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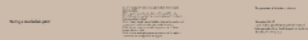
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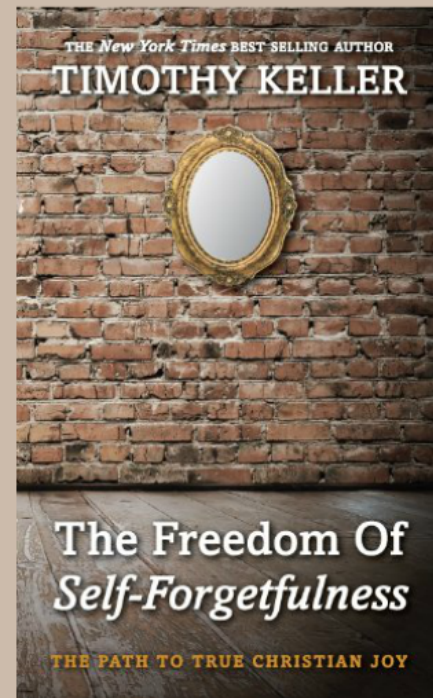
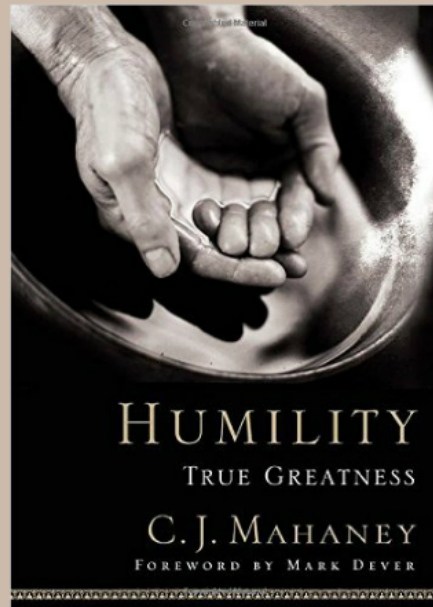


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To be the best, seek the company of the best. Regularly take time.

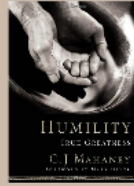
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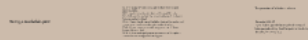
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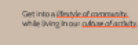


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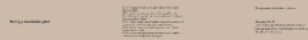
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