**Basic Recommendations of books for the youths and young adults who are equipping for future ministry work**

Readability and Difficulty \* easy \*\* not easy \*\*\* difficult \*\*\*\* very difficult \*\*\*\*\* highly difficult

**Study Bible**

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| \* |  | ESV Reformation Study Bible  |  |

**Old Testament and New Testament**

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| \* | Alec Motyer  | The Story of the Old Testament  |  |
| \*\* | Bill T Arnold and Bryan E Beyer  | Encountering the Old Testament A christian survey  |  |
| \* | John Stott  | Understanding the Bible  |  |
| \* | V Gilbert Beers  | Journey through the Bible  |  |
| \* | John Stott  | The story of New Testament  |  |

**Basic Theology**

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| \* | Sproul, R. C. | essential truths  |  |
| \* | J I Packer  | Concise theology  |  |
| \* | Sproul, R. C. | Chosen by God |  |
| \*\*\* | Sproul, R. C. | Scripture Alone  |  |
| \*\*\* | Sproul, R. C. | Truths We Confess |  |
| \*\*\* | Berkhof, Louis  | Summary of Christian Doctrine |  |
| \*\*\*\* | Harvie M Conn | Contemporary world theology A layman’s guide |  |
| \*\*\*\*\* | John M Frame  | The Doctrine of the knowledge of God  |  |

**Church History**

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| \* | B K Kuiper  | The Church in history  |  |
| \*\*\* | F F Bruce  | The Origins of the Bible  |  |
| \*\*\*\* | F F Bruce  | The canon of scripture *(book about the formation of the bible)* |  |

**Christian Living**

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| \* | Jack D. Kinneer | how to grow in Christ |  |
| \*\* | J I Packer  | God's Will: Finding Guidance for Everyday Decisions |  |
| \*\*\* | D. A. Carson, Matthew McAuliffe, et al. | Praying with Paul, Second Edition: A Call to Spiritual Reformation |  |

**Systematic Theology**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \*\*\*\* | Herman Bavinck | Reformed Dogmatics Abridged in One Volume |  |
| \*\*\*\*\* | Louis Berkhof  | Systematic Theology  |  |
| \*\*\*\* | John M Frame  | Systematic Theology : An Introduction to Christian Belief |  |
| \*\*\*\* | Wayne Grudem  | Systematic Theology  |  |

**Biblical Theology**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \* | Edmund P Clowney  | The unfolding mystery  |  |
| \*\* | Vaughan Roberts  | God's Big Picture |  |
| \*\*\* | O Palmer Robertson  | The Christ of the covenants  |  |

**Exegesis (Interpretation)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \* | R C Sproul  | Knowing scriptures |  |
| \*\*\* | Vern Poythress  | God centered Biblical interpretation  |  |
| \*\*\* | Dan G. McCartney and Charles Clayton | Let the Reader Understand: A Guide to Interpreting and Applying the Bible |  |
| \*\*\*\* | G K Beale | The Right Doctrine from the Wrong Texts?: Essays on the Use of the Old Testament in the New |  |
| \*\*\*\*\* | G K Beale  | Handbook on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament: Exegesis and Interpretation |  |

**Apologetics**

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| \* | C S Lewis  | Mere Christianity  |  |
| \* | Richard L. Pratt Jr. | Everythoughts Captive  |  |
| \*\*\* | John M Frame  | Apologetics to the Glory of God  |  |
| \*\*\*\* | John M Frame | Apologetics: A Justification of Christian Belief |  |
| \*\*\*\* | John M Frame | Cornelius Van Til: An Analysis of His Thought |  |
| \*\*\*\*\* | Greg L. Bahnsen | Van Til's Apologetic |  |

**Ethics**

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| \*\* | John Jefferson Davis | Evangelical Ethics: Issues Facing the Church Today, Fourth Edition |  |
| \*\*\* | Norman L. Geisler | Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues and Options |  |
| \*\*\*\* | John M Frame  | The doctrine of Christian Living  |  |

**Counselling**

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| \* | Jay E Adams  | Ready to Restore  |  |
| \* | John G Kruis  | Quick Scripture Refrence for counselling  |  |
| \*\* | Paul David Tripp  | Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change |  |
| \*\* | Timothy S. Lane | How People Change Study Guide: How Christ Changes Us by His Grace |  |
| \*\* | David Powlison  | Speaking Truth In Love |  |
| \*\* | David Powlison  | Marriage (Repackage): 6 Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make |  |
| \*\* | David Powlison  | Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family |  |
| \*\*\* | John Owen  | Indwellling sin in Believers  |  |

**Ministry**

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| \* | Kent and Barbara Hughes  | Liberting Ministry from the Success Syndrome  |  |
| \* | Charles Spurgeon  | Lectures to My Students  |  |
| \* | Lawrence R Eyres  | The Elders of the Church  |  |
| \* | Timothy Keller  | Ministries of Mercy  |  |
| \*\* | Alexander Strauch  | Biblical Eldership  |  |

**Holy Spirit**

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| \*\* | Sinclar B Ferguson  | The Holy Spirit  |  |
| \*\* | J I Packer  | Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fullness in Our Walk with God |  |

**Commentaries**

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| \* |  | The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (TSK) is a Bible Concordance |  |
| \* | NT series | Let's Study Series |  |
| \* | OT series | Let's Study Series |  |
| \* | NT series | Preaching the Word |  |
| \* | OT series | Preaching the Word |  |
| \*\* | (NT and OT series) | tyndale commentaries  |  |
| \*\*\* | NT series | (The Pillar New Testament Commentary (PNTC)) |  |
| \*\*\* | (NT and OT series) | The New American Commentary |  |
| \*\*\* | NT series | NICNT: NEW INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY ON THE NEW TESTAMENT |  |
| \*\*\* | OT series | NICOT: New International Commentary on the Old Testament |  |

**Book of Revelation**

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| \*\* | Vern Poythress  | Book of Revelation: The Returning King  |  |
| \*\*\*\* | G K Beale  | Revelation A shorter Commentary  |  |

**Classics**

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| \*\*\*\* | John Calvin  | Institutes of the Christian Religion |  |
| \*\*\*\* | John Calvin  | Concerning the Eternal Predestination of God Paperback |  |

**Dictionary**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \*\*\*\* | Goldsworthy, Kingdom of God. T. D. Alexander & B. S. Rosner | New dictionary of biblical theology (electronic ed., p. 620). InterVarsity Press. |  |
| \*\* |  | The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia |  |
| \*\* | Oswalt, J. N. | In Evangelical dictionary of biblical theology |  |
| \*\*\*\*\* | Köstenberger, A. J. | In Commentary on the New Testament use of the Old Testament |  |
| \*\*\*\*\* | D. N. Freedman | The Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary |  |

**Worship**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \*\* | John M Frame  | Worship in Spirit and Truth  |  |
| \*\*\*\* | D A Carson  | Worship by the Book  |  |

**Philosophy**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \*\*\*\* | R C Sproul  | The Consequences of Ideas: Understanding the Concepts that Shaped Our World |  |
| \*\*\*\* | John M Frame  | A History of Western Philosophy and Theology |  |
| \*\*\*\* | Vern Poythress | Redeeming Philosophy: A God-Centered Approach to the Big Question |  |

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