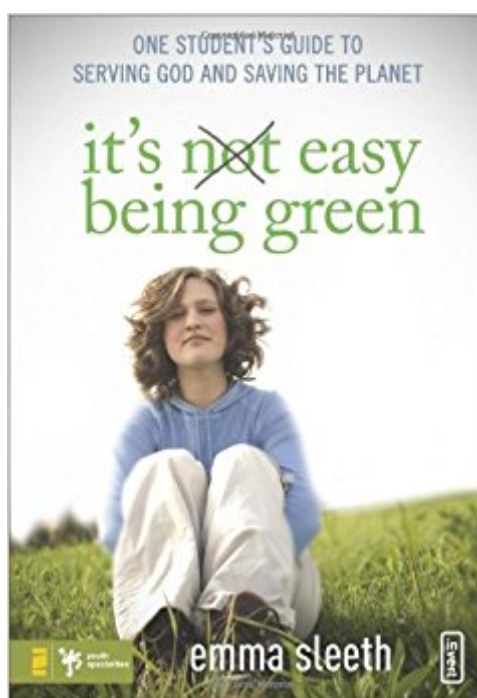


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# It's Easy Being Green: One Student's Guide To Serving God And Saving The Planet



## Synopsis

You've probably heard the story of the garden of Eden---the paradise that God created for humans to live in. There was plenty of room for everyone, there were trees and flowers and plenty of food. When you look out your window today you don't see the paradise God intended for us. This world is crowded, polluted, and headed for trouble. But it's not hopeless. Emma Sleeth is only sixteen, and she's working hard to save our planet. She believes that we're called by God to protect the resources that he gave us, and she wants to help you learn how to live a sustainable lifestyle. She's speaking out to her generation in the hopes that you will be the ones who can end global warming and restore our world to the paradise that God desires for us. In *It's Easy Being Green* you'll learn how to honor God in the choices you make and you'll begin to understand the impact those choices have on the environment. Emma will help you see how you can make a difference at school, around the house, and all over the world as you make choices about everything from transportation to food to clothes. Imagine the kind of paradise you can help to create for the next generation---for your future children! Join Emma on the quest to serve God by saving the planet.

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## Customer Reviews

One of God's first commands to His people was for them to tend His garden; a task that often gets forgotten in our fast-paced, consumer-driven world. Teenager Emma Sleeth has a heart for God and preserving His precious planet, sharing this passion with her fellow generation in *It's Easy Being Green*. Sleeth uses biblical knowledge and principles to show how it's easy to take little steps to

better preserve our planet. The book is broken down into chapters, each discussing a different topic, but also has a splattering of random tidbits and eay-to-do facts throughout. At the end, there's an appendix with applicable Bible quotes, other books and resources, as well as organizations to consider. No matter your political agenda, readers receive a healthy 'green' perspective on how to best tend God's garden. Although written and mainly addressed to teens, this book would be suitable for any-age reader and would make a good addition to home-school curriculum on Earth Day. -- May 2008 issue of CBA Retailers + Resources (May 2008 issue of CBA Retailers + Resources)

Sleeth, now an Asbury College student, is a precocious advocate for environmental issues. She wrote this book when she was just 15. (And, no, she wasn't homeschooled, if that's what you're wondering.) She shares her passion for Jesus and for saving the planet, in roughly that order. Although the book is clearly aimed at teen and young adult readers, Sleeth is skillful enough at sermon illustrations that her anecdotes about babysitting, high school cliques and Mom's homemade meals help illuminate her points for older readers as well. Pull-out boxes offer concrete suggestions for young Christians who want to go green, but aren't sure how to go about it. (Apr.) -- Publisher's Weekly

Just the thing to give an up and coming youngster, especially if you know they wish to be useful in this world. Emma Sleeth writes in a conversational style that is a 'fun read', but this book should make me and you do something to help this world. Too many of us ( I am a grandma!) have used and used and not thought of the ramifications of our willynilly expenditures (especially of non-renewable resources). Emma Sleeth gives great ideas for all of us, to rectify that situation. I will hang clothes on the line. Yes, I will! I will. I promise.

Emma Sleeth's book has dozens of practical ideas that I want to implement right away. I've already turned my refrigerator and freezer temperatures up, unplugged all unnecessary appliances, and started washing my clothes in cold water instead of warm or hot. Every little bit helps. Thanks, Emma, for sharing your wisdom!

This book was written for teen-agers in the voice of a teen-ager who makes is very clear from the beginning that our North American life style is having a very negative affect on young people in other parts of the world where pollution and other kinds of environmental contamination are causes

for illness and poverty. The author writes in a "cheerful and chatty" manner with lots of personal illustrations related to the various topics as presented in each chapter, but the underlying message is very serious. Many practical suggestions are given in each chapter for "doing something" to make a difference. I would recommend that church libraries any where add this book to their shelves, and that it would be good material for small group or Sunday school discussion.

Green things are not only growing outside, they are appearing on store shelves and in advertisements across America. In my search to find a meaning behind all this mania, I have read several books and learned a lot about caring for creation. What's great about this student's guide to serving God and saving the planet is that it is more than a mere handbook. I have found both Ms. Sleeth's personal story and her helpful tips to be an aid to my understanding of both "going green" and the role of my faith in this process.

During my reading of the first chapter I was stirred to start doing more for our environment. The author not only educates us on the issues but provides practical ways for us to address those issues. In one week our household has turned around our impact on the world God created for us to enjoy. Ms Sleeth's writing is warm and appealing to all ages. This book is one that I will definitely be giving copies to others and teaching to my children. We CAN make a difference!

I couldn't set this down until I finished it! (Then I immediately passed it along to more readers!) I am, however, looking forward to going back and reading it again and applying all the great practical tips to my life. It's Easy Being Green is thoughtful, practical, amusing, heartwarming, and sure to make a real difference in each reader's life! My advice: order this, read this, start quoting this! Join the Ms. Sleeth and her father and keep serving God and saving the planet!

This thoroughly delightful book for young people will encourage anyone who reads it to take steps in the direction of caring for the environment. Well organized, easy to read and packed with suggestions for students! Each chapter discusses a different subject of conservation and there are lots of decorated "boxes" giving hints along the way. A helpful, engaging read for anyone!

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