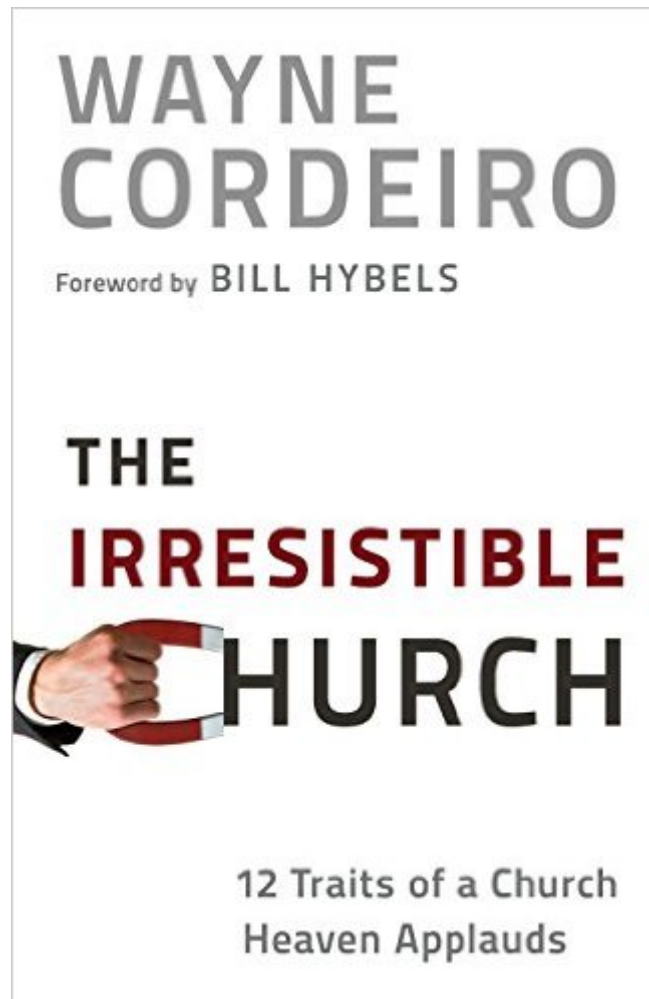


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# The Irresistible Church: 12 Traits Of A Church Heaven Applauds



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When I first received my copy of Wayne Cordeiro's book, *The Irresistible Church*, I thought I was in for yet another church "fad." I was sure it would have something to do with making your church more like Starbucks, or stress some program or formula for success. I was pleasantly surprised to find, however, that the book was neither of the above. Rather, it was a reflection by a man who has been involved in the businesses of pastoring and church planting for over 30 years, and who has some really good things to say. The book consists of the twelve traits that any church must have to be successful (in God's eyes). I won't list the traits here, but by and large they are ideas that many an organizational leadership and/or church leadership book has already covered, and most of which any good leader should already know and practice. What was refreshing about *The Irresistible Church*, then, was not the content per se, but rather the manner in which Cordeiro presented it. He writes in a very engaging and personally challenging manner. He doesn't just present the material; he compels you to interact with it, to ask the tough questions of yourself. I also appreciated his balanced approach to what God does versus what we do. For example, he states in the introduction, "Change must be empowered by the Holy Spirit because true transformation is not man-made. It's Spirit led and Spirit empowered. Yet we also must commit ourselves in such a way

that the Holy Spirit is delighted to work through us." Throughout the book, he does well to reemphasize that God is sovereign, and yet we have our part to play, too. Finally, as a good pastor/preacher, he successfully wove in many good, personal stories as illustrations. All in all, the book was a quick, engaging and fun read.

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Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House. Why does God bless some churches and not others? That is a question that Wayne Cordeiro seeks to answer in his book on a church that does not live by image but as he explains, "An irresistible church lives heart first. It means working and serving God with true passion and living with an intrinsic desire to travel the pathways down which God leads and invites us to follow" (155). This is the kind of church the author describes under twelve traits which I paraphrase as follows: 1. A hunger for God and his presence. 2. An identity that the church lives by. 3. A heart-first priority in all that is done. 4. True constant gratefulness. 5. Love manifested in care for one another but also a willingness to confront if necessary. 6. A willingness to learn and grow. 7. Believers who faithfully feed themselves rather than be spoon fed. 8. A passion for seeking the lost and building up the saints. 9. A love for the community in which the church finds itself. 10. A risk-taking faith. 11. Humility that recognizes that all comes from God. 12. Planning that keeps a vision before the church. There is an amazing balance between the sovereignty of God and our responsibility to obey him. This will need to be worked out by believers and the churches they are a part of. Jesus said that the wind (the Spirit of God) blows where it wishes (John 3:8) but also that we are responsible to obey (John 14:21). May each one of us experience an irresistible church where God blesses.

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