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When was the last time you heard a sermon on the theological importance of play? What do rest, eating, studying -- and sex -- have to do with the Kingdom of God? Strangely, although these activities together take up much of our time, they seldom receive much discussion from a biblical point of view.

In *The Rest of Life* Ben Witherington explores these subjects in the light of biblical teaching about the Kingdom of God and the Christian hope for the future. He shows why and how all the normal activities of life should be done to the glory of God and for the edification of others. Focusing as it does on practical, everyday matters in an accessible style, this topical study is ideal for both individual reading and small-group discussion.

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Joe Iovino says

This is a very good book that is best summarized in Witherington's own words, "We must ... live our lives in this age with one eye on the horizon, letting the eschatological light of the Kingdom reflect back on how we view the normal activities of life, and allowing that light to transfigure and transform both the way we think about all these normal activities of life, and the way we act when we carry out these activities" (151).

Witherington has written a great theological survey of topics we typically don't think theologically about - rest, play, eating, studying, and sex. He offers great insight and a Kingdom perspective to aspects of life one might consider mundane.

I'm not sure this is a book for the average person in the pew. It gets quite technical at times, delving into Hebrew and Greek word usage and long exegetical arguments. This is great fodder for sermon or Bible study material for pastors looking to get their congregations thinking with a Kingdom-oriented theology toward all of life.

We are planning to use *The Rest of Life: Rest, Play, Eating, Studying, Sex from a Kingdom Perspective* for the basis of an upcoming sermon series.

Daniel Tomlinson says

I just finished chapter one, and I reviewed it over at therealdaniel.wordpress.com

Beth M. says

Unfortunately, not as good as I thought it would be. A collection of diverse essays on 'the rest of life' which didn't hinge together as well as I thought. I ended up skimming the book. I will likely still read his book on work, however.

Kent says

Some interesting discussion on the 5 topics listed in the subtitle. In the chapter on sex, he spends, interestingly, the first half of the chapter interacting with Rob Bell's *Sex God*. He writes in his chapter on eating: "... eating seems to have been 'declassified' as an ethical issue among most modern Christians"; then he seeks to reclassify it. Easy writing style.

Peyton Herrington says

Good book overall, but there is great switching in styles of writing from that aimed at laity to much deeper discussions of biblical interpretation and theology. I enjoyed the book and was quite informed by it, though at times it drug unnecessarily on about topics (see long argument that chapter 1 consist of). I'd recommend it

with the caution to stick with it because overall it's a needed work by an admired author/doctor of The Word.

Zach Waldis says

Skimmed through most of this and mostly focused on Witherington's chapter on sex. It is a strange combination of a review of Rob Bell's book on sex (Sex God) and exegesis of the Pastoral Epistles, particularly the qualifications for bishops and deacons.

Corey Ramsey says

Really enjoyed this book. It shed light on some important topics in Christian light with plenty of reference to scripture. This author knows what he is talking about.
