

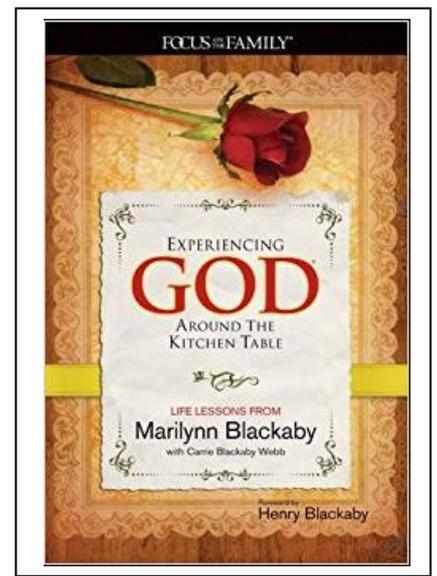
**Title: Experiencing God  
Around The Kitchen Table**

**Life Lessons from ...**

**Author : Marilynn Blackaby with  
Carrie Blackaby Webb**

**Category : Marriage / Family**

*“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.” Titus 2:3-5*



If you are asked to write out key important lessons you can share with others on your life journey with God, what will those topics be that you will write about? Here in just eight chapters, Marilynn Blackaby, wife of Henry Blackaby, has written and somewhat congested her key life lessons for women (and also useful for men), young or aged, new or old, still green or experienced; to come sit around her kitchen table and hear her personal stories of walking with our Almighty and loving God and her experiencing Him in her life.

I am sure you will be encouraged, just as I have, to press on in our obedience and walk with God as we learn precious lessons from a woman who journeyed with God through many challenges as a mother of five children and wife to a husband who was heavily involved in ministry and frequently away from home. The first lesson she wrote on God's purpose for her life, it was challenging to trust God's purpose as a wife and mother while deep within her, she was mission-driven. As she submitted herself to God's plan, in the later years, God led her to be involved in various mission opportunities.

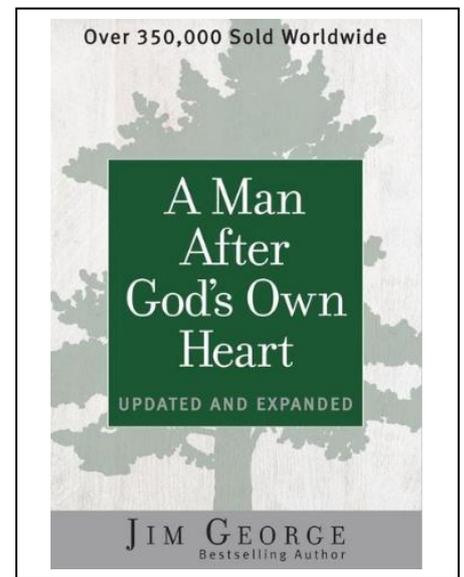
Marilynn also covered lessons on the key to success in life, vocation, marriage life, the necessity of prayer, parenting and finally on salvation. Also included in the book are several one page stories of great women of the Christian faith, namely Madame Jeanne Guyon, Mary & Elizabeth, Mary Slessor, busy Martha, Katherine Von Bora, Emma Revell Moody, Priscilla of Italy, Hannah, Bertha Smith and Susanna Wesley.

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## Title: **A Man After God's Own Heart**

Author : **Jim George**

Category : **Men / Women**



*“And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’”*

Acts 13:22 ESV

With a title like this, it is hard not to pick up the book to see what it is about. So that was what I did. The back of the book says, Become a man who has an impact. God knows what it will take for you to experience the satisfaction that comes from living a life of purpose – His purpose. In this book, you will discover God's perfect design for how you can make a difference in all the key areas of your life: your life example, your work, your church, your marriage, your children. Sounds really good to me. And as I was the first to borrow the book from the church library, I felt an obligation to write a review to recommend it.

The author, of course, starts with the Bible character from whom the title came from, King David. The author finds it puzzling that God described David as a man after His own heart, as David's ways were not always godly. In fact, David committed sins that most of us could not imagine, let alone commit. Yet, over the long haul, David sought to be righteous and his heart's desire was to do God's will. This is the kind of man God is looking for. God does not expect perfection. God looks at the heart. So the author's first chapter asks the question, What is your heart's desire? (By the way, David is the English version of my name, no kidding.)

The author then talks about desiring spiritual growth, how to make it happen and the marks of a man after God's own heart. The rest of the book covers what a heart after God's own heart looks like. It is a heart that loves your wife, your children. A heart that is diligent at work, loves the church and beyond.

A couple of thoughts that I really like are:

1. Paul was content because his contentment was based on trust – a trust in the only One who could provide for him and strengthen him. Paul's contentment was not based on provision. It was based on a person – the Person of Jesus Christ.
2. Correction, discipline and training – all parenting – must be addressed to the heart. The fundamental task of parenting is shepherding the hearts of your children.

The concepts of the book are not based on some profound theology. It is simple to read and understand. It is practical. And there are also discussion questions behind if you so desire to use it as DG bible study material. Certainly worth reading.

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