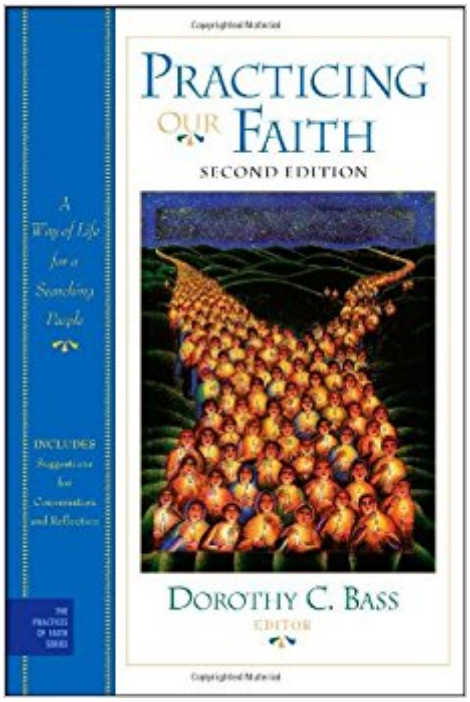
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Practicing Our Faith: A Way Of Life For A Searching People



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Synopsis

An updated edition of the down-to-earth resource that offers twelve practices to make Christian faith a way of life Many Christians are looking for ways to deepen their relationship with God by practicing their faith in everyday life. This best-selling guide helps take belief out of the realm of theory and shows how to live it out in a series of twelve central practices such as hospitality, forgiveness, healing, testimony, and keeping Sabbath. Designed to work across a wide range of Christian laypeople, leaders, denominations, and study groups, this is the second edition of the book that Theology called "... a stimulating contribution to the work of making explicit the connection between what Christians do and what they believe." Contains information on the practices discussed in the book and shows how they relate to and intersect with prayer, worship, and Bible study Offers a guide for conversation, learning, and growth at the back of the book This updated and expanded new edition includes a new introduction and two additional chapters that describes new insights into and experiences with the "practicing our faith" approach The book includes a variety of prominent contributors, who draw on their rich shared experience as believers, theologians, ethicists, and educators.

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The gap between theory and practice in religion is one of growing consternation for people. Aside from going to church on Sunday, how does a Christian manifest the power of this religion in his or her own life? Instead of just being a Christian, how can one bring the meaningfulness of Christianity into one’s life? Dorothy C. Bass and 12 other Christian leaders offer concrete practices such as

hospitality, simplicity, and community gathering that serve to enrich our lives and the lives of others while reinforcing faith in God. Although presented from a Christian point of view, the practices themselves are universally applicable. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Editor Bass, a United Church minister and historian of American religion, and Craig Dykstra, a Presbyterian minister and president of religion at Lilly Endowment, Inc., helped facilitate a dialog among 13 theologians and educators from a variety of religious and ethnic backgrounds. Their responses, represented here, explore vital ways to apply Christian tradition and practice to everyday life in a world that demands continuous personal change and discernment. A thoughtful discussion of possibilities for responding to the challenges of faith through the shared dimensions of spiritual life.Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Why do we do the things we do? This book answers that question related to practices of our faith. Written by various authors and edited by Dorothy C. Bass, chapters include titles you might expect such as: Hospitality and Keeping Sabbath. But there are also chapters on: Household Economics, Testimony, Dying Well and Singing Our Lives. Since our lives are largely shaped by the things to which we say "yes" and "no," there’s a chapter on that very topic. I liked the quotations and scripture that were included by related topics.The book offers insight behind rituals we often come to take for granted. For instance, a chapter on Honoring the Body explains how touch is involved in activities such as passing the peace and foot washing, and as part of worship, such rituals teach us to lovingly embrace one another. While the book doesn’t cover all the practices of the faith (you might expect whole chapters on Bible study and prayer, but they are assumed as related to the other practices), it offers groundwork for discussions you might want to add. This would be a great book for a group study since the final chapter helps readers apply the book’s guidelines to their own situations, and it includes an appendix of "Suggestions for Conversation and Reflection." Altogether, the book helps us think about the how and why of practices of the faith and so fosters our love and service to God and others.Reviewed by Shirley Brosius, author of Sisterhood of Faith and co-author of Turning Guilt Trips into Joy Rides.

book delivered on time by seller, good price. However the book itself was just average, some good information but overall uninteresting and dated.

I used this for a class in modern ministry. She offers wonderful perspectives into how to practice our faith, not just study it or talk about it. Very insightful, encouraging and challenging.

Super book; well described.

I love this book! I'm in a study group in my church, and I couldn't stop at the chapter we were supposed to read for our first meeting; I've read the entire book in the last two weeks,using it as part of my daily devotions. I found many good things to use in my daily life, as well as help for my spiritual journey. We need more books like this.

Well written with good insights for the spiritual walk

A book that gives all the directions to become one in Faith and to help you learn from life without being over-run by it.

Wonderful resource focuses on gospel of service vs. hierarchy. I'm going to use it for a study in a county correctional facility.

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