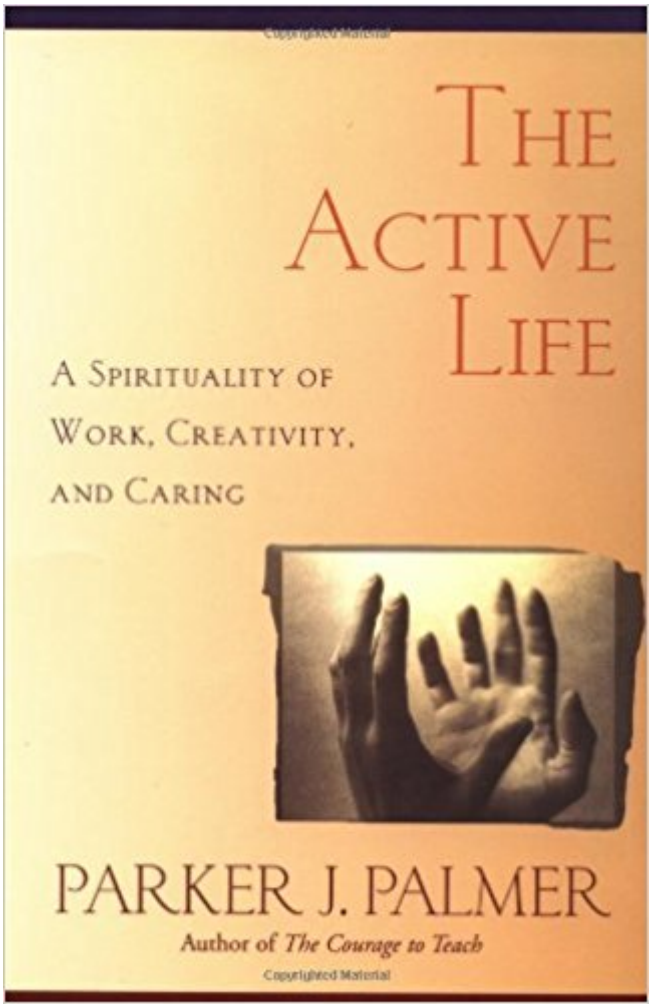
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I have read all of the books by Parker Palmer. A Hidden Wholeness is my favorite. The Active Life is my second choice of all of his books. There is a lot of repetition in his various books. If you are actively involved in charity work, then this is a very good book to read. It discusses why you might take on a seemingly impossible project like housing the homeless and the need to take time to go on retreats to recharge your batteries and how to figure out your natural birth right gifts. Parker Palmer quotes Thomas Merton many times and then adds his Quaker views on how to implement Merton’s ideas. Parker Palmer has taught me a lot about the Quakers and the advantages of living in a communal community. He is very honest about the good and bad parts of being a Quaker.

Very difficult to read; disappointing because I love Parker Palmer!

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Great read

This book is profound

A midlife crisis book for PP. Some lovely spots in it, but coming from a place of despair.

if you’re looking for a book on the spirituality of work (non-ministry or faith-based), than this is a must-read for you.

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