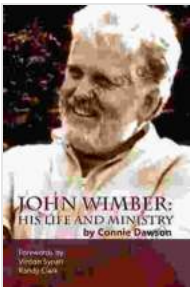


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John Wimber was a visionary leader and a pioneer in the renewal of the Holy Spirit. He is best known for founding the Vineyard movement, a global

network of churches that emphasizes the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.

Wimber was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1934. He grew up in a Christian home, but it was not until he was in his early 20s that he had a life-changing encounter with God. In 1958, he was attending a Billy Graham crusade when he felt the presence of God in a powerful way. That experience led him to commit his life to Jesus Christ.

After his conversion, Wimber began to study the Bible and to seek God for guidance. He was particularly drawn to the teachings of the New Testament about the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Holy Spirit was still active in the world today, and he wanted to experience the power of the Spirit in his own life.

In 1962, Wimber joined a group of Christians who were meeting in a home in Anaheim, California. This group was later to become the Vineyard Christian Fellowship, the first church in the Vineyard movement. Wimber served as the pastor of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship for over 30 years, and during that time he saw the church grow from a small group of believers to a global movement with over 2,000 churches in over 90 countries.

Wimber was a gifted teacher and preacher. He had a unique ability to communicate the truths of the Bible in a clear and engaging way. He was also a powerful evangelist, and he led many people to faith in Jesus Christ. Wimber's ministry was marked by signs and wonders, including healings, deliverance from demons, and other miracles.

In addition to his work as a pastor and evangelist, Wimber also wrote several books, including *Power Healing*, *Signs and Wonders*, and *The Holy Spirit and You*. These books have been translated into over 20 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

John Wimber died in 1997 at the age of 62. He left behind a legacy of faith, hope, and love. He was a true pioneer in the renewal of the Holy Spirit, and his ministry continues to impact lives around the world.

### **John Wimber's Influence on the Vineyard Movement**

John Wimber was the driving force behind the Vineyard movement. He was the one who cast the vision for the movement, and he was the one who led the movement through its early years.

Wimber's influence on the Vineyard movement can be seen in several areas:

- **Emphasis on the Holy Spirit.** Wimber believed that the Holy Spirit was the key to Christian life and ministry. He taught that the Holy Spirit is still active in the world today, and he encouraged his followers to seek the power of the Spirit in their own lives.
- **Signs and wonders.** Wimber believed that signs and wonders were a normal part of Christian life. He encouraged his followers to pray for the sick, to cast out demons, and to experience other miracles.
- **Church growth.** Wimber had a passion for church growth. He believed that the church was called to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He planted churches all over the world, and he encouraged his followers to do the same.

John Wimber was a visionary leader who had a profound impact on the Vineyard movement. His legacy continues to inspire and challenge believers around the world.

## **The Vineyard Movement Today**

The Vineyard movement is a global network of churches that emphasizes the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life. The Vineyard movement is known for its worship music, its commitment to social justice, and its focus on church planting.

There are over 2,000 Vineyard churches in over 90 countries. The Vineyard movement is one of the fastest-growing Christian movements in the world.

The Vineyard movement is not without its critics. Some critics accuse the Vineyard movement of being too charismatic and of emphasizing signs and wonders over sound doctrine. However, the Vineyard movement continues to grow and to impact lives around the world.

John Wimber was a remarkable man who had a profound impact on the Christian church. He was a pioneer in the renewal of the Holy Spirit, and his legacy continues to inspire and challenge believers around the world.

If you are looking for a church that is passionate about the Holy Spirit, that is committed to social justice, and that is focused on church planting, then you may want to consider joining a Vineyard church.

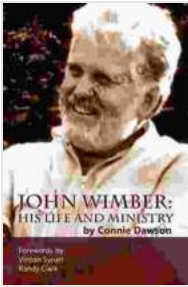
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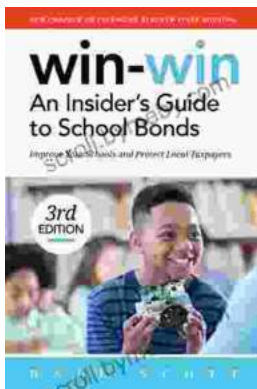


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