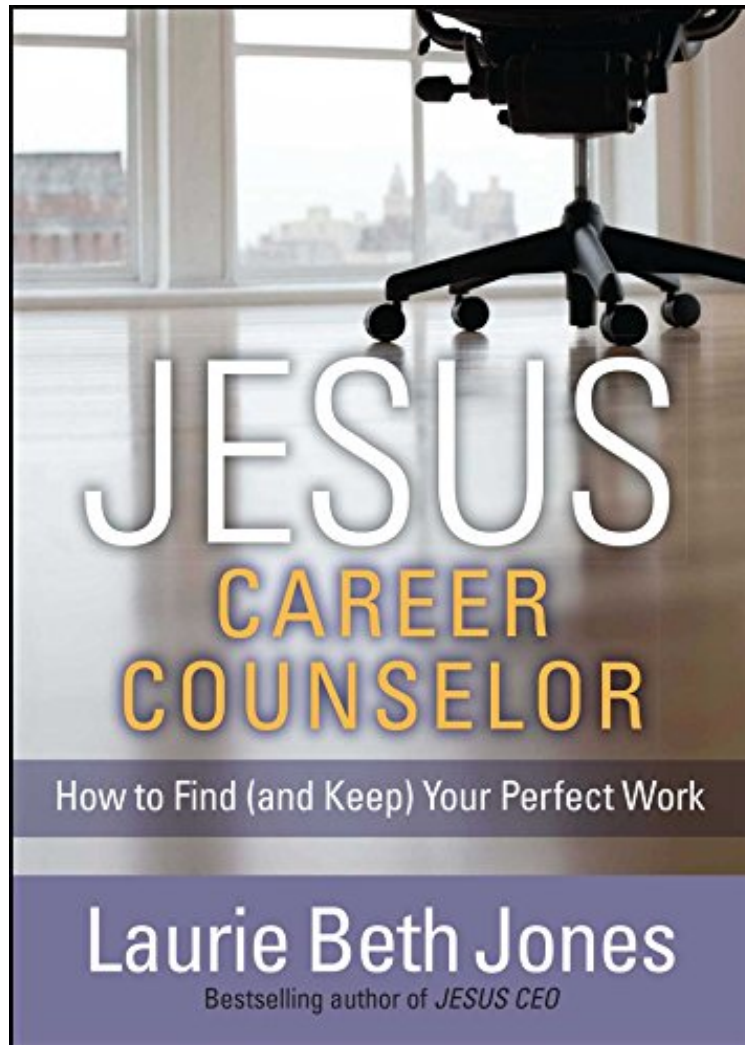


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anyone into the beauty and delight that Jesus offers us in our vocational callings. . . or how He cares for us in the transitions we find ourselves in during our lives. Wondering if I can can my money back. . . 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Caution: "Advanced Course"By Elizabeth JaneOn page 12 of this book, the author states, "This book is really an advanced course built upon these previous works..." If you have not read the author's earlier publications, like I had not, you may feel a bit of bait and switch. Not only could I therefore not complete some of the initial exercises to my satisfaction, I never found the free download promised on page 12 that would help me write a mission statement (the author of course devotes an entirely separate book to mission statements that I wish I'd read first).Don't get me wrong: the theology and faith reminders presented here are incredible. The concepts, prayers and truths are life-anchoring. You will be challenged, you will be moved, and you will be motivated. However, after reading this book, you will not necessarily have traveled a straight line from exploration to action that the "How to Find (and Keep) Your Perfect Work" subtitle seemed to promise (despite a brief planning exercise on page 52). The book is smaller - both in page count and in physical dimensions - than I expected. It instead focuses on the inner-work each of us needs to work out before we make important decisions about our careers. With that goal in mind, the author provides compelling descriptions of the four elements. And appropriately challenges you to consider whether there's any value in your current employment (if that applies to your situation). You will be inspired to find truth...but you will not find a direct connection to job titles or classifications that might be a good fit.At the end of each chapter, you will see lists of industries that fit each element - and you'll see several that overlap among the various lists. I was disappointed by this because I didn't see from this book how learning that I might be a strong Water (for example) would help me choose between a health services career or being an artist (though the author mentions considering your dreams and talents). And for more specific search guidance, you'll see only a short a list of websites and book titles that I've seen in many other job search resources. I realized as I finished this book, that I had hoped for a bit more discussion of why the elements match onto different industries or career paths (I was also curious about how the elements might map onto Meyers-Briggs Types or Kiersey Temperaments). When I didn't find that information, I felt I was missing some pieces of the puzzle.So I took the PEP assessment from the author's website: great info (and wonderfully insightful and accurate in my case), but there were no connections between elements and careers on that tool either. Bottom line: one other reviewer mentioned not to expect a fast read. I would add to that not to expect clear cut to-do's. The author offers you the critical opportunity to re-orient your heart and mind; to stop and breathe before you plunge into the next paycheck; and it's worth the time. Just go into it knowing that while this book can help you find true north, it assumes you've already read up on the features of your compass. And that will have to be enough for this stage of the journey.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Borrow from a friendBy Carmen HendersonThis book was a bit hard to get through-some rambling. A lot of the reading was common knowledge...trying to be inspirational. It was easier to look at end of chapter summary than read through each chapter. Even though I bought it used, I would have rather gone online and found similar inspirational readings for free.

