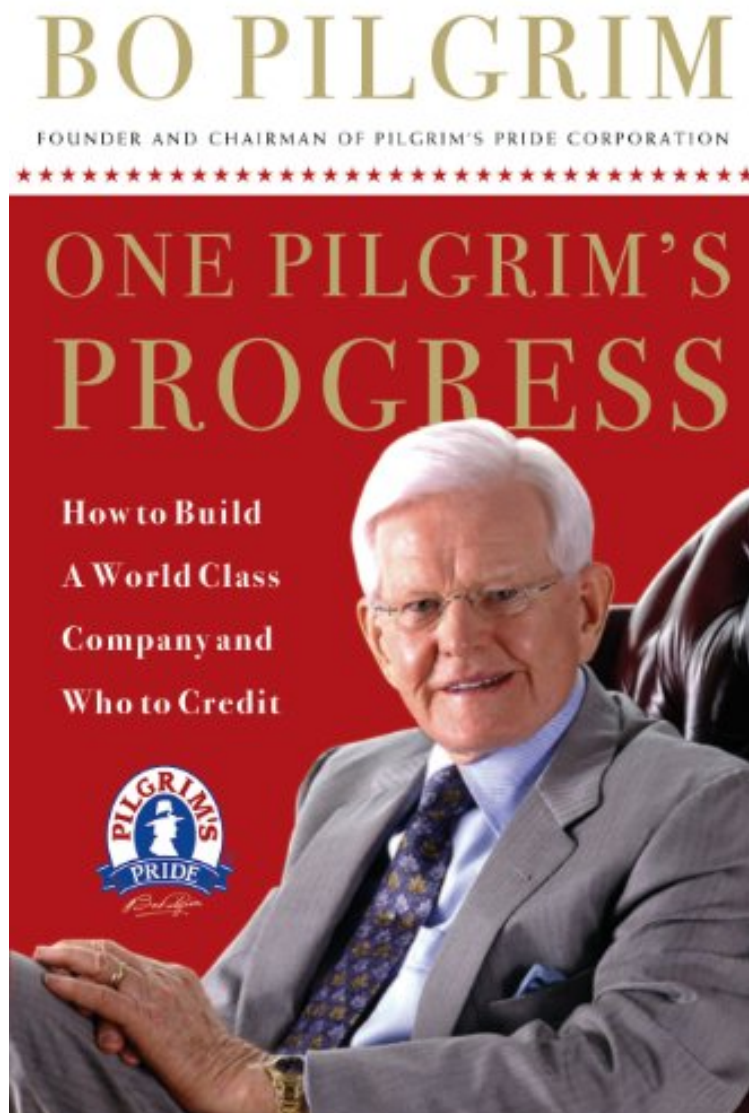


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have read this book from cover to cover. As a HR director for his now defunct company, I was sickened by his need for you the reader to believe he is a Man of God. I've met Men of God and he is not one of them. I lived for years in Mt Pleasant Texas where he had his corporate headquarters. Throughout the town and his nearby town of Pittsburg Texas you will find egotistical statues of him. One is maybe 40 feet tall and utterly ridiculous. I would often apologize to out of town business visitors for these narcissistic displays. I really don't care one way or the other about Bo Pilgrim. It just galls me that he would conduct himself in ways that prove he considers all people to be his chattel and then write a book that glorifies himself. How pathetic. PS. I questioned why we had a buy each and every employee in the company a Bo Pilgrim book back when it came out and exactly where the money went. I questioned this basically because the book was a sham and it was expensive. Especially when multiplied by 30,000 employees. The company was struggling and we were in a massive cost cutting mode. I was told it wasn't my choice and all proceeds went to Bo's personal account. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Actually, I would like to rate this book as negative one star... By Anonymous This guy is self-indulgent, pompous, and at the end of the day, sad. It is clear by this narcissistic book that it wasn't enough for him to build a large company, which he never actually explains how to build, but he needed an outlet to brag to everyone about how rich and grand he is now for having done it. At one point he tells the reader he has finally reached a personal goal of his, which is that he is now, or at that time, worth a billion dollars. At another point he describes all of the statues of himself in the backyard of his house, which is called, "Chateau de Pilgrim", and according to Bo Pilgrim will be a museum when he is gone. Yeah, it goes on and on... Each sentence read and each page turned is Bo Pilgrim talking about how awesome he is. All the while he states this under the guise of christianity and an unwavering devotion to God. The saddest and most ridiculous part is that he names his book, "One Pilgrim's Progress". A play off of the title, "The Pilgrims Progress" written in the 1600's and considered one of the most important writings of religious english literature. This is simply another nod to how awesome he truly believes that he is. Now with everything that I have stated here I would like to go ahead and throw it out there that if a "One Pilgrim's Progress: New Testament" comes out I am definitely going to buy it because I want to hear his saintly version on his company going bankrupt, being taken away from him, and being kicked off the board of the new, and might I add thriving company, Pilgrim's. This book definitely ranks as one of the worst books that I have ever read.

Bo Pilgrim had no college education, but he did have a big dose of Texas courage and a heavenly calling that led him to start his own business after World War II. Reggie Wallace, who worked with Pilgrim for fifty years, describes it this way: "All we had in the beginning was a two-wheel buggy, a shovel, some burlap sacks, and Bo's big ideas." Today, Pilgrim's Pride is a multi-billion-dollar enterprise that employs more than 40,000 people and processes 30 million chickens a week. In One Pilgrim's Progress, Pilgrim shares the essential values he learned as a boy that are the foundation of his business success.

About the Author Bo Pilgrim has kept his priorities in simple perspective while making a small farm supply store into a multi-billion-dollar company. He has also received many accolades including: 2001 Wal-Mart Supplier of the Year (perishables division), and a 2004 "Most Admired Companies in America" by Fortune Magazine. Pilgrim and his wife, Patty, have been married forty-eight years and have two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.