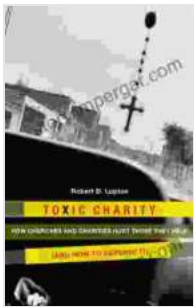


How The Church Hurts Those They Help And How To Reverse It

The church is a place where people should feel safe, loved, and accepted. But for many people, the church has been a source of pain and hurt. In his book, "How The Church Hurts Those They Help And How To Reverse It," author Bradley Wright explores the ways that the church can hurt people and offers solutions for how to reverse this trend.



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The Ways that the Church Can Hurt People

The church can hurt people in many ways, including:

- **By being judgmental and critical.** The church can often be a place where people feel judged and criticized for their beliefs, their actions, and even their appearance. This can lead to people feeling like they are not welcome in the church or that they are not good enough.

- **By being exclusive and cliquish.** The church can also be a place where people feel excluded and like they do not belong. This can be due to the way that the church is structured, the way that people interact with each other, or the way that the church treats certain groups of people.
- **By being manipulative and controlling.** The church can also be a place where people feel manipulated and controlled. This can happen when church leaders use their power to Druck people into ng things that they do not want to do or when they use guilt and shame to keep people in line.
- **By being abusive and neglectful.** The church can also be a place where people are abused and neglected. This can happen when church leaders physically, emotionally, or sexually abuse people or when they fail to provide adequate care for the people in their care.

The Impact of Church Hurt

Church hurt can have a devastating impact on people's lives. It can lead to people feeling isolated, depressed, anxious, and even suicidal. It can also damage people's relationships with their families, their friends, and their God.

How to Reverse the Trend

The good news is that there are things that the church can do to reverse the trend of hurting people. These include:

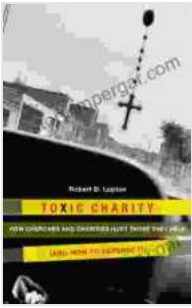
- **Becoming more welcoming and inclusive.** The church needs to become a place where everyone feels welcome, regardless of their beliefs, their actions, or their appearance. This means reaching out to

people who have been hurt by the church in the past and creating a culture of acceptance and belonging.

- **Becoming more loving and compassionate.** The church needs to be a place where people feel loved and accepted for who they are. This means being kind and compassionate to everyone, regardless of their differences.
- **Becoming more authentic and transparent.** The church needs to be a place where people can be real and honest about their struggles. This means being open about the church's own shortcomings and failures and being willing to listen to the concerns of others.
- **Becoming more accountable.** The church needs to be a place where leaders are held accountable for their actions. This means creating systems for accountability and transparency and being willing to address concerns about abuse and neglect.

The church has the potential to be a place of healing and hope for people who have been hurt. But in order to do this, the church needs to change. It needs to become more welcoming, inclusive, loving, compassionate, authentic, transparent, and accountable. By doing these things, the church can help to reverse the trend of hurting people and become a place where everyone can feel safe, loved, and accepted.

If you have been hurt by the church, I encourage you to read Bradley Wright's book, "How The Church Hurts Those They Help And How To Reverse It." This book can help you to understand the ways that the church can hurt people and offer you hope for healing.

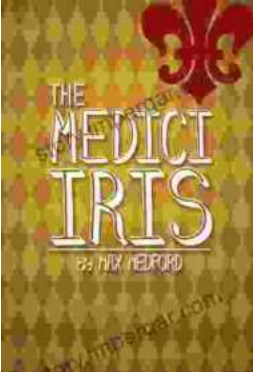


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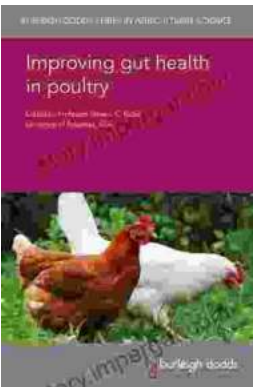
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