

Endorsements

Charles's relationship with my brother, David Wilkerson, gave him a very privileged opportunity to witness both the man and his ministry. This inspiring story of his spiritual journey tells how, under the teaching and mentoring of, and personal contact with, David Wilkerson, he learned many valuable lessons. I worked with Charles at Times Square Church, as well as at Teen Challenge, and I know firsthand his compassion for the lost, his teaching gifts, and his prayer leadership. I highly recommend this book, especially for young people who desire to be used by God in ministry.

DON WILKERSON

Co-Founder of Teen Challenge & Times Square Church

As a seasoned leader who worked closely with Pastor Dave at Times Square Church, Charles takes us behind the scenes, offering great spiritual insight, helping us to grasp what made this giant of the faith so special. This book was a joy for me to read and to recommend to you!

DR. MICHAEL L. BROWN

Host of *The Line of Fire* Radio Broadcast

When I first met Charles Simpson at a Times Square Church service, he was leading the congregation in prayer. That prayer touched me so deeply that I immediately knew why David Wilkerson chose him to be one of his leaders. Charles has a burden for the lost and a burning desire to see people embrace their divine destiny. This book will touch your heart, as it did mine. His personal mentorship and ministry with David Wilkerson will inspire your faith and compel you to share God's love with the hurting. David Wilkerson's step of faith to share

God's love with hardened gang members has resulted in millions of lives being rescued and restored. Charles captures the very mission of Jesus through this book, and more so through his life as a committed servant-leader at Brooklyn Teen Challenge.

PASTOR JIMMY JACK
Freedom Chapel & Long Island Teen Challenge

From gales of laughter as I read the opening stories, to soul-searching examination as Charles shares some of David Wilkerson's incredible applications of biblical truth, to tears of joy as his family gathered around his mother's deathbed, only to see a miracle...I could not put this book down! It is a beautiful reflection of one of David Wilkerson's most amazing legacies—the spiritual sons into which he poured God's Word through decades of ministry with Teen Challenge, World Challenge, and Times Square Church; sons who continue to carry his burden for souls long after he went home to be with the Lord.

BERNIE GILLOTT
Global Evangelism Coordinator for Global Teen Challenge

Charles Simpson is the perfect person to write this book. Over the many years I have known him, I have seen him personify the lessons he learned from David Wilkerson. Just like his mentor, Charles carries a passion for the broken and a desire to see God's people abandon all moral compromise. David Wilkerson believed God could change the hearts of even the most hardened sinners and worked tirelessly to see this happen. In the same way, I have seen Charles labor with the same sacrificial spirit as he has laid down his life to see God's purposes fulfilled in New York City, one soul at a time. Charles's story not only reflects on the past, but it also challenges the reader to follow the trail blazed by David Wilkerson, paved by heartfelt tears, prevailing prayer, and tenacious faith in Jesus Christ.

PASTOR GARY FISHMAN
Surpassing Glory Ministry
Bronx, New York

David Wilkerson is one of the historic figures in New York City and American Christianity. He embodied bold, redemptive leadership. Charles Simpson has made an important contribution with this work.

DR. MAC PIER
Founder and CEO, The NYC Leadership Center

This is a fascinating, fresh, and non-idolizing look at the life of David Wilkerson, written from the perspective of a spiritual son. I heard much of what is written here firsthand at FIRE School of Ministry in New York City. Pastor Charles profoundly impacted me while as a pastor, teacher, and mentor, he poured out his heart of fatherly love to all his students. This book challenged and stirred my heart afresh to return to the secret place of seeking the Lord in prayer, being gently reminded this is where everything of eternal significance gets birthed in the Kingdom.

KASIA MYSLIWIEC
FIRE School of Ministry Alumnus

A very moving story about a special relationship between two men of God! While some young leaders would seek to turn themselves into the image of their elders, this account reveals the ingredients of a healthy mentoring relationship: mutual admiration and respect, a deep love for one another, and a burning desire to glorify God rather than self. I highly recommend this book to everyone, especially to young people, as a model of what God seeks to accomplish in us through our spiritual elders.

REV. BOB HONEYSETT
Founder and Director of Matthew 19:26 Ministries

Charles Simpson opens his soul to the reader and reveals the natural, unforced development of spiritual sonship. Through his unique story, we are privileged to participate in his relationship with David Wilkerson. I recommend this intriguing book to those who want to know more about “spiritual fathering” or are interested in the founder of Teen Challenge and Times Square Church.

DAVID HARWOOD
Restoration Fellowship & Director of Love of God Project

This book gives us a delightful view into the life and ministry of David Wilkerson. Charles is a friend who lives and breathes the Gospel message. I'm grateful for the legacy of David Wilkerson and for such a unique perspective on one of God's generals in the faith. The desperate days we live in require the type of desperate faith and passion for God described in this book!

DR. BRIAN SIMMONS
The Passion Translation Project

My friend Charles Simpson experienced a dimension of David Wilkerson's amazing life that only a few had the honor to know. Once I began reading this manuscript, I couldn't put it down. Not only did I see into the heart of David Wilkerson and the keys to his successful ministry, but I also saw the profound effect he had on a spiritual son. What an inspiring book!

ROGER LEHMAN
Founder of City Streams Network & House of Glory

This book is powerful, exciting, easy to read, and wisdom-imparting! Like his spiritual father, David Wilkerson, Pastor Charles is a pastor to pastors, a man of integrity, motivated by the compassion of Jesus. A very enjoyable read that will definitely bring you closer to the Lord!

PETER KEMP
Pastor, Hope Chapel, Queens Foursquare Church

This is a great testimony of what God does to honor prayer and a man's commitment to follow Him through the leaders placed in his life. Pastor Charles reflects the importance of prayer, being obedient to the call of God upon one's life, and trusting the Lord for all things. This book will richly bless you!

VICTOR HARRIS
Director, Albany Teen Challenge

Within the pages of this book are the secrets of the spiritual success of my mentor and spiritual father, David Wilkerson. While he was not perfect, every fiber of his heart beat with a desire to please the Lord. I was invited by Brother Dave to sing regularly at Times Square Church and will forever cherish those times as the greatest moments in the ministry with which God has entrusted me. His words still echo in my spirit: “Mary Ann, always remember, it is not what you’re doing for Christ that matters as much as what you are becoming for Christ!” This book will encourage you to impact the mission field to which the Lord has called you.

MARY ANN PELUSO
Worship Singer

Once I started reading this book, I couldn’t put it down. I have great admiration for the life and ministry of David Wilkerson. Pastor Charles Simpson has captured it and has been captured by it. The mentorship, spiritual sonship, up-close-and-personal life experiences he had with David Wilkerson are evident in his own life and ministry. Pastor Charles’s heart for the hurting, passion for prayer, and fatherly love are all reflections of walking in the footsteps of David Wilkerson. Charles Simpson serves as the Campus Pastor at Brooklyn Teen Challenge, and I was honored to minister alongside him. Without a doubt, the heart of David Wilkerson lives on at Brooklyn Teen Challenge!

REV. RUSSELL HODGINS
Senior Pastor of Fountain of Life Center
Burlington, New Jersey

I highly recommend Pastor Charles Simpson. He has a strong holiness message, but it is balanced with great love, mercy, and compassion. He is truly a man of prayer and he knows how to hear from God. He has been a vital part of our ministry in New York.

(The Late) DAVID WILKERSON
Teen Challenge, World Challenge, Times Square Church
and the author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*