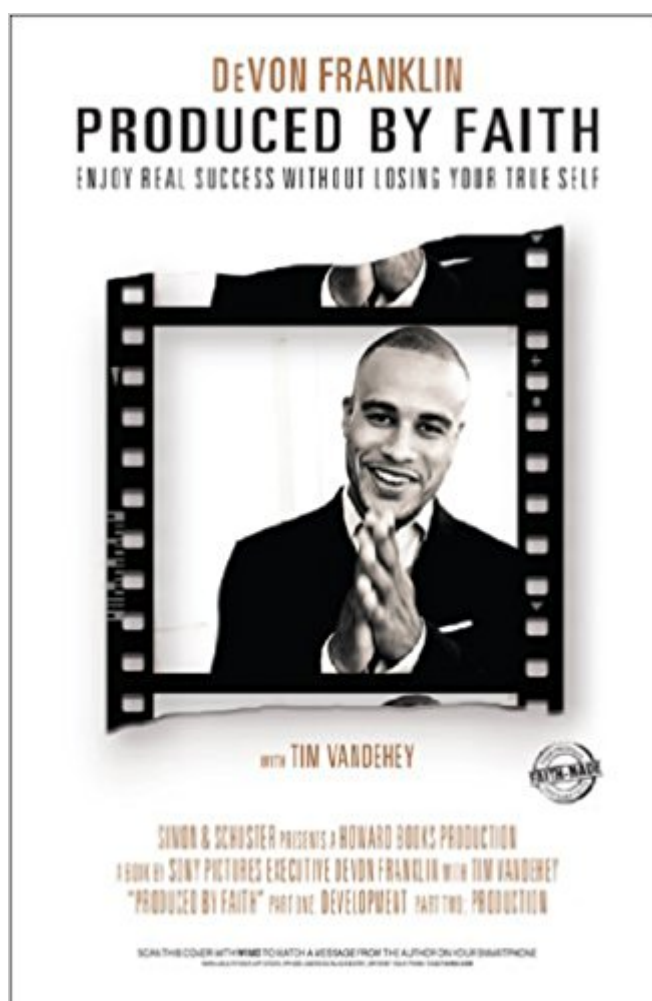


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Produced By Faith: Enjoy Real Success Without Losing Your True Self



Synopsis

Hollywood executive DeVon Franklin shows readers how to live and work their faith from nine to five, not just after quitting time. **STRAIGHT FROM HOLLYWOOD** comes a dynamic business model for building a thriving career without compromising your faith. DeVon Franklin, vice president of production for Columbia Pictures, shares how being bold about his Christian faith while being driven and ambitious has actually worked in his favor to help him excel in a high-profile, fast-paced, competitive industry. *You are the movie*. Produced by Faith parallels each step of the Hollywood filmmaking process with the faith-making process God uses to turn your career into a success. You will discover that it is possible to be both wildly successful and completely committed to God—and that you will be even more successful when you place your faith at the center of your career. You can unleash the power of your faith as your greatest professional advantage and use the compass of God's Word to guide you to your true passion and purpose in life. In this informative, inspiring book, DeVon reveals the secrets to maintaining your faith while advancing in your career. Here he shows you:

- * How to discover The Big Idea for your life
- * How to take your career to the next level
- * How to recognize the signs God sends you that indicate when it's time to move in a new direction
- * How to stand firm on your Christian principles without compromise
- * How to work with people who don't understand your beliefs
- * How to choose a profession, industry, or company that is in tune with your purpose

DeVon says, "I know from my own experiences that if you will put your career in God's hands and trust Him, you can't account for all the ways He will bless you. When you step out in faith, He will open doors and bring you opportunities that will surpass even your wildest expectations. . . . If I have learned anything, it's this: To get where you want to go, you've first got to become the person God wants you to be."

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Customer Reviews

"In the fifteen years I've known DeVon, he's lived his life the same way he makes his movies: with commitment, humility, and a work ethic that demands respect. I'm honored to have been a part of his journey from stellar intern to studio vice president--his story is one to be shared with anyone chasing a dream."--Will Smith

DeVon Franklin is a remarkable man of infectious enthusiasm and a sterling example that one can navigate through the complexities of life, even the verisimilitude of Hollywood, with clarity, purpose, and integrity."--Angela Bassett

Holding on to one's faith while pursuing a dream, especially in the entertainment business, is no small feat. DeVon demonstrates this possibility beautifully and without compromise. The themes of DeVon's book are great examples of how to pursue any career, not just within the movie business, and stay true to God."--Tyler Perry

After reading DeVon Franklin's book, "Produced by Faith", I thought it would have been a great guide for my early life, but it's never too late for a book like this. "Produced by Faith is a wonderful gift from an insightful, inspiring man."--Antwone Fisher

It takes faith to step out from obscurity into the glaring lights of Hollywood particularly as a man of faith. Not only does DeVon Franklin detail his astonishing ascension to the top of his craft, he shares how he did it to the glory of God and to the delight of blockbuster audiences around the globe. This book is a must-read for anyone seeking to strike that quintessential balance between faith and function. Hollywood, like life, is a walk of faith."--Bishop T. D. Jakes

His book is designed to show readers how to honor their faith and still succeed in their careers. Franklin is doing just that in Hollywood."--Mike Fleming, Deadline Hollywood

DeVon Franklin was recently promoted to vice president of production for Columbia Pictures, a division of Sony Pictures Entertainment, making him one of the youngest individuals in that position in the industry. In addition to his entertainment industry pursuits, DeVon is also a Christian minister and motivational speaker. He travels from Los Angeles to Oakland at least one weekend each month to preach at Wings of Love Maranatha Ministries, where he is an ordained elder.