Written to help readers get, find, and keep the work they love, JESUS, Career Counselor weaves together practical self-help concepts, intriguing stories, relevant statistics, and Bible scriptures. Divided into four sections centered on the four natural giftings or personalities of people, this book explores twelve dreams that God has for each individual--including rise, risk, roar, renew, regenerate, rejoice, relate, and more. It then instructs readers in how to realize each one of these dreams, no matter their natural inclination.As individual personalities of Fire, Earth, Water, and Wind are explored, the book explains how the Fire of excitement translates to Leadership Skills, how the Earth of grounding translates into Good Habits and Character Development, how the Water of life-giving becomes Relationship Skills, and how the Wind of release becomes the Creativity and Innovation, which are in high demand in every industry in the world today.Readers will learn how to discover their four greatest talents and create their personal Talent Shield, which will help them choose a meaningful career based on their Lifersquo;s Mission Statement.Each chapter serves as a free-standing career guidepost, and includes Career Exercises, pertinent Word Definitions, Career Choices for individual gifting, Self-Quizzes, and Reader Study Guides.

From Publishers WeeklyShe taught readers how to be Christians in business. Now Jones, business consultant and author of the bestselling Jesus CEO, is helping readers find their ideal careers. Jones encourages readers to cultivate a vocation in which they can naturally and joyfully be fruitful. Each of the book's chapters describes one of 12 dreams the Holy Spirit has for humans: to renew, revive, risk, etc. This framework doesn't offer a step-by-step process for job hunters; instead, it exposes the big questions anyone should face before making career decisions. No beach reading here: readers will work through auxiliary activities and apply ideas through reflection and action. Employing biblical examples and her own experiences, Jones coaches readers, directing them to decipher what bubbles up inside and can be poured into the world from your soul while you're working. Recognizing the complexities of career hunting, she also offers practical advice, reacute;sumeacute;-writing techniques, and categorical prayers. For the many who are out of work or for those who just need a change, Jones's wisdom may stir them to view work in a new light. (May) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.About the

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CHAPTER ONE

RISE

1 a: to assume an upright position especially from lying, kneeling, or sitting
b: to get up from sleep or from one's bed
2: to return from death
3: to appear above the horizon
4: to extend above other objects
5: to exert oneself to meet a challenge

