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‘Secure’ Offers Hope In ‘Turbulent Financial Times:’

Rick Dunham’s New Book Tells How to Calm Life’s Stormy Waters

PLANO, Texas, March 31, 2011 – Rick Dunham, author of [“Secure: Discovering True Security in Turbulent Financial Times.”](#) believes that the recession should be a wake-up call to the Church, challenging Christians to seriously consider what they rely on for their security.

As President and CEO of Dunham+Company and a consultant to ministries around the world, he has found that Christians often don’t understand the correlation between money and a false sense of security that undermines their walk with Christ.

Relying on material things for security is just an illusion, as Dunham found out almost 30 years ago. He had been fired from his first job out of seminary. With a wife and three young children to support, and payments to make on homes in Texas and California, bankruptcy seemed inevitable.

“Looking back, what I realize now is that God took me into a financial wilderness to teach me lessons that I couldn’t have learned any other way,” Dunham writes. “He was, in fact, rescuing me from a bondage that I didn’t really understand.”

When he was on the verge of bankruptcy, family members came to his aid. That crisis, and a similar one 20 years later, convinced him that true security can’t be found in your paycheck, possessions or portfolio.

“Money promises a security it can never deliver,” he writes. “Our hearts have been seduced and ensnared by the promise of freedom, peace and security when, in fact, money only turns our hearts away from fully following after God and His purposes.”

Dunham also notes that wealth isn’t necessarily a sign of God’s approval: “The measurement of effective stewardship isn’t that you’re necessarily going to be overflowing with money, but that you’ll have the money to make the greatest possible impact for God’s Kingdom.”

The basic principle is this: Our money and our heart are tethered together in an unbreakable bond and, as a result, the use of money reveals where our hearts are. Above all

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else, God wants our hearts, and we can't be whole-hearted followers of God if we are storing up treasure here at the expense of our investment in Kingdom purposes.

Dunham says that the parable of the talents in Matthew 25 teaches us that stewardship is not just about tithing, but being all-in for the Kingdom. Genuine stewardship:

- Understands that God will hold us accountable for our management of everything in our trust
- Has a sense of urgency to it, seeking the best return for the Kingdom
- Is measured by return and impact, not what is saved
- Is defined by risk, not by playing it safe
- Operates in the freedom of God's trust, not the fear of failure
- Is blessed by God with greater impact

"God has designed giving to bless you, not take something away from you," Dunham writes.

The last paragraph of "Secure" sums it up this way: "When you look to God and fully trust Him to care for you, you will know what it means to be secure. Truly secure. But the only way to get there is to trust Him fully by making His kingdom your financial priority ... treasuring up treasures in heaven and not living for the here and now."

For more information about "Secure," coming April 10 from Life(n) BOOKS, please visit www.TheSecureBook.com.

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