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Michael Locklear says

Any more, I try to never give 5 stars to a book. In fact, the last time I did was for the first of 3 volumes of William Gurnall's book, "The Christian In Complete Armour"in the fall of 2014. Shortly after finishing that first volume, I was informed by the leader of our local "book club" that we would be reading Gurnall's unabridged edition (which totals around 1,200 pages) in 2015. "Wow, what a challenge!" Yesterday, Thursday, December the 17th of 2015 we had our last meeting of the year regarding Gurnall's book. I must admit that there is no way that I could have read through such a challenging book - in size, content and writing style (Gurnall lived in the 1600's), but I am so thankful I did for it is filled with a wealth of spiritual guidance, encouragement and admonition, as the author plods through the apostle Paul's glorious passage in Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 10 through 20. So it is with great pleasure and no doubts that I give this book 5 stars.

In closing, I must give special "thanks" to my dear friend, Dr. Paul Harrison in Nashville, Tennessee for introducing me and to other pastors to William Gurnall. He was so right in saying that, though his unabridged book is challenging to read, it is rich in spiritual truths. And, also, "thanks" to Rev. Terry Johnson, pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah for leading our "book club" (which he has named the "Dead Theological Society").

Emily says

I've been reading through this little treasure on and off for a while now. It's a daily devotional that Bell put together pulling treasures from Gurnall's book The Christian in Complete Armour. This is a great book for daily reading and really helps put a perspective on the daily battle we face against spiritual warfare.

Scott O'Neil says

Couldn't express it any better then Rev. Wilkerson and Ravenhill quotes!

Trisha says

I began reading this book as a Sunday Read, and thus it took me almost 2 years to finish it. I looked forward to every moment I spent with this book. Gurnall's words are profound, convicting, encouraging, and comforting.

Charles Spurgeon said, "I have often resorted to it when my own fire has been burning low, and I have seldom failed to find a glowing coal upon Gurnall's hearth." John Newton said if he might only read one other book besides the Bible, this would be it.

Leslie Keyes Row McCann says

I am nearly finished with this 600 page book, and I will start reading it again upon completion.

This book covers vital Christian doctrines and offers practical application of the same.

Gurnall had a very great gift for putting difficult truths into simple words.

John Newton, author of the hymn "Amazing Grace," said, "If I might read only one book beside the Bible, I would choose The Christian in Complete Armour."

Charles Spurgeon wrote, "Gurnall's work is peerless and priceless; every line is full of wisdom; every sentence is suggestive." Keep in mind that Spurgeon's library contained over 5000 books and the great majority of them he had heavily annotated.

Olivia says

I won this book in a giveaway over at deeperchristian.com!

I read it for the year of 2018, and I was challenged, convicted, and pressed into Jesus through it! Having read these samples of <u>The Christian in Complete Armor</u>, I am now determined to read the entire set.

One thing that annoyed me a bit was the occasional reading that said, "There are three ways to do this. Number one..." Then the next two paragraphs would be about point number one, and the reading would end, and I would never know what the next two points were. This was a bit disappointing, but it made me want to read the entirety of Mr. Gurnall's series now! Haha. And it never distracted from the insight to be gained in the points that actually were given.;)

Alyssa says

Title: The Christian in Complete Armour

Author: William Gurnall edited by James S. Bell JR

Rating: 4/5

Synopsis from Goodreads: "If I might read only one book beside the Bible, I would choose The Christian in Complete Armour." —John Newton

The Christian in Complete Armour: Daily Readings in Spiritual Warfare is packed with truths for spiritual triumph.

Originally written in the seventeenth century by Pastor William Gurnall, The Christian in Complete Armour is among the most highly regarded Christian books ever written in the English language. Charles Spurgeon called it "the best thought breeder in our library."

This version, edited into modern English and compiled into 365 readings by editor James S. Bell Jr., gives

Christians soul-searching and inspiring devotional supplements to the Bible. For baby believers and seasoned ones alike, The Christian in Complete Armour: Daily Readings in Spiritual Warfare will help readers walk and stand in the triumph of Christ.

Review: This is a really great book. Since it is broken down into daily readings it only takes a few minutes each day to read the selected passage and each day it is less than a full page to read.

I love the passages and I am really excited to read these every morning. Starting off the day with this armor will help me to keep the right mindset throughout the day.

Recommendation: I would recommend this book to any Christian. This is a book everyone should read.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher for the purpose of this review.

Black Crow says

author contrasts the believer and unbeliever in a daily type devotional. Use it everyday to focus on right thinking to start my day

Jay says

Really good, but really long. I dipped in and out of this book for over three years (but didn't feel like I lost anything for my meandering).

Natalie Vellacott says

This should be required reading for all Christians. It is theologically heavy in some areas so can be used more as a reference tool than for reading cover to cover. Full of practical advice for the Christian battles in life. Highly recommended.

John Killeen says

It's a Puritan book so the language is tough to grasp if you've never read a puritan book. But so rich and a beautiful resource to delve into spiritual warfare and learning what it looks like. It's Gurnall's only work which you can tell adds a wealth of richness to the read.

David Farlow says

Holy and true spiritual wisdom in the great wrestling against our adversary the devil. Very useful counsel and practical advice on fighting the good fight, finishing the race and keeping the faith.

Daniel says

I read what is effectively the 1st volume in his collection of writings and they are POWERFUL! A helpful book to use as a devotional on our engagement in everyday spiritual battles.

Orinoco Womble (tidy bag and all) says

This book should come with a notice on the flyleaf--WARNING: Reading this book may cause crises of repentance.

I had the privilege of working on the Spanish translation of Gurnall's masterpiece. I remember reading it and thinking, "My pastor has to read this!" but unfortunately at that time it was only available in the original Elisabethan English and in the modernised version, so I spent several months creating a draft translation into Spanish which later formed the base-text for the version that was finally printed many years later. Working on the text at that level required me to study it in-depth, and I have to say I sometimes felt like putting a rug next to my computer so I'd have somewhere to kneel.

This book will drive you to prayer if you read it at all mindfully. The author holds a mirror up to our Christian lives: the mirror of the Word, its message, and its purpose. The text has not "dated" because it deals with issues that are timeless in our human lives, with eternal importance. It can have a salutory effect and deepen your walk with Christ, if you let it.