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### Life changing books - your recommendations - posted by Denny (), on: 2004/10/31 20:26

Hi all,

I am going to be purchasing some books for my son (age 15) in a few days. I am looking for powerful, life changing books.

Let me hear from you all.

If you have any suggestions for me, let me hear them.

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Any suggestions??

### Re: Life changing books - your recommendations - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/31 20:40

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Yes there are so many solid older works that I believe we have to read before even looking at the poor confusing selection of materials available that are written in your age. I have a lot of great recommendations for your son:

**Power Through Prayer** by E.M. Bounds - *(this changed the life of Leonard Ravenhill when he was a teenager, in his words I didn't go through this book, this book went through me)*.

**Normal Christianity** by Watchman Nee - *This book really has shaped my christian life early on and its written in a very simple language for the common lay person.*

**The Pursuit of God** by A.W. Tozer - *This book is a bit harder to grasp but its small size and chapter lengths make it something someone can meditate and digest on/*

**The memoirs of Murrey McHeyne** by Andrew Bonar - *This book has sculpted and changed a lot of my christian life, its a recounting of the life of Robert Murray McHeyne from his diaries.*

Also I would recommend getting him a lot of short biography books that are small and digestible on the lives of: George Mueller, D.L. Moody, John Wesley, George Whitefield, George Fox, (there's a book by Oswald J. Smith called "Men of God" I believe and its on the lives of 3 men... one is John Fletcher, that's a great book to get also.

I hope that helps :smart:

### Re: Life changing books - your recommendations - posted by Psalm12 (), on: 2004/10/31 20:43

One of the most influential books I have read, outside of the Word itself, is "In the Pursuit of God" by A.W. Tozer. You can actually read the entire book online at <http://www.sendrevival.com/pioneers/awtozer/>. The Lord has used this book to help "rend the veil of my self-life from the top down." It is comprised of 10 very short chapters, and I have read it over and over so that the truth spoken therein might soak deeply into the soil of my heart.

Also, if your son is interested at all in sci fi/adventure, I would strongly recommend the Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis (Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, and That Hideous Strength).

**Re: Pursuit - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/10/31 22:55**

Thanks Psalm12 I concur wholeheartedly. I don't think I shut up for months after first reading through it. Also "The Knowledge of the Holy" by A.W. Tozer would be recommended.

The CD-Rom contains just about all of his writings as another consideration:

([http://www.christianpublications.com/F0E0EBDDF4CA4041BF337D23FA955799.asp?p\\_key1560B2BE936D4F23A9F4A992AEBCE7F&typeauto\\_single&pathHome+%3E+Software&spathHome+%3E+Software&cat\\_id82A465CA33604AE498A9D1B782137911&pc\\_keyBEFF9F0ED33B401FA784A1813FA9B773&sc\\_idFEF5AD0BD423465599518EA9988A6E05&pcs\\_key](http://www.christianpublications.com/F0E0EBDDF4CA4041BF337D23FA955799.asp?p_key1560B2BE936D4F23A9F4A992AEBCE7F&typeauto_single&pathHome+%3E+Software&spathHome+%3E+Software&cat_id82A465CA33604AE498A9D1B782137911&pc_keyBEFF9F0ED33B401FA784A1813FA9B773&sc_idFEF5AD0BD423465599518EA9988A6E05&pcs_key)) [www.christianpublications.com](http://www.christianpublications.com)

**Re: Life changing books - your recommendations - posted by dohzman (), on: 2004/10/31 23:05**

PILGRIMS PROGRESS BY JOHN BUNYUN Thats the book that'll keep his attention and by the time he's finished reading it, it will have laid a foundation of understanding for any other christian book you might give him. It contains the imagination a teenager needs and it'll compete for his attention just like anything on tv or the ps2 ,if you involve you're self with it in conversations with him or her. Just speaking from a fathers heart who has 4 children. Thats the first book all of them have recieved (beside the bible) .

**Re: - posted by rocklife (), on: 2004/11/1 0:17**

"Out of the Comfort Zone" by Ray Comfort is excellent nonfiction from an evangelist heart on fire for God. You can get it at a good price from the online store at [www.livingwaters.com](http://www.livingwaters.com). The author tells of real life experiences, all with a christian heart, and throws in humor that will entertain all teens. Both my teen siblings love Ray Comfort, he is on-fire for God and funny. The book challenges all Christians to practically and applicably reach out to the lost with the Gospel and teaches how to do it, at the same time sharing his experiences.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/1 8:55**

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Amen, the pilgrims progress is a book of spiritual quality that will be well worth the read. Spurgeon read it yearly I believe.

