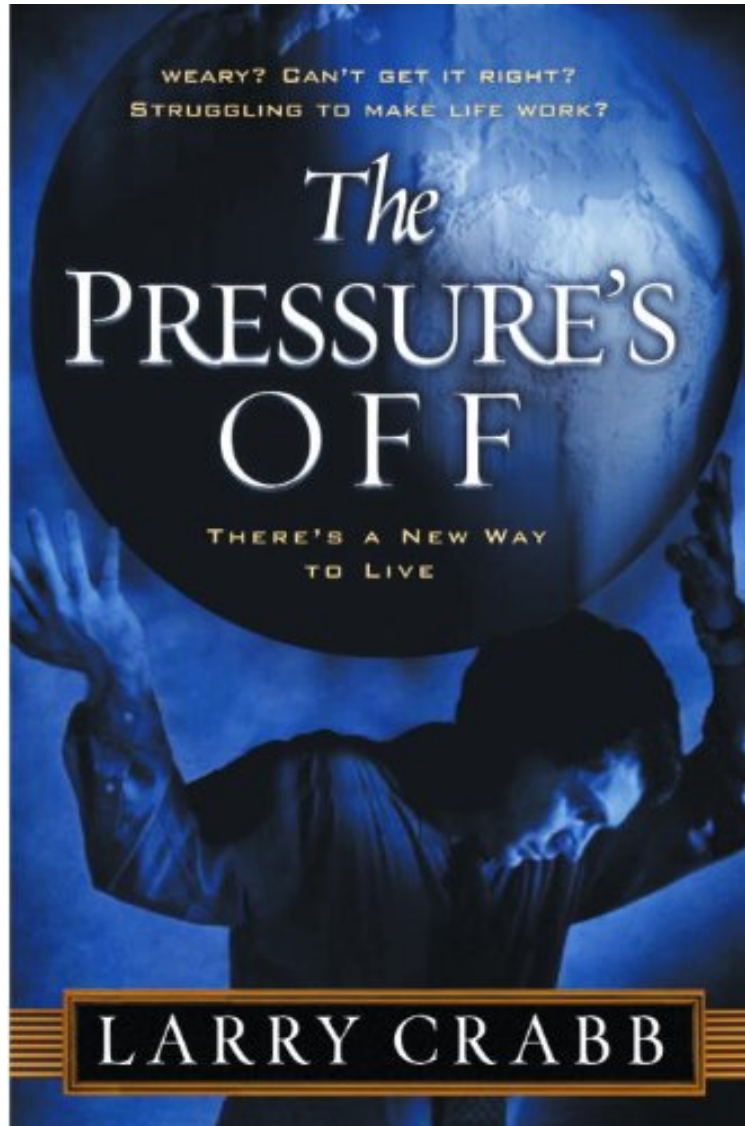


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Von Larry Crabb : The Pressure's Off: There's a New Way to Live before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Pressure's Off: There's a New Way to Live:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A breath of fresh air and a new look at living your lifeVon Helen HancoxOh no, not another self-help book. That was my initial fear when picking up this book - subtitled "there's a new way to live." I expected a 7 or 10 step plan to follow to get my life on track. The sort of plan that you can follow for a few days, maybe, and then you give up. Until you buy the

