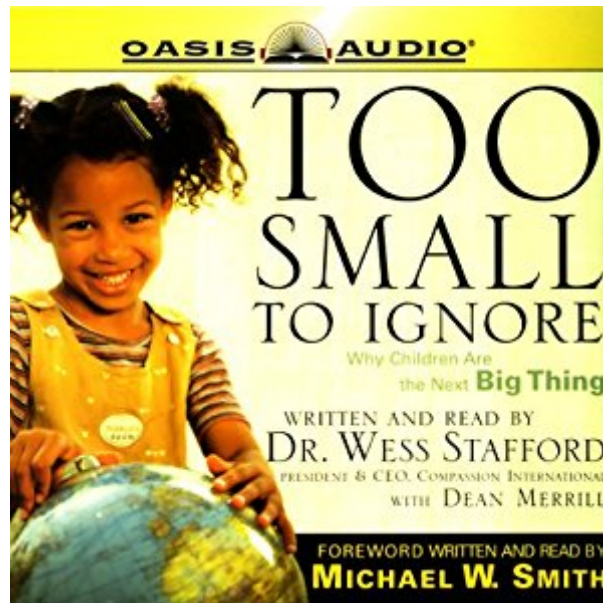




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# Too Small To Ignore: Why Children Are The Next Big Thing



## Synopsis

The time has come, argues Dr. Wess Stafford, for a major paradigm shift: Children are too important and too intensely loved by God to be left behind or left to chance. Children belong to all of us and we are compelled to intervene on their behalf. We must invest in children—across the world. There are strategic, persuasive reasons—beyond love and kindness—to invest in children. Today they may snuggle into your lap, if you let them. But tomorrow you may not have access to them in the corridors of power they might occupy. Now is the time to shape the future. Dr. Stafford issues an urgent call for change. His adventures as a boy raised in a West African village provide an often-humorous and always-captivating backdrop to his profound and inspiring challenges. Wess lived the reality of “it takes a village to raise a child” and calls us to “be that loving village for children everywhere.” This book will encourage you to turn your good, loving intentions into strategic actions and empower you to help change the world—and the future—forever: one child at a time. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Mr. Stafford beautifully shares the adventures of his childhood on the Ivory Coast. His writing is engaging and descriptive. From his personal story and life experience, he gives practical suggestions of how to be a better parent, and how all of us can learn how to love and value children. I was educated in what we really need to understand about poverty, in order to make a difference in it. I loved the chapter where he recounts Bible stories where God used children to accomplish His

purposes and of course that can still be true today. A wonderful book. Easy to read. I have purchased 3 more copies to share with family and friends.

heart wrenching, not only about the children he serves but his abuse at the hands of the boarding school for the missionary children. He rose above this horrific abuse and became an amazing advocate for children.

Dr. Stafford's personal style and stories will challenge you and provide a powerful, emotional experience. If you are expecting stories from Compassion International that are focused on trying to squeeze money from you, don't read this book. If you want an honest, deep look into the motivations and stories behind the motivations of a true man of God, then this is the book for you. But don't read this if you aren't willing to allow God to speak into your heart and rattle your convictions.

This book challenges the way most Americans view children and their role in all areas of society. Through examples taken from the Bible and from lives lived more recently, Dr. Stafford shows that God considers children a vital part of our lives and churches today, and not merely as the 'leaders of tomorrow,' or the 'church of tomorrow.' Stafford grew up as a missionary's kid in a small West African village. That background gave rise to his world view. He urges us to reach a better understanding of how God sees children and offers suggested changes. You will laugh at 14-year-old Stafford's handling of a brash carnival barker. You will cry over stories of abuse. You will wish you had known the people of his village. I know I do. This is an important book. Read, enjoy, share!

Dr Stafford's personal story of growing up in a remote African village is interwoven with humor, great advice and insight into the needs of children and the family's and church's responsibilities to them. All powerfully done. I've passed it on to everyone I know who cares for children. It should be read by every pastor and church leader, especially those who may not appreciate the place children should have in our society and churches. There are 2 chapters of his heartbreaking time in a seriously disfunctional school that is hard to read, but they give great insight into the hearts and hurts of abused children. I highly recommend this book.

If you ask any successful person with integrity, "What got you where you are?" they will give you

names of influential people who guided and coached them. This book is about touching lives when they are malleable. The measure of a society is seen in how it treats its weakest and most vulnerable members. These are always children. This book is about affecting the future by impacting those who are vulnerable and it is solid gold. This is not a theorist, but a man who has been hurt as a "vulnerable member" and decided to make a difference through forgiveness and action rather than revenge. It works! Many books are good- and forgotten. This one will resonate with you for years to come. If you have children, work with children, love children- read this book. It is truly a gift to be received. I've heard Wes speak and he is 100% genuine.

This book is filled with both laughter and tears. I loved the happy stories of the boy in the mission but grieved for the boy at the mission school. But the ending was satisfying, and I am resolved to find ways to minister to my neighborhood children with more compassion.

Loved the theology of loving children. Really appreciated Wess' openness about his great summers and his abused school years.

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