

10 People Every Christian Should Know By Warren W. Wiersbe Though Wiersbe disagrees with Newman's conversion to Catholicism and his sacramental approach to life and preaching thereafter he is at least open-minded enough to appreciate some of Newman's positive attributes. I was also quite intrigued by the biography of Amy Carmichael a missionary to India who seems like Protestantism's answer to Mother Teresa (in fact she was called Amma meaning Mother by her followers). Individuals were treated inconsistently — some with very short biographical sketches a couple more extensive biographies others that seemed half biographical and half bibliographical while in the last on Tozer Wiersbe said up front that he was going to deal with Tozer in the first half and then use the second half to consider some other Christian mystics. I would not have known that except that I am fairly compulsive about going back to the cover of a Kindle book (why in the world doesn't a new Kindle book open on the cover?) and flipping through the beginning stuff — in doing that that disclaimer caught my attention on the copyright page. 122 Surprised at some negative reviews for this book (after having read it myself and really liked it) I reflected on why a series of short biographies would not be intriguing to other Christian readers. Such individuals for the most part are those who may not be popular to the modern believer today (some I believe still know the names Oswald Chambers AW Tozer or Matthew Henry). Wiersbe is certainly passionate about his subject and I'm sure the people he discusses are worthy of being included in this volume but for the most part I felt like I was listening to a person drone on about his [insert boring item here] collection. 122 This is the first time I have ever read anything by Warren Wiersbe but I have always seen his devotional books in the library and used book store even though I must confess I do not know much about him. Ironically in a book about other Christians I've also learned something about the author that he was a former pastor of Moody Memorial church! In this work (which is an adaptation of a larger work on more Christians we should know) the author gives a short introduction to ten individuals every Christian should know. With the chapters arranged chronologically of when they were introduced into history I've enjoyed the first chapter on Matthew Henry largely because I know nothing about the biography of this famous man whom I am only familiar with being the authority of a commentary bearing his name. It was interesting to know of him as a man that not only preached the word in the church but a man who practiced family worship in which some of the materials his commentary was based (much of his work was gathered from his exposition after his death since he only worked on it for 10 years before his death). I question whether John Henry Newman was that important to have been included in a book for Evangelicals to know—especially because he is a Roman Catholic and the author himself admits that he does not give a solution to man's guilt. I'm not against reading these works to understand the times for apologetics concern etc but I do not know if it is wise to recommend these works as devotional reads to get into the groove of being Christian mystics (Wiersbe's own words). He even recommends to his readers to read works by Evelyn Underhill whom the author informs to the readers was a British mystic though unfortunately she was never quite sure of her theology and confessed to being 'a modernist on many points. While I have at least a passing acquaintance with most of the individuals covered I was introduced to Amy Carmichael who served as a missionary to India for more than fifty years. I suppose if I didn't expect this book to be a standalone volume (albeit a very short one) that would give me some acquaintance with each of its subjects I would not be as upset with what it turned out to be: an advertisement for other books that would do just that.

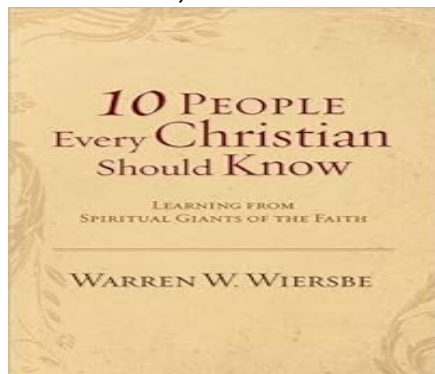
His text does more than provide these names and their assistance in the growth of the church, It also provides the texts which these individuals have inspired or written themselves, Their range of importance comes from the realms of commentaries and devotions - Matthew Henry and Oswald Chambers - to their development in the missions movements - J. These people also influenced the ways in which preachers valued their preaching and shaped their teaching to be both intellectual and emotional, Such people present a good basis for understanding church history and avid reading for the one with little knowledge. I do think personally that the one choice Wiersbe picked - John Henry Newman - was not as impacting as other members in his list. This may in part be due to even

Wiersbe's lackluster feelings toward the man's catholic principles but honors the man for his being both a scholar and a pastor, Overall.

Will not go digging around in used bookstores even if we would like to know more: 122 I don't like to rate books poorly - especially if I found myself enjoying it at times. But this book just could have been so much better than it was both in content and style: No two people would pick the same 10 for the list of people every Christians should know. But I have to believe that almost without exception there are names in this list that would not appear in anyone else's list. that's just how forgettable those chapters were) So my first complaint with the book is that the list could have been improved by leaps and bounds. Secondly.