synonyms: see spring

The word rise is used more than 164 times in the Bible. It is the foundational premise of Christianity. It is the essence of everything Jesus says, teaches, and does. (It is also considered a feminine word form in the original Hebrew.) And yet, do we rise? Sure, we may get up in the morning and begin trudging through our days, but do we truly rise, into our fullness, our magnificence, our glory? I will never forget the spring day I watched my three-day-old sorrel filly, Little Pistol, lying in the grass. Her shell-shaped nostrils were flaring in and out as her baby fluff mane caught the morning sun. She had her head resting among dandelions as she stretched out in the warmth of the day. As I stood there watching her out my picture window, something happened. Suddenly both her little ears flew forward, and I could see her body lift itself up as if by giant puppet strings. She poised for a moment, standing perfectly on point. Then she suddenly leapt into the air and with her feet barely touching the ground began to run full speed around the pasture, kicking out sideways to the left and right, bucking and whinnying hellip; fully and suddenly aware of what it meant to be a horse, alive. I tell people: on the first day, she was born hellip; but on the third day, she arose. I am wondering if you have yet truly risen into your giftedness. Are you aware of the many gifts God created in you, for you to express and enjoy? Or are you trudging along in your career, unable even to make eye contact with your boss lest he or she notice and fire you? Are you laboring in a parallel career, one which lets you get close enough to smell the artist's oils and frame her paintings yet can't take up the paintbrush yourself? Are you laboring in an uninspiring job, thinking that your lot in life is just to make enough to get by? Then you need a jolt of faith, a spring in your step, because the God of you, in you, says, "Arise!" To Rise hellip; Is to Right What Is Falling I believe that society consists of seven pillars, which exist to support and challenge the human family. They are: Business Education Health Care Faith and Service Organizations Government Mass Media The Disenfranchised Study these pillars for a moment. Now, close your eyes and imagine that one of these pillars starts to fall. You rush to help upright it. Which one is it? The one you choose may hold a clue to your vocation, your calling. Your work may ultimately touch them all, but chances are you will make your career home in one of these pillars. If you choose to be a stay-at-home parent, for example, the pillar you are choosing is education. If you choose to be an artist, you are entering the business pillar. This exercise has helped many students, even as young as the seventh grade, to realize that their desires to be rock stars or sports celebrities must be narrowed down into a pillar that serves society in a realistic way. (By the way, the job descriptions for both rock star and sports celebrity are in the business pillar—a fact which adds math as a valuable component of study for even the dreamy-eyed wannabe celebrities.) There is something innate in life itself that wants to rise. Today in my driveway, for example, I tripped. I turned to find the source of the uneven surface and found it was a root, connected to a tree more than ten feet away. That tree had an innate desire to grow and rise that was so strong it even broke through concrete. It is said that an oak-tree seed exerts the equivalent of three tons of pressure to upend the soil above it. Boxing enthusiasts go to boxing matches to see not only someone get knocked down but, more important, get back up again, and rise. When Jesus looked at the man lying by the pool of Siloam, he told him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk" (John 5:8 NKJV). This man had been lying by a pool for years, waiting for someone to stir the waters. Yet one word of hope and command by the Lord of creation caused him to suddenly find it within himself to no longer be a victim, but to rise. Perhaps you are familiar with the image of the phoenix rising from the ashes, a sign of hope and renewal hellip; or of Sandro Botticelli's glorious painting The Birth of Venus, rising from the sea. You have within you the power right now to rise. Let's consider some biblical examples and some related concepts of this powerful word. To Rise hellip; Is to Grow The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.—Genesis 1:12 Your work life is indeed a garden, or will be if it is done right. Note Make It Yours Look around you right now, and ask yourself, What is growing here? What seeds for future positive benefit am I planting? Am I growing? If not, what could I do to grow more? (Write your answer here.) To Rise hellip; Is to Get Up and Go! The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."—Genesis 12:1 Perhaps you are being called to go elsewhere. Many of the people who ended up being God's heroes had to relocate, including Moses, Joseph, Abraham, Nehemiah, Paul, and more. The list is long of people whose gifts were needed in different geographical locations. Is your boss calling you to relocate or transfer? Is God? Sometimes indirect transfers are called something else, like being "laid off" or "fired" (For Joseph, it involved kidnapping and prison sentences, so hopefully yours is slightly less traumatic.) It has been said that "geography is destiny" Look around at your particular geographical location and ask yourself and the Lord,

Is this where I can best serve and use my gifts? Or do I need to look elsewhere? I recently read a quote by D. H. Lawrence who moved to New Mexico after a visit to the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. He was transformed by this geographical shift. He said, "When I first saw the sun coming over the horizon in Santa Fe, something stood up in my soul, and I began to pay attention." Are you being called to a new place, a place in which you can better pay attention to the story of your life? Or are you being called to pay attention to the power and majesty of the geography around you, right now? Sometimes, we live in a place so long, we cease to see the beauty and gifts that surround us. To Rise ... Is to Rise to the Occasion ... Rising to the occasion means that we stand up straight and give our full attention and dignity to the issue at hand. Perhaps there is a confrontation that needs to take place that you have been avoiding. Perhaps, for example, you need to rise up and tell your mother or father that you really don't want to be a _____, but rather a _____. If so, please have the courage to rise up and tell them now, despite the shouting you fear may ensue. It could save you and them thousands of dollars and years of heartache. Perhaps you need to tell your supervisor that you don't want to take on any more projects right now or that you need flextime or that you won't be talked to in that manner again. Some people go to self-defeating extremes just to avoid unpleasant conversations. Don't let an unspoken need or feeling cause you to over-react and leave the whole job, industry, or area, when possibly a "risen" conversation could help alleviate or solve the matter. To Rise ... Is to Wake Up Everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."—Ephesians 5:14 Scripture often implores people to wake up. It is one thing to open your eyes in the morning, and it is something altogether different to truly awaken. Are you missing something right in front of your eyes? Do you see the glory in the people around you? Do you ever just breathe in a moment and say, "Wow. I love the fact that I am here right now, in this place, doing this task, with these people in time"? Are you counting your blessings in your current job, or are you constantly looking for something better in some ill-defined "elsewhere"? God told Moses to take off his shoes, for he was standing on "holy ground." Where you are standing, right now, is about awakening to the career possibilities and blessings lying right before you. When Jesus said, "Blessed are your eyes because they see" (Matthew 13:16), he was talking to you and me. To Rise ... Sometimes Demands a Group Effort "All rise." I attended an Anglican church service last week that had me on my feet more than sitting in the pew. It was highly interactive as far as getting up and down, and there was some comfort in being among a group of people who were all clea...