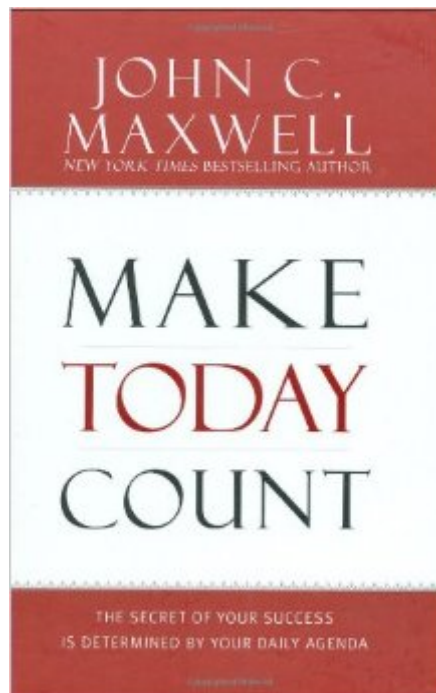


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# Make Today Count: The Secret Of Your Success Is Determined By Your Daily Agenda



## Synopsis

Drawing from the text of the Business Week bestseller *Today Matters*, this condensed, revised edition boils down John C. Maxwell's 12 daily practices to their very essence, giving maximum impact in minimal time. Presented in a quick-read format, this version is designed to be read cover to cover in one sitting or taken in as brief lessons in a few spare minutes each day. It covers such topics as:-- Priorities-- Health-- Family-- Finances-- Values-- Growth. Readers will learn how to make decisions on important matters and apply those decisions daily to put them on a path to more successful, productive, and fulfilling lives.

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The basic premise of this book is that the secret to your success is determined by your daily agenda. The author has a list of 12 areas to focus on daily that he believes are critical to success. He calls them the "Daily Dozen." They are: 1. Attitude 2. Priorities 3. Health 4. Family 5. Thinking 6. Commitment 7. Finances 8. Faith 9. Relationships 10. Generosity 11. Values 12. Growth. He spends a chapter on each of the Daily Dozen. For each, he notes what decision he has made in each area. As an example, for "attitude," his decision is "I am going to keep a positive attitude and use it to influence others." Then he provides suggestions on how to incorporate the items critical to success into your daily life. He makes the great point that what you become is the result of what you do today. The only way to change your life is to change what you do daily. This is a great little book that packs a powerful punch!

I bought this book based on the solid across the board 5 ratings of this book. I just finished reading it (takes about an hour or two tops), and feel the need to discuss what it is and isn't as I was fairly disappointed. First, here is what the book is: 1) A list of the 12 most important areas of your life (honestly nothing new here) - each basically comprising one chapter. At the end of each chapter the author asks you to challenge what you will do to address this area in specifics. 2) A narrative sprinkled with several references to other self help narratives / speakers that the author has encountered including, given that the author is a Christian pastor, several references to faith / God / Christ etc. (No worries there he is a pastor after all). Here is what it is not: Concrete ideas or systematic suggestions to actually make a change. I was honestly surprised after reading that this book is included in the business section of the local big box bookstore. My advice - if you are looking for a typical feel-good type inspirational book this is for you. But don't expect to be given the tools to precipitate change. If you are looking for a book, especially in the business context, to facilitate change and make the most out of your working day I highly recommend the "Now Habit" by David Allen.

You won't be disappointed by John C. Maxwell's helpful guide to time management. Maxwell's strategies will work for even the most time crunched people. Maxwell's program teaches people how to prioritize 12 things that truly matter and how to follow through daily in these areas. It is easy to feel as though you lack the free time to affect any change in your life, but Maxwell shows how devoting small amounts of time in the proper way can make all the difference. The audiobook version seems especially helpful for the book's audience - people with little free time. You can listen while stuck in traffic or cleaning the house, and figure out how to reorganize your life at the same time. Narrator Lew Grenville is an experienced performer and you might recognize his voice from National Geographic or the Discovery Channel. His voice is authoritative, clear, and pleasant to listen to, and meshes well with the subject matter. At a playing time of 3.5 hours, busy people should find this audiobook well worth their (multi-tasking) time.

Purchased the book for my husband who has not put it down. He actually has an interest in this book and is taking things from it. It has helped him prioritize his life. He has been a lot more relaxed and easy-going since he started reading this book. It has helped him let the less important things in life go. Quick and easy read for anyone who has a stressful, busy schedule and needs to slow down a little bit.

This book is small in size, but powerful in its practical information. I'm reading in this book every day even after I've finished the complete book. It is small enough to carry with you wherever you go (6 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 1/2). He gives suggestions on prioritizing what you think and do, giving excellent examples that provide information and motivation for change or continuing habits. Here are a few I picked at random: in the chapter on FAMILY: "Express appreciation for each other." "Resolve conflict as quickly as possible." Chapter on THINKING: "Recognize There Are Many Kinds of Thinking." In that chapter a subheading is "MANAGING THE DISCIPLINE OF THINKING" one of which is: "Set Aside Think Time Every Day." And so forth. Even if you only read one chapter or only the headings you would experience some benefit, but I think a reader would benefit from reading every chapter over and over because the purpose is to change our thinking and habits.

Given the author's faith-based approach to life, books like this always risk getting too preachy without the author even realizing it. Not so in this case. While the author does touch on faith-based matters a few times, it is not heavy-handed. He really does focus on what it takes to make each day of your life as good a day as you can make it. Don't neglect his exercises at the end of each chapter. They typically take the form of a question with a short answer. The answer should be highly personal to you, and you will benefit from the thought process of coming up with it. It will force you to internalize the concepts in that chapter, and apply them to your own life.

A wonderful book that helps me live in day-tight compartment days. Dr. John Maxwell has a wonderful way of exploring and explaining how to live a more productive life, and it is as simple as forming the right habits, and doing them over and over again. For anyone who wants to get more out of life, this book is for you. William Teh Investor | Author | Entrepreneur

It's John Maxwell. It's like buying a brand name item for the name. You can't go wrong with John. I did like this one a bit more than some of the longer books though. It was an easy read and applicable.

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