

BOOKS WORTH READING

Principles For Successful Living

(NAPSA)—Pursuing the secrets to professional achievement and personal fulfillment can be an adventure—or it can involve reading an adventure.

The timeless principles that every generation must learn anew are told via an entertaining and inspiring tale in *The Legend of the Monk and the Merchant: Principles for Successful Living* (Osprey Books, \$16.99) by Terry Felber.

In this book, young Julio, the main character, learns mysterious secrets and treasures of wisdom from Antonio, his wise grandfather—wisdom that readers can practically apply in their own lives.

Felber relates how the world needs both businessmen (merchants) and full-time ministry people (monks), and that they not only co-exist but depend on each other in a symbiotic way.

He seeks to break misconceptions that business people and clergy may have about their roles in society—and each other.

“Too many merchants are led to feel guilty about pursuing profits,” said Felber, “but business people serve a purpose in the community. For instance, when business people donate 10 percent of their earnings to the church, they help

fulfill the needs of others.”

Similarly, “monks” should have no regrets about serving the community in their spiritual capacities. They too must recognize that when they nourish and support business people, it will come back to them through tithing.

“It’s a wonderful partnership where each empowers the other,” advises Felber, who writes from both the perspective of a successful businessman and a person connected to the ministry.

As a businessman, Felber has developed an international sales organization with over 50,000 people, and sits on the board of a multi-billion-dollar-a-year company. As a person connected to ministry, Felber serves as a trustee and elder at the largest mega-church in Colorado, helping to manage an 11,000-member church. He is also a board member for YWAM Strategic Frontiers and is on the advisory board of World Relief.

A sample of the 12 principles described in the book include the following:

- Financial prosperity is connected to soul prosperity.
- Stick to a budget, live below your means, and never go into debt.
- See challenges as stepping stones, not as obstacles.

It’s important to follow your passion, build an empire and serve God. “In the end we’re here to serve a higher purpose,” says Felber, “and we do that by uniting and valuing each other.

For additional tips and information on the author and this book, go to www.thelegendofthemonkandthemerchant.com.

