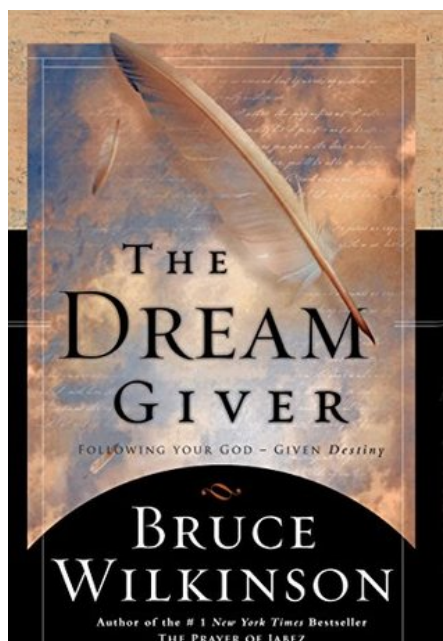




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Are you living your Dream? Or just living your life? Welcome to a little story about a very big idea. This compelling modern-day parable tells the story of Ordinary who dares to leave the Land of Familiar to pursue his Big Dream. You, too, have been given a Big Dream that can change your life. One that the Dream Giver wants you to achieve. Does your Big Dream seem hopelessly out of reach? Are you waiting for something or someone to make your Dream happen? Then you are ready for The Dream Giver. Let Brice Wilkinson show you how to rise above the ordinary, conquer your fears, and overcome the obstacles that keep you from living your Big Dream. You were made for this. Now it is time to begin your journey.

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### Valerie Caraotta says

The Dream Giver is comprised of two parts with part one including a fictional story on fulfilling your dream. Part two is where author Bruce Wilkinson becomes our dream coach and answers questions people have posed, especially the obstacles, that create uncertainties about their pursuits. Additionally he reviews key points from chapters in his fictional work and tells us how to apply each stage in our advancement toward our dreams. It is God's desire and high calling that we become all we were created to be and do. You will see in the story that as we embark on the journey to fulfill the dream, we encounter obstacles along the way that will try to deter us from advancing. These obstacles can be in the people closest to us as well as things like fear, rejection, and insecurities. Although a fictional piece, you will clearly understand the process of fulfilling your calling and the necessity of the dark times- Wastelands- encountered along the way. Each step of advancing toward your dreams will leave you with choices only you can make.

Shared in this book also will be five common misconceptions that keep people from pursuing their God-given dreams and strategies for how to hang on during trying times. This book is super for all ages including young Sunday school classes. The options to be creative in sharing these ideas are numerous. The sooner the younger generation can embrace destiny and position themselves the better off is all of us as a result of talents and gifts being used for the glory of God. Author Bruce Wilkinson will share his personal "Dream Giver" experience and how the risks of leaving a fruitful past resulted in an even better future. His life experiences bring great validity to this book's theme message.

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### K.D. Absolutely says

This book, Dream Giver, The is the second book by Bruce Wilkinson (born 1940) who is the author of the popular book, The Prayer of Jabez Devotional: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life (3 stars). That prayer is based on the passage from the Holy Bible (1Chronicles 4:9-10) that goes like this:

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, saying, *"Oh that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from the evil one."* And God granted his request.

Wilkinson basically expounded on this prayer to encourage his readers to outline his or her life and what he wants to do and raise that plan to God so it will be blessed by God.

Here in this book he expound it some more: to include dreams in the plan. We all have dreams when we were kids but those dreams are probably dead now. Maybe they are not practical. Maybe they don't make sense anymore. My dream when I was a kid is to be an agriculturist. Then later it was to become a teacher. Then to become a priest. However, my father's dream for me was to become a doctor so I took up Medical Technology (a popular pre-med course) but when I finished it, he did not have money to send me to a medical school so I worked and while working finished my second degree, business administration. Now, I am an Information Technology (I.T.) career in an electronics manufacturing company. Haha.

Should I pursue my dream of becoming an agriculturist even now that I am in my 50's? If I were to ask Bruce Wilkinson, his answer will be a resounding yes. Haha. Oh well, maybe ten years from now when I retire from corporate world, I'll try to go back to the province and plant crops in the farm. Or maybe I'll write (not a boyhood dream but something that I think I'll enjoy doing). One thing is sure though: I will keep on

reading.

Anyway, the book also gives an outline on what to do to pursue those dreams regardless of ones' age or life predicaments. Wilkinson only wants us to dream and to pursue it.

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### **David Rave says**

Best short book I ever read.

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### **Cynthia Egbert says**

Kind of trite...but should make a great discussion with the kids in class.

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### **Vonetta says**

3.5 stars — Very encouraging, and a great way to start my reading year! I'm in a career transition, so it was nice to think positive thoughts as I consider what my goals might be for 2018. 3.5 stars because the parable was a little silly, though it did get the point across, and the message felt a little simplistic, but it was encouraging and I can't wait to see what fears I push past this year.

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### **Carrie Daws says**

Encouraging. The parable was easy to relate to, to apply to my own life as I've walked forward into my own dream. I've seen and experienced the doubts, fears, and bullies, and I've wondered if I should leave the land of familiar, routine, and ordinary. Yet I also believe the dream inside me was planted by God and fertilized by others who love Him. I appreciated the second half of the book, filled with specific questions, answers, tidbits, and hints for the journey. This is a great book for anyone who dares to believe that maybe God wants something different--something bigger--than what they've currently grabbed hold of.