next self-help book. But I was completely wrong - this is the exact opposite. In fact, the first third of this book is describing why this emphasis within the Christian life is wrong and, ultimately, unworkable. Larry Crabb's central theme is that we have all become far too reliant on the "if I do A, then God will do B for me" mindset. We think that if we tithe God will bless us; if we try really hard to be excellent parents our children will grow up godly Christians; if we spend 20 minutes on our quiet time every morning we will become more spiritual. The pressure to live up to a standard is overwhelming, and if we ever fail then we blame ourselves for the consequences; equally if our life doesn't work out right we assume we've not prayed hard enough or done something else correctly. And our motivations here are entirely suspect - we're doing something for our own benefit, to make our lives better, to make people respect us; we are not doing it out of love for God and a desire to come nearer to him on his own terms. However, this is the "Old Way", the Old Testament mindset. Jesus came to sweep that away as it wasn't working. We can never be good enough, never get everything right; Jesus' new way is different - Hebrew 7:19 "a better hope is introduced by which we draw near to God." Becoming closer to God isn't about fulfilling a list of requirements, it's about coming to his fresh and with the understanding that we can't do anything to earn this nearness. This book is very well written. Like most Christian books I have read recently there is considerable repetition of the central points (to drum them into our over-busy brains, no doubt) but the central point is so different from so many other books that it was worth the drumming! There's an initial 6-page parable which I found rather odd and didn't add anything to the book for me, but once I started reading the main text I was hooked. I found myself agreeing with so much of what Larry Crabb said, and his examples were regularly taken from himself and his own life, warts and all, which gave it an immediacy and sense of truth that was refreshing. My only disappointment was the section on how to live the new life was harder to grasp - probably because it wasn't a 10-step plan of what to do, quite the reverse. But as a glimpse into a way of drawing closer to God without the baggage of our own performance it was a fascinating and helpful read. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Magnificent, ground-breaking insight! Von Maryhop Recommendable to All who start to realize that there must be more to the life in faith than is often taught and lived in our modern evangelical community, All who reminisce a time in their lives, when their consuming first love for Christ made it so easy for them to live in joy and freedom in Him; He used to be the main goal in life, but what happened to that attitude?! All who cannot and will not accept a life under the pressure of comparison with others, with the exhausting drive to provide maximum performance in all matters, under the slavery of things and of self. We don't have to just accept the status quo. Change is possible. True freedom is liveable. The pressure can be turned off.

Kurzbeschreibung You can stop trying to get everything right. Is the pressure getting to you? Do you try to make everything work, only to find that your best efforts are largely ineffective? Christians have unknowingly embraced two errors: that following the rules guarantees a good life, and that God is important because He dispenses blessings. When God's blessings seem to taper off and when life doesn't work out, people take it upon themselves to make things work. And that creates pressure that we are all too familiar with. In *The Pressure's Off*, best-selling author and counselor Larry Crabb introduces you to the New Way of living. God does not guarantee ease or convenience or even a good outcome as the result of your obedience. But he does promise himself, no matter what the circumstances of your life. When you seek God and nothing else, the pressure truly is off you. *Pressestimmen* Praise for *The Pressure's Off* If, like me, you see blessing-centeredness rather than God-centeredness as a great weakness of American evangelicalism, you will hail this exploration of the freedom and joy of grace as timely therapy, a word in season that we all needed. May it be widely read and thoroughly digested. J. I. PACKER, theologian and author of *Knowing God* The evangelical church, choking under a pervasive legalism/moralism that suffocates the human spirit, finds a powerful voice for freedom in Larry Crabb. Writing from the inside out, he presents a vibrant way of living with passion and without pressure. BRENNAN MANNING, author of *Ruthless Trust* C. S. Lewis wrote about prosperity knitting us to this world, and while we are seeking our place in the world, the world is actually finding its place in us. Dr. Larry Crabb has constructed a compelling narrative that shows how we have imprisoned ourselves by using the world's ways to get something from God, instead of appropriating God's way to receive something from Him. CAL THOMAS, syndicated columnist and author Dr. Crabb not only gives us a clear mandate to celebrate Christian freedom, he also is our accompanist and exemplar on the Way of Freedom. You know he has walked that way with you. A remarkably personal message. JAMES M. HOUSTON, Chancellor Emeritus and professor of Spiritual Theology, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C. This book makes a very important statement about how to live the Christian life. It takes the Christian beyond the obstacles and disappointments and, above all, beyond the age-old enemy of self straight into the arms of grace. Once there, the pressure is off. A real worthwhile read. FRANK RETIEF, Presiding Bishop, Church of England in South Africa At last we have a book that confronts contemporary Christian culture with its increasing tendency to be taken up with blessings more than the Blessor. I doubt whether anything Larry has ever written, or may write in the future, will contribute more powerfully to the needs of modern-day Christians than *The Pressure's Off*. SELWYN HUGHES, director of the Center for World Revival and author of *Every Day with Jesus*

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