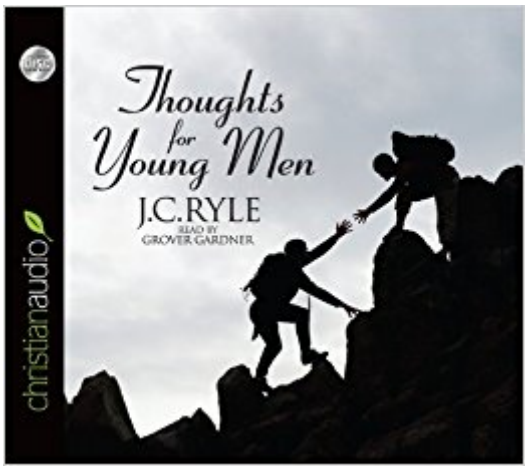
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# Thoughts For Young Men




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## Synopsis

Thoughts for Young Men, by J. C. Ryle, is a short yet passionate appeal that, a hundred years after it was written, remains relevant for today. Replete with warnings, exhortations, and instruction about this life's many trials, temptations, and common pitfalls, Thoughts for Young Men is biblical, practical, timeless, and wise. Ryle covers four great temptations that plague most young men: sloth, lust, love of pleasure, and peer pressure. One of the last great Puritans, Ryle tackles each subject with unsurpassed tenderness and tact. Readers will chuckle at some of the exhortations to stay away from books and newspapers that lead to sin. If only Ryle could see us now, with cable TV and the Internet. Ryle's advice will help any young man to live a more obedient, full life. Thoughts for Young Men is an excellent book for adolescent and teen boys to read. It encourages them to choose the high path of integrity rather than to yield to the many temptations to stray from that path. J. C. Ryle's style is one of a passionate appeal based on solid logic and the truth of the Scriptures.

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'[Ryle's writings are] a distillation of true Puritan theology presented in a highly readable and modern form.' --D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones'I see [Ryle] as a single-minded Christian communicator of profound biblical, theological, and practical wisdom, a man and minister of giant personal stature and electric force of utterance that sympathetic readers still feel.' --J.I. Packer'His exhortations are timeless and just as relevant to today s young man as they were when he penned them over 100 years ago. This is the first book I recommend to pastors, youth leaders, and parents, who are looking for a resource that will assist them in training young men to be bold, stalwart followers of Christ, who will impact the

world.’ --Grant Castleberry --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

There are four great temptations that plague most young men: sloth, lust, love of pleasure, and peer pressure. J.C. Ryle -- the last of the great Puritans -- tackles each of these subjects with a tenderness and tact which is unsurpassed. First written toward the end of the nineteenth century, it remains to this day the most relevant and helpful book on the subject in print. I was first introduced to Ryle about fifteen years ago, and he remains my favorite teacher on personal holiness. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Short. Convicting. Easy to read. Relevant.There is a lot packed into this little booklet by J.C. Ryle, and though most of it is geared towards the wandering young man--men of all walks of life will find it beneficial. I found great wisdom in the final chapter regarding something that is not spoke much of today: idleness. "He that would be safe from the acts of evil, must widely avoid the occasions." How often do we young men fall into all kinds of sin simply because in our doing nothing we give opportunity to the Devil.Ryle then goes to show how worldly entertainment is often objectionable because it "sows seeds of an earthly frame of mind." This is not legalism. This is wisdom. I fear that much of my generation has let its guard down primarily through idleness and entertainment (It is not THAT bad, right?)--and we wonder why temptation is so strong?! We must heed the warning: "Do not always be trying to see how near you can allow the enemy of souls to come, and yet escape him."There are a bunch more tidbits in this booklet (you can read it all in one sitting). Ryle has a great closing section on the importance of prayer. "It is the only strength of this (prayer) that you will get onward towards the mountain of God." People rarely talk like this anymore. In Ryle’s book we see desperation and a real faith based pursuit of holiness. May we young men take heed!

Every single child, boy, and man should read this book. Although it says "young men" I truly believe that this book is beneficial for every age. It is a short book but it is a very dense read. I recommend reading this book with pens, highlighters, and a notebook nearby. This is the type of book that has the potential to change this generation. If young men took this book and ran with it, our world would look like a different place.

This book is a must have for every young man, and even older men as well. This book gives awesome wisdom and insights as to how sin can affect the life of a man. I love it when he simply stated "....youth sows what old age must reap...". This quote has embedded itself in my soul, and

makes me think twice before I speak and act. Life and death is surely in the power of the tounge!

Being used at our Classical school as a guideline for discussions with 7th grade boys & their Dad’s. Headmaster of our school initiated the lunch and discuss with this gem. A little heavy but provokes great discussions about how men should honor, respect and treat women from a biblical worldview along with appropriate behavior for men as well. Short but worth a read!

Young or old you will find much sage advice in this short book. I wish I would have read this when I was a young man. Much wisdom is contained in this small book.

The book contains 4 chapters that are likely transcriptions of 4 related sermons or messages on the importance of younger men adopting and living a God-honoring lifestyle sooner rather than later. Each message challenges men of college age to late-twenties to abandon "sowing their wild oats" for a life of purity and Christian discipline. The prose is stark and unflinching in both its honesty and its earnestness -- the writer/speaker, apparently of middle-age at the time these messages were first delivered, minces no words when speaking of the painful regrets most men carry throughout their lives on account of unwise decisions and sinful actions taken back when they were "too young to know better."These messages pull no punches and the unflinching condemnation of Sin -- yes, some preachers still use that word in its original Biblical context -- will no doubt disturb those readers not accustomed to straight talk about the teachings of Jesus on choosing a life of purity and full obedience to God. Our discussion of this book over 4 or 5 weekly studies engendered some serious but lively discussions on the differences between what the World calls a "good" life and the behaviors that our society tolerates today, in contrast to what the Word of God commands for Followers of the Way. There are many challenging statements in these chapters, some of which may sound "Puritanical" or "judgmental" at first, but are quickly revealed to come directly from Scripture.If your church is not accustomed to hearing the Gospel proclaimed boldly, without apology, this will be a tough slog for many of you; but if you’re willing to be challenged, and to face your own shortcomings honestly, without guilt, these teachings will prove very valuable to you and the younger men in your life. Some sections will seem repetitive at first; that’s how the writer emphasizes his key points. But if you picture the words actually being preached to a large gathering it soon becomes obvious that Brother Ryle is entreating his audience, especially its younger members, to treat these admonitions seriously, and to act on them without further delay.For this speaker, "sooner" means NOW. Highly recommended.

What a great book and encouragement as a believer and as a father. I already ordered copies for my boys and will most likely have my girls read it also since there is so much in just living for Jesus.

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