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### **Sarah says**

The great thing about parables is that they are non-specific enough that everyone can find herself in one.

When I first read the preface to this book, I was extremely skeptical. The author wanted to be my "Dream Coach," excuse me? 'What a load of inspirational baloney,' I thought. 'This is going to be the cheesiest thing ever.'

But I had a few hours to kill, and the book was thin enough and written in big print, so I gave it a shot.

I think this cheesy little book of inspirational baloney has changed my life.

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I am so encouraged, so emboldened, and so convicted by it that I have no choice but to make a choice. There is more to life than what most of us are living, and God placed us here with the precious gift of life for a reason!

I would encourage anyone to read this, and read it with an open mind. Maybe even take a break from reading it to stop and think - and pray - about what God is laying on your heart. You could easily read this entire book in one sitting and blow it off, but I would really encourage you to take some time with it and maybe even read it more than once at different times in your journey.

It's very possible that in a few years' time, I will owe my happiness to this book. Maybe you will too.

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### **Natalie Vellacott says**

I have just read as much of *The Prayer of Jabez* as I could stand. Reflecting, I realised that it wasn't my first encounter with this author. I read *The Dream Giver* whilst serving on-board a missionary ship. A friend highly recommended it so I found it in the ship library. I remember being disappointed and thinking it reminded me of the Christian hedonism principle espoused by John Piper which I don't have much time for.

This book is an allegory in the style of *Pilgrim's Progress* or *Hinds Feet on High Places* but it falls short in every area by comparison. The main reason it falls short is because the underlying principle is erroneous--it is all about living our dreams in the here and now or as Joel Osteen would say "Your best life now..." It might be a "nice story" but encouraging people to focus on their earthly dreams, ambitions and successes even with God in the picture is a recipe for disaster.

This book was not as offensive or dangerous as the Jabez one, I just think its focus is in the wrong place and it may distract people from taking up their cross and following Jesus. Also, what happens when the inevitable suffering and trials come or dreams fail?.....let's set our minds on things above instead, then we won't be shaken.

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### **Carol says**

This book changed my life! I cried thru the whole thing because ever since I was a small girl, I just KNEW that I was born for greatness and to make a difference in the world; however, I realized that I had allowed that dream to lie dormant, buried underneath fear and failures. I had settled for a life of mediocrity. but NO MORE! This parable is so easy to read but is filled with wisdom about how to never allow anyone to steal your dream and about the struggles we all face in reaching for that dream....but, dreams really do come true!

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### **Wilson Arias says**

He vuelto a soñar...

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### **Christopher Lewis Kozoriz says**

"God has put a driving passion in you to do something special...You are created in His image-the only person exactly like you in the universe. No one else can do your Dream." ~ Bruce Wilkinson, The Dream Giver, Page 75, Paragraph 5

God is our Dream Giver and He has deposited something very special inside everyone of us. He has give us a calling, giftings, talents, abilities, etc. that He has not given anyone else on this planet.

The realization I came to when studying this book was that I am the only one who can fulfill the vision or dream that God has given me and if I fail, then others will be affected as well. It made me realize that I have a lot of responsibility to fulfill the dreams and visions that God has given me.

Bruce Wilkerson becomes your dream coach through this book. He starts off with a parable of man called "Ordinary" who wants to be a "Somebody", but the ordinary way of life is holding him back, as well as bullies. The parable takes you through the thoughts and actions of the character to the end of accomplishing his dream. The dream at the end of the story may surprise you. I'll give you one hint...it isn't about you, it's about taking care of others.

I liked the questions that were scattered throughout this book and made every effort to write an answer them. Some of them are:

- \* What have I always been good at?
- \* What needs do I care about most?
- \* Who do I admire most?
- \* What makes me most fulfilled?
- \* What do I love doing most?
- \* What have I felt called to do?

There is only one criticism I have for this book is that it failed to provide a practical way of accomplished your dreams. I highly recommend a book called, "Mentored By A Millionaire", by Steven K. Scott and using a skill he provides in this book called "Vision Mapping". This is one of the greatest skills that I know for reaching your dreams. Otherwise, I was greatly encouraged by this book and I think it is required reading for those who want advice about the tug that God has put on your heart - Your Dream.

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### **Mack Bartle says**

This might be my favorite book. Dr. Wilkinson helps the reader discover his or her dream with a practical story that I will not forget. The Dreamgiver changed my life.

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### **Andreea says**

Every time I read this book my heart is rejoicing and I see more clearly God's plan for my life. It's like a map you want to check from time to time to see where do you find yourself standing.

I strongly recommend this book!

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### **Ron says**

Don't waste your money. At \$17 for what would only be about one hundred pages if font, line spacing and margins were normal, it's pretty expensive.

Wilkinson is a great communicator. His *The Three Chairs* and *Prayer of Jabez* are classics of inspirational literature. *The Dream Giver* however does not meet those standards. It's half parable (John Bunyan, Wilkinson is not.) and half inspirational guide (complete with The Dream Giver "resources").

If you want to read something that'll do you some good, try Rick warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*.

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### **Julie says**

This book came at a crucial time in my life. It is a quick, simple read, but very profound. I found this information to be helpful in this new season of transition in my life. I learned that fear is just a four letter word and it is time to move with passion to reach my dreams. Yes, I said dreams with an "s", because life is full of many great things to achieve. Just holding to only one dream in life is too limiting. After reading this book I feel liberated from the prison of "ordinary" and that my life is just beginning.

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