

The Spirituality of Community Life



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"The Spirituality of Community Life" is a deeply personal analysis of community life

and its importance in helping people develop to their full potential. Dr. Ron McDonald, a pastoral counsellor, examines the dynamics of community life from the perspective of the participant in a variety of settings, including the classroom, sports teams, church groups, recreational groups, and the workplace. This unique book presents alternatives to a culture that creates competition, separation, and insecurity, focusing instead on communities that encourage civility, understanding, compromise, and altruism. "The Spirituality of Community Life" analyses the need for community life and the obstacles to it found in American culture, where money and power rule and people conform to stay out of trouble. The book presents insights into the importance and manner of building communities instead of efficient organizations that are fuelled by crisis. Topics examined include growth and size as mistaken ideals, early Christian community life, the "What Would Jesus Do?" phenomenon, the spiritual disease caused by fighting enemies, the place of art and dance in community life, and leadership. "The Spirituality of Community Life" also examines the deeply spiritual nature of community life, including insights into early Christian community history and how community life was crucial in the lives of our greatest spiritual leaders. The book is essential for anyone seeking to be the kind of leader who can build and nurture communities.

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