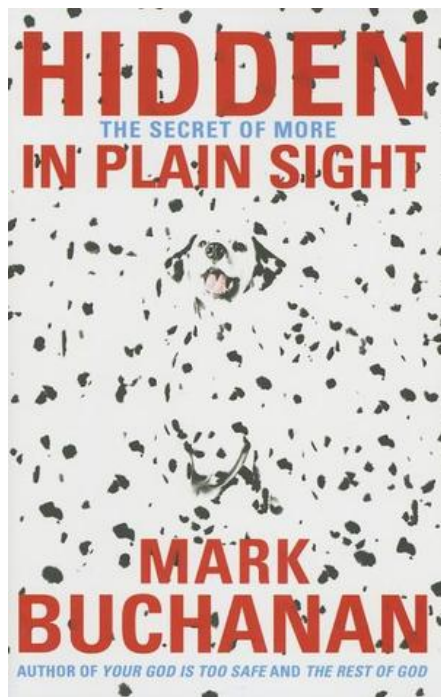




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Even for the religious, life is full of questions: What is faith? Can my life be more satisfying? How can I deepen my walk with Christ? What does it mean to be happy? These bubble and boil underneath the surface of our everyday life. And though we ignore them, we know they point us to realms of wisdom or even mystery-to something "more."

Author Mark Buchanan asked these same questions. "I want more, God," he prayed-and the answer was more than he was looking for. It was right there, hidden in plain sight among the syllables and syntax of a few words of advice from the apostle Peter. With time and experience, Buchanan learned to tease it out, this secret of more, and he wrote a book about it: "Hidden in Plain Sight." The answer, he discovered, is an investigation of the cross. The answer is an excavation of the virtues. The answer urges us passionately to "make every effort." And, Buchanan tells us, the answer is worth it.

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Milton Moon Louie says

A changed Peter the fisherman who writes to us about virtues. Inspirational. B+

Tyler says

Learned a lot from Mark's insights on Peter's letters, with emphasis on 2 Peter 1:1-9 (adding to your faith the seven virtues of goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love). He gives some paradigm-shifting perspectives, and each of the seven virtues he dissects in both intellectual and practical manners. Sometimes authors provide expert theological exegesis without tangible application, or conversely they motivate actions without giving sound doctrine to back them up or support them. Mark writes with both, making the metal hit the meat!

The only reason I didn't "really" like it (i.e. 4 stars) was the minor annoyance of dealing with his sporadic and sometimes awkward try-too-hard flowery language and occasional usage of odd words like vouchsafed and uxorious. I'd give it 3.5 stars, but still a good read though.

Jeni says

I really, really enjoyed this book, more than many non-fiction books I've read. I got it from the library, but I definitely want to add it to my library for revisiting. Don't know if I can say it "changed" my life, but definitely influenced my views on the seven virtues mentioned in 1 Peter.

Mary says

I love Mark Buchanan's mind, the way he delves into Scripture, mining it deeply, then penning words about his discoveries beautifully. But more than that, I love his heart for Jesus. Spending time in a Mark Buchanan book is like sitting next to my savior, savoring His presence, reveling in His nearness, earthiness, and beauty.
Comment

Amanda Evangelista says

Wow! I started reading this last night and finished it today, could not put it down! I think that was partly because it was teaching me some lessons that I really need to be learning right now. About the seven virtues that we should always be striving to cultivate more of in our lives, good stuff! I look forward to reading more from this author.

Sarah says

I read this with a friend of mine & we discussed. Buchanan has a way with words and the topic, while difficult in action, was timely.

Susan Gaddis says

Beautifully written. Truth that hits you in the gut and wipes your tears. Stories that bring a point home. Hidden in Plain Sight uncovers the secret to getting past the old wounds, fears, and bad habits that haunt your life.

Virtue, no longer an archaic term, becomes your #1 word and its practice your joy. You'll find Jesus closer and more real at the end of your reading than at the start. And you won't want to go back to your old way of living.

Mark Buchanan is one of my most favorite authors. Honest. His candor draws me in and I ride for hours on his creative turn of words. Grab a cup of coffee, this book, and sit down for a season of growth.

Tamara says

Beautifully written, as are all his books. He expounds on the seven virtues Peter says to "make every effort to add" now that we have everything we need for life and godliness. This one took a while longer to captivate me than some of his did, but still had several brilliant insights that I think will stay with me. For example, he defines self-control as really a matter of perspective and being able to see and act in light of eternal things. That is so very much deeper than just "resolve" to do or not do something.

I also really enjoyed a section on agape love where he talks about not only choosing to love "the least of these" (losers) and the "worst of these" (enemies), but "the best of these" (winners). He talks about choosing to cheer on those who would otherwise intimidate us; choosing to affirm and encourage them because we want to serve God's purposes and get out of the way. God's purposes are the point: "what God is up to with them; why He's lavished this talent on them." His example is Jonathan supporting David, even though David did everything Jonathan was supposed to do, only a little bit better.

Pam Howell says

I loved this book. Mark speaks truth. I found it challenging and inspiring. It made me long to be more like Christ and gave me practical ways to do that.

Kathy says

This is a meditation on a verse from 2 Peter...Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to

goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self control; and to self control perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love.

I found the book to be a good reminder that we as Christians are expected to do things and what those things are.

Laura says

Meditation on 2 Peter 1:1-9 regarding the cultivation of virtue in the Christian life. He breaks down this list (faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love) and considers how we might grow in these traits. He also looks at Peter's life and ministry as a whole. Mark Buchanan is one of the most alive Christian writers that I know of and never fails to inspire me to live deeper. Spiritual Rhythm might be my favorite and Your God is Too Safe, but this is a winner also.

Nancy Boyd says

A fantastic, eye-opening read! I never thought so much wisdom could come out of 7 verses of Scripture, but this is a book I'll be referring back to again & again! Deep, yet easy to understand, insightful, yet honest and humble too. Excellent book!

Andrew says

One sensational book on just a few verses from Peter. I encourage you to read, you won't be sorry. Be blessed!

Alisa Dyson says

"This is a book about practicing virtue, which at first may seem - as it did to me - a descent into something narrow and dark and enclosing, a world without wind, without open spaces where weather dances its varied moods. The word virtue made me almost claustrophobic. by temperament and against better instinct, I still have moments where I think the good life is seeking my own pleasure at my own convenience, and so the very thought of practicing virtue chafed me" (Buchanan, xii). I never imagined life to the full. But that is what i am discovering: a world vast and beautiful and holy - that all along it has been hidden in plain sight.

Matt Siewert says

Admittedly, Buchanan does confess that he wishes he could write more fiction. And that desire plays out in his writing style. Although he is describing real life situations and dynamics, he does so with an eloquence and creativity that makes you want to keep reading. It's the practicality of a spiritual development book with the intrigue of fiction. Buchanan gives life to seemingly lifeless characters and helps us discover God's heart.
