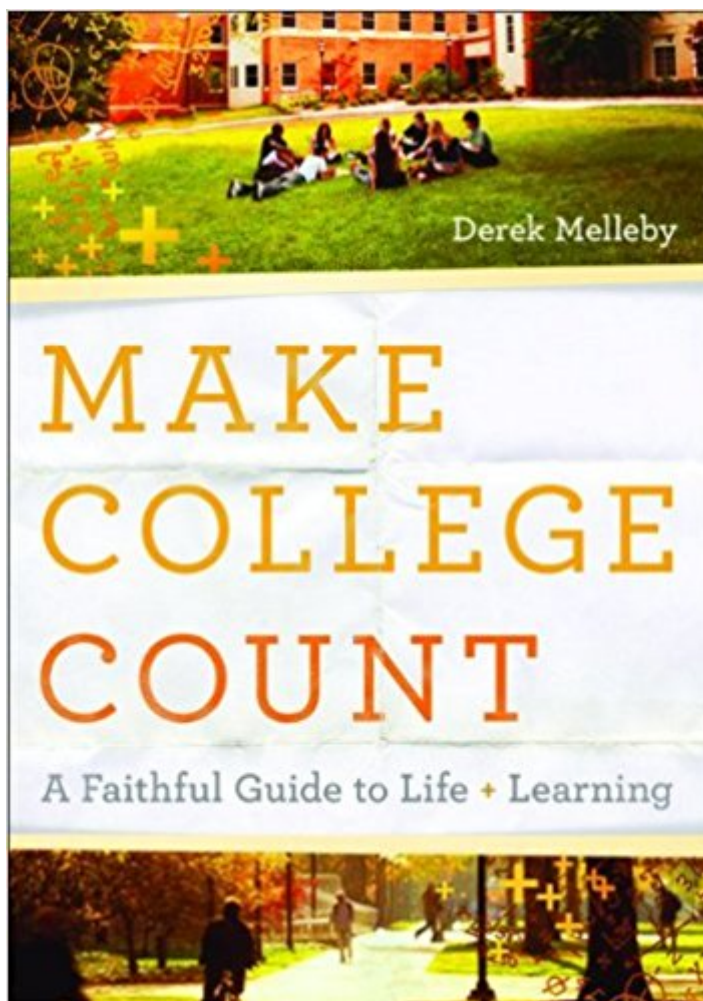


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# Make College Count: A Faithful Guide To Life And Learning



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There's more to college than classes, credits, and a nonstop social life. It's more than getting a degree to improve one's job prospects. College is a time where students develop into the adults they will be for the rest of their lives, a time to explore the big questions about life and human destiny, a time when they form their character and faith. The perfect gift for high school graduation, *Make College Count* helps students make the most of their time in college. It encourages young people to ask important questions of themselves, such as *Why are you going to college? What kind of person do you want to be? How do you want your life to influence others? With whom will you surround yourself? What do you believe?* and more.

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Discover the way to true success at college--and beyond. There's more to college than classes, credits, and a nonstop social life. It's more than getting a degree to improve your job prospects. College is a time where you develop into the person you will be for the rest of your life. *Make College Count* will help you make the most of your time in college. It encourages you to ask the big questions, like *Why am I going to college? What kind of person do I want to be? How do I want my life to influence others? With whom will I surround myself? What do I believe?* You want your college years to count. This book shows you how to make that a reality. "For years I have been looking for the right book to give to Christian high school grads: readable, real, honest, grace-focused, Christ-centered, and practical. Finally, I've found just the ticket--*Make College Count* is that

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seems a little wordy.... not a great read. Ideas are good but just not well written. would not buy again.

This was one of those books I received for free because I went to a Sr. Breakfast at a youth retreat a while back. You know the kind, a smallish book that you don't think will have anything really worth reading in it. Still you grab thinking it will sit on a nightstand, then fall on the floor and conveniently get kicked under the bed because you plan to never read it. That's what I thought about this book, I mean seriously I am already taking college classes, why do I need to read a prep college book?Oddly enough, I stuck the book in my backpack on the first day of classes and then found myself with 15 minutes to kill before class so I dug it out and read the first chapter. After that I slowly but surely worked my way through this helpful little book. Make College Count isn't about telling you everything you need to do (or don't do) in college. What struck me was that Melleby asked the

questions that really mattered. All of which point back to, are you going to make college something that will glorify God? He isn't meaning not gettin' drunk and chasing squirrels during your free time. What Melleby is doing is reminding us that college isn't about us. It is about using this time to learn and then take that knowledge to glorify God. He asks some pointed questions and answered them in short chapters that closed with interviews of recently graduated students. These were insightful and helped me to see the options I have for life. I enjoyed this little book and plan on sharing it with friends and rereading it throughout my college years. In closing I just want to say 3 things, 1) This book is short and well worth the small amount of time to read. 2) The designing within the book is pretty awesome and 3) Don't use the "I don't have time" excuse not to read this book. I actually was able to use a quote from this book for a paper that everyone in the class (Christian and non-Christian alike) Loved! "These are the years when a man changes into the man he's going to become for the rest of his life; just be careful who you change into - Uncle Ben Parker". (21)

I am a high school guidance counselor at a Christian school. I use this book in my class with seniors in order to make them think about the real questions for the next stage of their life. I LOVE this book. It is an easy read (I read it on a 2 hour plane flight and couldn't put it down!) My students have been challenged by the questions and have made them think about how college is more than about getting a job. This is a great book for students no matter what their plans are for after high school. This is not necessarily just for college going students. I highly recommend this book!

Going to college has become rite of passage in the United States; it is now the understood next step in education. The question is now "Which college are you going to?" and not "Do you want to go to college?" It is very exciting to be in a society that highly values higher education, but are we valuing higher education for the right reasons? Is it about the development and learning? Or is it simply about getting a degree that will guarantee you a higher-paying, more stable career? These are the questions Derek Melleby asks in his brief book. Each quick chapter proposes a life-defining question: What kind of person do you want to become? Why are you going to college? What do you believe? Who are you? With whom will you surround yourself? How will you choose a major? How do you want your life to influence others? Getting a college degree will bring you value in the job market? But more importantly, getting a college degree will give you an education and develop you into the human being God wants you to be. A quote from Tom Brokaw, which is cited in the book, sums it all up perfectly. "You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You

may think of it as a ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world. This is an easy and simple read that I think any college student or soon to be college student would appreciate. My only wish is that the book was a tad bit longer and more in depth, but that's probably because I'm a higher education professional and not a student.

Because I'm not in college, I wasn't really expecting this book to be relevant to my life. So I was surprised when, several weeks after reading the book, I still find myself thinking about the content. I found this to be a well written, fun to read, thought provoking book. I don't think it is limited as a read for those going to college--anyone who needs a reminder that life is more than the daily grind would feel refreshed after finishing this book.

I work in campus ministry and after reading this book I contacted the publisher to buy in bulk so that I could give a copy to incoming freshmen. This book is short and offers a beautiful perspective on how to approach college as a Christian student. If you have a background in the Reformed tradition you will certainly enjoy this book.

A great graduation gift for sure. A well written realistic look at what college has to offer our kids, both good and bad. This book will open eyes to some good choices to make. Have never heard negative feedback-only thank yous!

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