AWESOME!!! You can see the value DeVon has in being in the movie industry when you read this

book. It reads so smoothly, just like a movie. He does an awesome job with mixing three key elements: He talks about the movie industry (I've never learned so much about the industry till I read this book), he talks about his life lessons and experiences, and finally he gives you practical spiritual guidance. He does it in such a way that makes this a very inspiring book. He isn't overly "preachy" or even overly spiritual. He tells you what he thinks from his own personal spiritual lessons. I also like how this is more than just a good book. It is a workbook. At the end of each chapter he lists several questions that allow for you to take what you just read and apply it to your own personal life. So it's more than just good information but it lets you evaluate where you are and make your own sound decisions. I love the analogy he uses with the whole "movie theme". It's amazing how our lives are truly a full movie production by God and he really builds that scenerio in this book. I have recommended this book to everyone I know. It was well worth the investment. I normally don't re-read books but I am going to read this book again. So much meat!

DeVon has penned a pivotal book for any Christ follower who wants to set goals and achieve success while never compromising one's faith walk. This God loving young man has touched on a key set of points about being a professional in any field of endeavor without becoming "luke-warm" in following the teachings and direction found in God's Word, the Bible, and is recommended reading for anyone, even college students, contemplating how you can still be true to Christ, being in the world, but not of the world. It's not always easy when dealing with a workplace or co-workers who often will berate anyone living a moral and religious lifestyle as being a "goody-two-shoes" when you decline offers to go out for drinks after work or to venues where our contemporary forms of social life and entertainment conflict with what scripture teaches about comporting ourselves, not in the manner that others would approve, but in the way that our faith in God directs us, without putting them on blast for their "alternate" lifestyles, use of profanity in common language and manners of attire that would prove embarrassing if we were to show up for church services dressed in similar fashion. Our responsibility to minister the Gospel, often by our example to others, is what makes each of us ministers or representatives of both God and Jesus Christ, the Son of God, everywhere we go. Supermarket to bank, film theater to soccer match, and what sets us apart from most individuals who might be on-the-fence, agnostic or atheist, saint or serial sinner, as most of us are, even on our best days. His analogies, drawn from his years in the entertainment and film-making environment present us with real life examples of what it can be like, being successful and productive despite what surrounds us. Silent testimony, as I often like to describe it. And if they ask you, "Are you a Christian?" it usually comes as a result of the example you've already set in

your life, and in how you carry yourself and your faith, as a daily walk that cannot be compromised, not for any price. One's soul and its eternal destiny lie in the choices we all make, and so happy to find this book which tells the story of the Gospel in a way many living in today's busy, hurried, "got-to-get-it-done-now" world can relate to individually. Food always for thought as we read the headline news and ask the hard questions in our prayer life. A recommended "must-read" as well, for anyone involved in the entertainment industry or even if you work at Pizza Hut. He's also a dynamic speaker at church events and ministries. Franklin Entertainment is his latest venture in cooperation with Sony Pictures Entertainment. So young and vibrant, he still has years to go in his ministry to the world.

i have been reading this book for years, a little here, a little there. It has always felt like a lot to ingest. I let it sit with me, and I'm glad I have. This books parallels Hollywood and making it in the film industry to God's movement in our lives so well. As a writer, director, and actress of faith trying to find my way in this industry, it is inspiring to know that God ALWAYS has a plan for me that He is enacting now and that we are cooperating together to that end. This book helps me to continue believing and to move forward in faith!

"Produced by Faith" does not run away from the struggle, or challenges DeVon encounters it embraces them; the book is Life Changing. DeVon reveals details of his life as child, in addition to his journey to pursue a career in the moving-making business, in Hollywood, CA. The journey is one of twists and turns, heartbreak, and triumph. The book asks the hard questions of the reader, which causes the reader to reflect on their past or current situation in life. You will also receive standards that will give guidance in decision making; as DeVon parallel's the process of making a motion picture in Hollywood to achieving our individual purpose that God has designed for each of us. Through heartache and being unsure at many times, it is DeVon's faith that keeps him moving. The reader can relate to instances when he is unsure, and even questions God as to when He's going to show-up in a particular situation. You'll find yourself emotionally tied to the experiences because there is constant reflection as the reader learns the processes of Hollywood that are very similar to our development to find our purpose and walk in it. The reader can relate to finding themselves in situations that require a hard-decision; DeVon reminds us early in the book, we do have the power of choice in situations; we can opt for a positive or negative reaction. This book is for everyone; employed, un-employed, student, or in the midst of making changes to one's career. My second read of the book revealed new information to me. This is a life book! I continue to believe

that our life story and the journey we take is not really for us, but for others as DeVon has witnessed in "Produced by Faith". I remember handing DeVon my copy of his book to sign; he noticed how I had notes, etc., all over, as he signed my copy I told him he was mentoring me through "Produced by Faith." DeVon's book offers real-life guidance, motivation, solutions to obstacles, determination, and where there maybe confusion in life, hope!

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