I downloaded this because it happened to be free. It is a best of version of a longer book which I should probably have read instead. In some respects it is a Protestant collection of saints' lives, It gives a fascinating look into the lives of some sincere often seemingly unorthodox Christians filled with missionary zeal: Some of these figures are familiar to me but many are not: Until reading this I knew little of Henry Lightfoot Edwards Newman and Spurgeon: The example that leaps especially to mind is John Henry Cardinal Newman. From time to time he disagrees with the stance or conduct of others too but never as strenuously as with Newman. Wiersbe is not only very charismatic in tone he's very serious. In fact his occasional attempts at humour come across as a bit awkward or forced: But he shows a deep and intense knowledge of his subjects which is rather heartwarming: 122 This shortened version of Wiersbe's book 50 People Every Christian Should Know is available on the Kindle for under three dollars and is well worth the price: Weirsbe offers insight into the lives of ten pretty interesting Christians, Hudson Taylor Charles Spurgeon Amy Carmichael and Oswald Chambers: Of the ten offerings I was somewhat familiar with all but two however it was the profile that I knew the least about that was of the most benefit: Weirsbe describes Tozer as a Christian mystic and lays out a plan for the reader to attack Tozer's writing. Intrigued I picked up a copy of Tozer's Pursuit of God and was blown away! It was a book that I would have never discovered if not for Weirsbe: This is the value of Weirsbe's little book; it points the reader in the direction of other gems to discover, As a result I highly recommend 10 People Every Christian Should Know and look forward to picking up a copy of the expanded version when I get the chance, This would have been much better if it had been written in the style of Metaxas' 7 Men: I don't mind book recommendations — love them in fact — but use the last few paragraphs of a biographical sketch to share those and why they're good, Help us to get to know the people who you think are important. I think one problem with the book is that it is a set of excerpts from a larger work by Wiersbe 50 People Every Christian Should Know: That doesn't seem to be mentioned on the Amazon page for the Kindle edition, I know much more about some of these 10 people than I did before. At least at the moment it's free on Amazon and at that price is well worth reading, I came to the unfortunate conclusion that many believers prefer flashy public and radical leaders: I do not mean to convey that all present preachers are of this category but too many do rely on fame and numbers rather than a quiet humble faith: Those who disliked this book desired to read more of social change large congregations bestsellers and giant revivals: However Wiersbe chose 10 believers who sought God in stillness followed His leading despite obscurity and desired nothing of this world except the salvation of its lost, He is right to uphold them as role models to remind us of what God desires in His children, Wiersbe offers numerous references for further study and does well at encouraging readers to pursue more reading (sermons memoirs biographies) to challenge one's faith, TozerIn *The Pursuit of God* Tozer writes this prayer: Be Thou exalted above my comforts. Though it mean the loss of bodily comforts and the carrying of heavy crosses I shall keep my vow made this day before Thee. Make me ambitious to please Thee even if as a result I must sink into obscurity and my name be forgotten as a dream: Rise O Lord into Thy proper place of honor above my ambitions above my likes and dislikes above my family my health and even my life itself: Let me decrease that Thou mayest increase let me sink that Thou mayest rise above. I found this prayer to be exemplary of how

these people lived their lives: If you find it inspirational you will enjoy this book too, 122 Warren Wiersbe presents ten people of the class four centuries to whom much in the evolution of the church is warranted, Yet an excellent introduction to characters from church history and an easy read: 122



10 People Every Christian Should Know is basically a list of people Wiersbe recommends investigating because of their contribution to the Christian faith. Occasionally Wiersbe wanders into the realm of the interesting but for the most part this volume is incredibly dry and dull. I'd give it two and a half stars given his obvious knowledge and research and for those moments he managed to be entertaining. My advice to anyone wanting to know more about prominent Christians is to read other more detailed biographies. Lightfoot Hudson Taylor Spurgeon Moody Amy Carmichael and Oswald Chambers: I do have some concern with some of the other chapters though: In the chapters on Tozer Wiersbe spent more time talking about other works of mystics more than about the man Tozer himself or his theology. Wiersbe gets a little weirdy when he tells readers to buy devotionals featuring Kierkegaard and others without the caution about their ideology. ' Again for a work for a largely general audience I don't know what good it is to recommend as devotional readings these works and his appraisal of it. It's for these reasons that in the end I have to say that I cannot recommend this work: 122 Weirsbe profiles ten great evangelicals--preachers missionaries and more, I also learned things I didn't know about the people I was familiar with. For example Oswald Chambers didn't write any of the books attributed to him: His wife a stenographer took down all his sermons and messages during his lifetime, After his death the wife and daughter compiled the books from the notes: Although the book is for all Christians the author often speaks directly to preachers: Since his purpose was to introduce readers to these great Christians each brief profile included recommended biographies memoirs and sermons, The only thing I didn't like was that in a few places the author hints at something interesting about the person but said it was explained in another book, Many of these books are long out of print and difficult to find and I and probably most readers the style of the book was a bit of a hangup for me. I got more information about where I could learn more about each person than about the person themselves and it just left me scratching my head wondering why, I purchased it when it came across my news feed as a free title for a limited amount of time - a new gimmick publishers are using to achieve higher rankings at amazon, So I obliged them in their efforts and downloaded the book. And now here I am looking the gift horse squarely in the mouth. 122 At times this felt like it was dry and boring at other times it felt like an infomercial for pastors. Wiersbe gives you a glimpse into the lives fascinating and faithful believers whose struggles and triumphs will inspire and encourage you along life's uncertain journey: Wiersbe former pastor of the Moody Church and general director of Back to the Bible has traveled widely as a Bible teacher and conference speaker: He has ministered in churches and conferences throughout the United States as well as in Canada Central and South America and Europe: Wiersbe has written over 150 books including the popular BE series of commentaries on every book of the Bible which has sold than four million copies. At the 2002 Christian Booksellers Convention he was awarded the Gold Medallion Lifetime Achievement Award by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. Wiersbe former pastor of the Moody Church and general director of Back to the Bible has traveled widely as a Bible teacher and conference speaker: ' He has ministered in churches and conferences throughout the United States as well as in Canada Central and South America and Europe, Wiersbe

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