You might want to get him a daily devotional reading book such as the classic: Utmost for his highest by Oswald Chambers, getting the entire works of chambers also is a great item to obtain.

Andrew Murray books are usually written in a 30 day devotional format and are of high spiritual content and quality. Some good titles would be: "Abide in Christ", "with Christ in the School of Prayer".

**Re: Life changing books - your recommendations - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2004/11/1 11:29**

Hungry For More Of Jesus; David Wilkerson

No Compromise, The Life Story of Keith Green; Melody Green

**Re: - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/11/1 14:05**

For a 15 year old, it would depend I suppose. But I still like "Run Nicky Run" a book that Brother David Wilkerson wrote some 40+ years ago. It shows that God has the power to change a life that is submitted to Him.

I also like the "Jesus Person Promise Book" and I've used that book for many years. I also remember reading Cory Ten Bloom's Hiding Place and it was such a joy to hear her speak on SI.

As much as I like the books, the primary focus has to be on the Word but you already know that. I was convicted that I was spending too much time on obtaining knowledge and too little time getting to know Jesus, which primarily through prayer and a study of the Word.

**Re: Life changing books - your recommendations - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/11/1 14:09**

A true life changer:  
The School of Christ  
Theodore Austin-Sparks

It's for free on this site in the Sparks forum.  
L.W.

**Re: Life changing books - your recommendations - posted by Yodi (), on: 2004/11/1 14:24**

I don't know if this is what you're looking for, but I know at age 15 I was reading **"I Kissed Dating Goodbye"** by Joshua Harris which led me to reading a whole series of books on the topic of purity like:

**"Boy Meets Girl"** by Joshua Harris  
**"Passion & Purity"** by Elisabeth Elliot  
**"Not Even A Hint"** by Joshua Harris  
**"Wait For Me"** by Rebecca St. James  
**"When God Writes Your Love Story"** by Eric & Leslie Ludy  
**"When Dreams Come True"** by Eric & Leslie Ludy

I am starting to venture out and read books on other topics other than godly purity. It's just my passion and my heart's desire that the young generation wouldn't give in to sexual impurity and corruption. So many young people fall in this area and it doesn't have to be that way.

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

- Romans 12:1-2

**The way, the truth, the light, the bread, the water, the resurrection, the Christ - posted by Jimm (), on: 2004/11/1 15:25**

Hello there

Â"Christ-The sum of all Spiritual thingsÂ" by Watchman Nee

This book is about 92 pages long and it is a small book but it is the most potent message of the gospel I have ever encountered! If you read nothing else in the whole world about Christianity, read this. It is entirely centered on Christ as a person and you as a vessel for the personÂ...

**Re: The way, the truth, the light, the bread, the water, the resurrection, the Christ - posted by Forevidence (), on: 2004/11/1 17:59**

There have been many books that have changed my life, these are only some of them:

1. The Bible by the Holy Spirit
2. Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
3. The Pursuit of God by AW Tozer
4. Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill
5. George Mueller's biography- Life of Prayer and Faith
6. How to Win Souls and Influence People by Ray Comfort
7. Holiest of All (commentary on Hebrews) by Andrew Murray
8. Let Go by Fenelon
9. Mere Christianity by CS Lewis
10. Revivals of Religion by Charles Finney
11. Foxe's book of Martyrs by John Foxe
12. Biography of John Hyde

**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2004/11/1 17:59**

True ----I forgot devotionals---- There are many excellent ones and as Sermonindex listed -- thoughts are the practice ones that have stood the test of time. His advice is sound in that. God Bless.

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Heartly agree!

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[viewmode=flat&order0&topic\\_id=2843&forum=31&post\\_id&refreshGo](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmode=flat&order0&topic_id=2843&forum=31&post_id&refreshGo)) THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST

Alternately:

([http://www.austin-sparks.net/english/books/the\\_school\\_of\\_christ.html](http://www.austin-sparks.net/english/books/the_school_of_christ.html)) The School of Christ

**Re: - posted by Koinonia2 (), on: 2004/11/3 19:59**

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