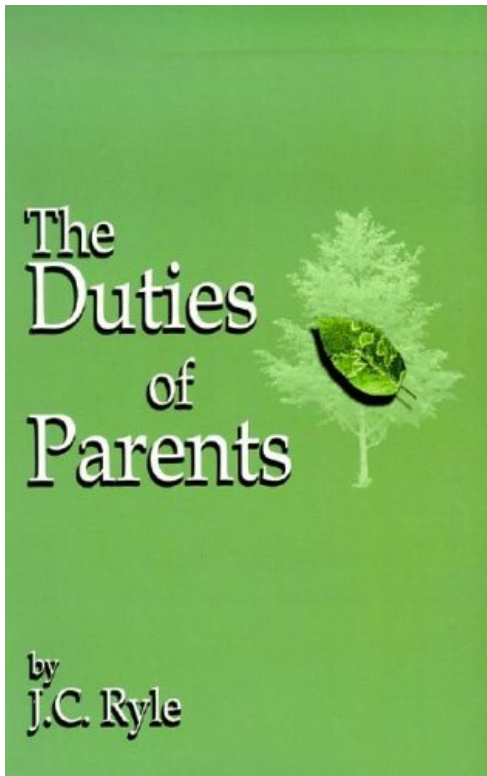


book of the month *The Duties of Parents* and *Thoughts for Young Men* – J. C. Ryle

J. C. Ryle (1816 - 1900), the first Bishop of Liverpool, was a preacher who taught the importance of clinging to sound doctrine in both profession and practice. Those who read Ryle can recognize his rare ability to write in a timeless fashion. Everything that I have read by Ryle seems as if it could have been written yesterday, possessing incredible relevance to the issues of our day.



The Duties of Parents

by
J.C. Ryle

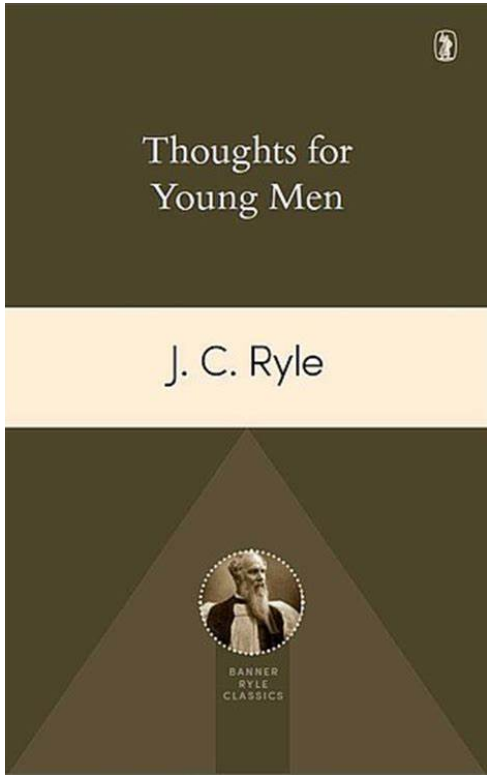
The Duties of Parents summarizes every Christian parent's obligations before God to his or her children. It is an excellent, brief treatment on the basics of parenting. In 34 pages, Ryle covers seventeen duties that all Christian parents must practice. Each section will clarify, convict, encourage, and impress upon parents the significance of the opportunity that we have in training our children.

One word of caution to readers: Ryle seems to regard Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it" (ESV) as a promise to parents. Although he admits that parents should not think that they can save a child, he calls this general principle of life "the Lord's promise" (1).

Thoughts for Young Men calls men to godliness before their older years. David taught Solomon to seriously pursue wisdom at a very young age (Prov. 4:3-9) and in the same spirit, Ryle admonishes, urges, and compels young men to get serious about pursuing God now. Ryle communicates with the persuasive wisdom of a seasoned saint and with all the urgency that an eternal perspective requires in this short work.

Both of these books will benefit husbands and wives as well as those desiring marriage, young men and women pursuing maturity in the faith, and parents. I pray that these resources are a blessing to you as you interact with them.

— Omri Miles, **Deacon of the booktable**



Thoughts for Young Men

J. C. Ryle

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

(less than 3 page per day)

Weeks 1 and 2: December 30th – January 15th

The Duties of Parents. Read one of the seventeen principles each day. On day 1, read the Introduction + principle #1. On day seventeen, read principle #17 + the conclusion.

Week 3: January 16th - 22nd

Thoughts for Young Men. Foreword; Introduction; Part 1

Week 4: January 23rd - 29th

Part 2; Part 3

Week 5: January 30th - February 2nd

Part 4; Conclusion