

Answer Key for Students

Thoughts for Young Men – Course TYM

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Note: 1) Answers are provided only for response questions, which are more fact-based drawn directly from the reading material and the Scriptures. “Making It Personal” questions require personal ideas and do not have pre-defined answers. 2) When the questions ask for the key point of Scriptures, it is to be in your own words. [Sometimes in this answer key we do actually quote the book or the Scripture, as a clear reference.]

Lesson 1 Reasons for Exhorting Young Men

1.
 - a. Ministers: Do not attend services, hard to manage, seem most hopeless.
 - b. Parents: Give pain and trouble, need watchfulness, disappoint, keep in bounds.
 - c. Judges and police: Riotous, drinking, fighting, stealing.
 - d. Upper classes: Wasting time and resources, selfish pursuit of pleasure, no job, wasted years, irresponsible, wrong connections, gambling, getting into debt
 - e. Personal answer
2. The devil wants to convince us to waste today, to wait for a more convenient time.
3. To realize that time is short, that tomorrow may never come,
4.
 - a. Personal answer
 - b. Personal answer
5. Because 1) when one gives his best to the world, he later has only left over scraps to give,
2) God may withhold granting repentance when it has been offered before in vain.
6.
 - a. Habits become strong and may not be able to be overcome.
 - b. Personal answer
7. He presents his choicest temptations in just the best way to get arouse your desires. He will prevent you from seeing anything in its true colors. He will make you dislike true religion. He will exalt pleasure and make following Christ seem bad. He will promise everything (and not deliver). He will convince you a form of religion without its power is enough.
8.
 - a. mighty: He has successfully hurt many men and women strong in the Bible.
 - b. restless: He never sleeps; he is always seeking whom to devour!
 - c. cunning: He knows the heart of man inside and out, and has just the most effective temptations to lead us into sin.
9.
 - a. Personal answer (Please request course “Spiritual Warfare” if you have not yet taken it.)
 - b. Personal answer
10.
 - a. Personal answer
 - b. Personal answer

Lesson 2 Dangers to Young Men

1. In the heart of a young man!
2.
 - a. Personal answer
 - b. Personal answer
3.
 - a. Your own abilities, strength, knowledge, appearance, cleverness.
 - b. Not knowing yourself or the world!
 - c. He means that when we are young, we have less experience and know less. As we get older, we realize how much we do not know. But in youth, we think we know it all!
4.
 - a. Rom 12:3 thing wisely and soberly, not think you are bigger than you are
 - b. 1Co 8:2 we know very little while on this earth, and can always learn something!
 - c. Col 3:12 we need to be desiring God, not earthly pleasures
 - d. 1Pe 5:5 be humble, treat others as better than yourself, with respect

5. He washed the disciples feet; when rich He became poor; He took the form of a servant; [and He gave Himself for us at Calvary].
6. He thought of himself as a little child; his brothers thought they were important, deserving honor and recognition.
7. He waited until all the older ones had spoken first.
8. Personal answer
9. 1) All things that give a feeling of excitement for the time, 2) all things that drown reason and keep the mind in a constant whirl, 3) all things that please the senses and satisfy the flesh.
10. They destroy the soul's peace, break down its strength, lead it into hard captivity, and make it a slave.
11. It is all corrupt and disordered, needs constant watching, and is a burden to the soul.
12. Authorization means ensuring a biblical basis for permitting participation in the activity; then we must carefully measure our participation so that we do not exceed a moderate self-controlled portion.
13. 1) Flee the occasions of fornication, 2) flee talking of it, 3) flee the thoughts of it.
14. You know little of the dangers around you, and so you are heedless how you walk. You hate the trouble of sober, quiet thinking, and so you form wrong decisions and run your heads into sorrow!
15. Because 1) Satan is seeking to deceive us at every turn, 2) we will be in a hurry and miss cautions we should have taken.
16. No. young men especially are called to get wisdom. It is the fool who seeks fun and entertainment all the time!
17. 1) Church services, 2) using Bibles and Prayer Books, 3) singing, 4) listening to preaching, 5) prayer-meetings and all such week-day helps to the soul.
18. He counts true religion as unnecessary, when it is vital to him now and for eternity.
19. a. 1) [It] has been proved true from beginning to end, by every kind of evidence...2) It has defied the attacks of all enemies. 3) It has been tried in every way and...shown to be the very handiwork of God Himself. 4) the things needful to salvation are as clear as daylight. 5) ...God has never failed to fulfill His Word.
b. Because it condemns their own behavior; they understand that it witnesses against their own sins and summons them to judgment. They try to believe it is false and useless because they do not like to allow that it is true.
20. a. Your laughter to be turned to sorrow and your mockery to be turned into heaviness.
b. Personal answer
21. Going along with the crowd, focus on fitting in, always following others, worrying about what others will think of you—it is a slavery!
22. Focus on duty instead. And say “No!”
23. It is short-lived, there is very little real harm that can be done by rejecting it, no one thinks better of you for it.
24. Personal answer

