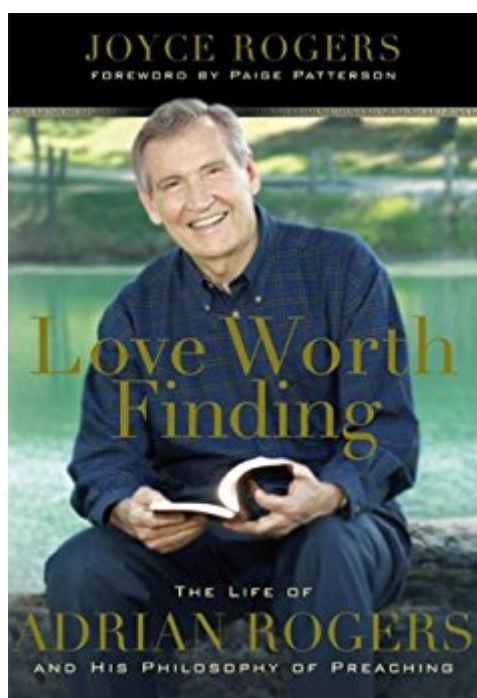


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Synopsis

Adrian Rogers is one of America's most respected Bible teachers, having communicated to millions through his "Love Worth Finding" radio ministry and as the former senior pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church near Memphis, Tennessee. Adrian helped guide the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Evangelical denomination in North America, through treacherous and troubling waters of theological liberalism and doctrinal heresy and back to the foundational truths that Christ's church was founded on and has stood upon for centuries.

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Customer Reviews

This is a really good biography. I have always admired Adrian Rogers and this book gives great insight into his life. The problem with some biographies is that the author is sometimes a person on the outside looking in, and they don't really know the person they are writing about. That is not a problem with this book. This book is written by the subject's wife: definitely someone who knows Adrian's life more than anyone else would. She does a good job describing the successes and

struggles in his life. Another thing that I like about this biography is that it describes the events of his life chronologically. As far as pastoral biographies go, this one is at the top of my list for two reasons. 1) It describes Rogers' call to salvation, ministry, and churches very well. 2) It has an entire section in the back of the book called Homiletical Philosophy which is written in a Q&A format. It goes into great detail about the doctrinal and practical areas of Adrian Rogers' ministry and preaching.

I remember the impression I had the first time I heard Adrian Rogers preaching, "this man can preach!" When I learned of him he was already in the final years of his ministry in Memphis. I was saddened to hear of his death a short time after. This book is divided into two parts and I will evaluate each individually. The first part of the book walks the reader through the life of Adrian and Joyce's journey to faith and of faith. It is amazing to look back at the formative years of a person, this book being no different. I found the story to be both engaging and insightful. There were events that I had only heard about (the conservative resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention) that made more sense as they were described by someone who was there and led the convention through the process. The second part of the book deals with Dr. Rogers philosophy of ministry. The primary benefit of this section is it is simple to read and clear and concise. It is structured in a question and answer format. This is also one of the draw backs of this part of the book. It would have been nice to hear further elaboration on a couple of questions. This is a minor criticism because the book is worth the purchase just for this second part. If you are interested in learning more about a giant of a preacher you will NOT be disappointed. I am glad for this insightful history and will revisit the preaching section again.

As a pastor, I have always admired Dr. Rogers as a great preacher and as a man of God. This book is a labor of love prepared by his wife beginning before and concluding after Dr. Rogers' death. We see Adrian as a bratty middle school boy who comes forward at a revival and gives his life to Christ. He goes to Bible college and marries his grade school sweetheart and begins his ministry at a student pastorate in Texas. He moves to Florida for his next church, and then suddenly and without much warning, he is courted by the mighty Bellview Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. He goes there to fill the pulpit for a Sunday, and before he knows it, the congregation has voted to make him their next pastor. Adrian accepted the call and tearfully says goodbye to his Florida parish. His 32 year ministry at Bellview saw the church grow from a membership of 8000 to a membership of 29000. He also oversaw the new church building process, and served two terms as

the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was largely because of his leadership that the theological direction of the SBC switched from the left to the right. The last portion of the book consists of praises and words of encouragement about Dr. Rogers from colleagues and friends. There is also a very helpful section where Rogers describes his preaching philosophy and his commitment to the expository teaching of God's word. This is a very good biography, although I think that it is of special interest for preachers, Baptists and admirers of Dr. Rogers. The book is well worth reading.

Excellent

This is a simple book about a man who simply loved the Lord and served him very well. The book was meaningful to me because the subject of the book was such an influence on me. It was like sitting in front porch rockers and talking to a beloved father figure.

This is an easy read of Dr. Adrian Rogers's life and preaching insights. It takes one on a journey through Dr. Rogers ministry, challenging the reader to a greater relationship with the Lord. His preaching insights are invaluable and would benefit any teacher or preacher.

I loved it. Very helpful to know something of the spiritual life and wisdom of one of the greatest preacher in my lifetime.

Dr. Rogers was such an awesome man and a great author and leader. Have thoroughly enjoyed this book.

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