the little, unimportant things become more urgent than they should be and they take you off track? This little book is definitely worth the short amount of time it takes to read it. It will help you think about your life and how you order the events of your day. Highly recommend this book for anyone that wants to get a grip on the reality of what it means to battle the tyranny of the urgent.

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### **Jonathan Brooker says**

I've heard of this incredibly tiny book for a while and yet hadn't gotten around to reading it. I'm so glad that now I have! While I would have loved to see it be about twice as long with some of the more practical how-to's given a chance to come out, I suppose I'd rather have a shorter book that is good the whole way through rather than one that's longer but isn't. Fortunately, because of the short length, this will be one that I go back to periodically to let it challenge my time and energy management every so often.

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### **Dr. says**

Feel the need to reread this short book every day this month.

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### **Rachel says**

A must-read! I would recommend reading directly after the book "Priorities" by James C. Petty

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### **Hope says**

Very weird book...like...really weird. But i will use a couple of Hummel's tips... This book is a "time management" kind of book. Very short. Is kinda draggy...but what do ya expect, it's a "organize your life today" book. :-)

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**Cara Hasbrouck says****Great info**

It's a quick read but offers great insight into prioritizing your time. So take time to read it today, you won't regret it.

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**Shaun Marksbury says**

This is a re-read of a good little booklet I received with my first college class. It's extremely helpful in showing that 1) the urgent isn't always what is important to the Lord, and 2) the devotional life is far more pressing on the soul than anything else. If I could give one criticism, Hummel doesn't quite define what he means by "wait for instructions" and "wait on the Lord" (it is a short book), and this may allow for more mystical approaches to answering life's problems. Still, the book theologically addresses an important and practical issue, and it's been a blessing as a result. Recommended.

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**Dallas says**

Not bad. It was simple but informative.

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**Josiah Lau says**

Short and compact but very, very useful and helpful book. Grateful for it as it forces a drastic change in the way I view my work.

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**Don says****Technologically dated, but principles as relevant as ever!**

This is a wonderful booklet meant as a quick reference to provoke thought and give some general guidance. It is common sense in nature, and calls to your level of discipline.

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