Lesson 3 General Counsels to Young Men

1. Personal answer
2. We were “very good” at creation, now we are: 1) a fallen creature, a ruin, a being that shows the marks of corruption all over; 2) with a heart like Nebuchadnezzar, degraded and earthly, looking down and not up; 3) affections like a household in disorder, calling no man master, all extremes and confusion; 4) understanding like a lamp flickering in the socket, powerless to guide him, not knowing good from evil; 5) a will like a rudderless ship, tossed to and fro by every desire, and constant only in choosing any way rather than God's.
3. God's own Son, Jesus Christ, had to leave glory with the Father, come to earth as a man, be rejected, suffer, be crucified, and bear the weight of all His people's sin on His own person, as well as the wrath of God!
4. It cast Adam and Eve out of Eden, brought the flood upon the old world, caused fire to come down on Sodom and Gomorrah, drowned Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, destroyed the seven wicked nations of Canaan, scattered the twelve tribes of Israel over the face of the globe.
5. a. Personal answer
b. Personal answer
6. Knowing Christ's mercy, grace, and power by experience.
7. Because in Christ alone “all fulness dwells” (Col 1:19), because in Him alone there is full supply of all that we require for the necessities of our souls. Of ourselves we are all poor, empty creatures, empty of righteousness and peace, empty of strength and comfort, empty of courage and patience, empty of power to stand, or go on, or make progress in this evil world. It is in Christ alone that all these things are to be found: grace, peace, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1Co 1:30). It is just in proportion as we live upon Him that we are strong Christians.
8. 1) Wanting to consult friends? He is the best friend: “a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Pro 18:24). 2) Feeling un-

worthy because of your sins? Fear not: His blood cleanseth from all sin. He says, “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isa 1:18). 3) Feeling weak, and unable to follow Him? Fear not: he will give you power to become sons of God. He will give you the Holy Ghost to dwell in you, and seal you for His own; a new heart will He give you, and a new spirit will He put within you. 4) Being troubled or beset with peculiar infirmities? Fear not: there is no evil spirit that Jesus cannot cast out; there is no disease of soul that He cannot heal. 5) Feeling doubts and fears? Cast them aside: “Come unto Me,” He says; “him that cometh I will in no wise cast out.”

9. Everything else will pass away, but every human soul is eternal!
10. To train for eternity; the body is intended only to be a house for our immortal soul.
11. To glorify God, and fully enjoy Him forever!
12. The state of their souls.
13. Personal answer
14. a. They would say that youth is no time for seriousness, that the fleshly desires are too strong.
b. No!
15. Young men can say no to temptation!
16. a. Moses, Daniel, Isaac, Joseph, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon, Abijah, Obadiah, Josiah, Timothy.
b. Personal answer
17. Resist the devil; ask God to give you strength; tell God: “I will try to live for You!”
18. a. Psalm 119:9 take heed to our way by using God’s Word as a guide for right and wrong
b. Proverbs 13:13 to despise God’s Word is destructive, but following it brings a reward.
19. a. Read it with prayer: So that the Holy Spirit will help us understand it.
b. Read it reverently: So that we will believe that what it says is true is true, and what it disapproves is wrong.
c. Read it regularly: So that we might become mighty in the Scriptures, truly knowing its principles and promises, and having our consciences trained.
20. They cause us to lower our guard and accept compromise in order to maintain the friendship and not seem so different and unfriendly. They influence our tastes and affections, often in ways in which we are unaware.
21. They may keep us back from much evil, quicken us in our course, speak a word in season, draw us upward, and draw us onward.
22. Choose friends who will benefit your soul, friends whom you can really respect, friends whom you would like to have near you on your deathbed, friends who live the Bible and are not afraid to speak to you about it, friends such as you will not be ashamed of owning at the coming of Christ and at the Day of Judgment.

Lesson 4 Special Rules for Young Men

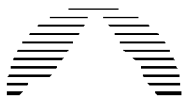
1. Because a small leak will sink the biggest ship. Sin grows; a small compromise leads to greater sins.
2. First it startles him, then it becomes pleasing, then easy, then delightful, then frequent, then habitual, then confirmed!—then the man is unrepentant, then stubborn, then resolves never to repent, and then he is damned.
3. a. Personal answer
b. Personal answer
4. In order to be safe from committing a sin, we must widely avoid the occasion for it.
5. a. Idleness: It affords opportunities for evil thoughts and useless imagination, which are sin in themselves, and always lead to evil actions.
b. Worldly amusements: Their tendency is almost always injurious to the soul, by creating an earthy and sensual frame of mind, an unhealthy craving for excitement.
6. Personal answer
7. Personal answer
8. a. Personal answer
b. Personal answer
9. a. The instruments or tools that God is pleased to use in order to accomplish salvation and sanctification in the hearts of men.
b. 1) Hearing the preaching of the Gospel; 2) Keeping the Lord’s Day holy.
10. a. Because our flesh is quick to spot hypocrisy and use it as an excuse for not doing what our flesh does not want to do!
b. Because how something is used is not a valid measure of the worth of the thing itself.

11. 1) God may use it to save your soul; 2) He will use it to restrain evil and its consequences in your life.
12. Because when we cease to honor God's day, we soon dishonor God's house, His book, and ultimately God Himself.
13. It maintains our communion with God, and is the appointed means for obtaining God's help our needs.
14. We are dead in the sight of God; we are unable to resist the enemy and the world.
15. Personal answer

Lesson 5 Conclusion

1. Our conscience will become hardened with age and deadened by repeated trampling underfoot; our strength, resolve, and opportunities will diminish.
2. We can bring them joy and gladness by heeding the things of God.
3. Personal answer
4. In heaven and also in this life.
5. Personal answer
6. a. Personal answer
b. Personal answer
7. a,b,c. Personal answers

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