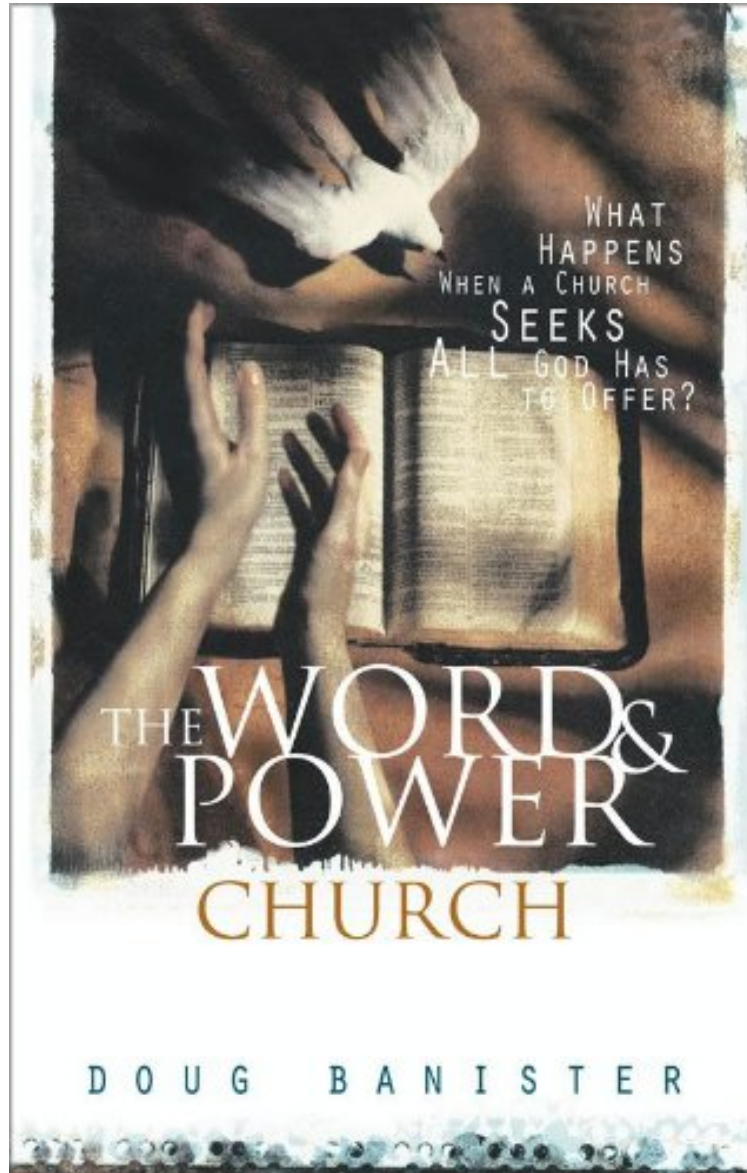


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Von Ein Kunde
This book is easy and quick-paced reading. It focuses on the strengths and weaknesses of both evangelically-based (word) and charismatically-based (power) churches. The thrust of the book is churches which are focused on the extremes of either. What I like about the book is that it does not attempt to change one's view (as flawed as it may be) on the "ideal" church and its worship services and functions, it simply, yet effectively, directs the reader to biblically-based and historically-based alternatives to understanding God and the ways that He works. Be they through verses in the Bible or a more dramatic emotional experience. I do not agree with every single thought neither am I moved by every single story and example. However, that does not make the ideas proposed any less effective. Having said that, I am going to order a dozen of these books and give them out to other open-minded Christians who are ready to be at the forefront of a changing church. God help us all.
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Von Jeff Tikson
Banister has an outstanding ability to bring reason and passion together. This is the blueprint for the church in the next century. So many of us know that we want more, but ignorantly hold to what's comfortable . . . and hauntingly dissatisfying. The Word and Power Church will hopefully become a rallying cry for the body of Christ to embrace the Truth of God's Word and the Power of His Spirit.
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Von Chris Austin
This book shows how one church has blended the strengths of the two great movements - the charismatic and evangelical. The analogy is made that these two rivers can merge into one, and in fact it has been merged at the author's church. It is encouraging to see that the future of the church body as a whole can and should be united. A wonderful read. I enjoyed every chapter!

Kurzbeschreibung
You don't have to head overseas to find a war. In the church, the rhetorical cross-fire between evangelical and "spirit-filled" Christians over the past hundred years has been withering. "No scriptural foundations," is the charge evangelicals have leveled at the charismatics. "No spiritual power," the latter have countered. The boundaries are clear. The positions are taken -- and guarded. Either you're a Word person or a Power person. Today, though, such black-and-white, either-or thinking is giving way to the liberty and promise of a Word and Power church. Pastor Doug Banister shows why we cannot afford to settle for less. It's time to bury our differences -- which are largely artificial -- and discover the incredible potential that arises when evangelicals combine their strengths with Pentecostals and charismatics. Taking a long, careful, and honest look at the Scriptures, at church history, and at the state of the church and the world today, Pastor Banister reveals why Pentecostalism and evangelicalism need each other. Each tradition possesses strengths that are essential to a balanced, life-changing faith. The Word and Power Church shows how these "two mighty rivers" add to, rather than subtract from, each other. At the cusp of a new millennium, they are in fact merging into one river. Word and Power churches may experience turbulence where the waters meet, but they teem with life, hope, faith, and power to reach a desperate world with the Gospel. Filled with personal anecdotes, this fascinating, thought-provoking, and candid book supplies the why-tos and how-tos of a Word-and-Power approach. What you won't find is preferential treatment of one view over another. What you will find are thoughtful biblical insights that will challenge you and inspire you. And you'll discover practical guidance for charting your own course -- whether as an individual or as a church -- toward a faith that embraces the truth of the Word and the power of the Spirit. As a solidly evangelical seminary graduate and pastor, Banister admits to having disdained charismatics. That is, until meticulous study of God's Word convinced him that miraculous gifts of tongues, healing, and prophecy are indeed valid for today. As he details his journey beyond categories, Banister explores the reasons for the age-old rift between the two camps and the ways in which healing is taking place in new Word and Power churches all over America. When evangelicals and charismatics bring together the best from each tradition, he has discovered that the result is a strong, unified body. Word and Power churches affirm the authority of Scripture and encourage the prophetic embrace of those who pray in a spiritual language, pursue obedience to Christ, edify the believer and evangelize the seeker, heal the sick and comfort the suffering. The Word and Power Church will speak to Christians everywhere who want to walk in both the integrity of Scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit.
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Synopsis A careful look at Scripture, church history, and the church today revealing the need for both the Pentecostal and evangelical perspectives. Evangelicals and charismatics have long been at odds. One side champions the Word, the other the Holy Spirit. But are the Word and Spirit really in conflict or does God's ideal include both sound biblical teaching and God's inner leading? Pastor Doug Banister shows that it's time to get rid of either - or thinking and discover the incredible potential that arises when evangelicals combine their strengths with charismatics. This thought-provoking book looks at the why-tos and how-tos of worshiping God in spirit and in truth.