**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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