## **Books That Changed My Life**

Paul said, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (I Timothy 4:12, 13). The great old apostle gives the admonition, "...give attendance to reading...." It's a subtle, but definite message - the way to be encouraged in our discipleship is to read profitable materials. In other words, first and foremost, read the Bible and after that good books.

President Truman said, "Readers of good books, particularly books of biography and history, are preparing themselves for leadership. Not all readers become leaders. But all leaders must be readers. Many readers become historians and teachers. They are retiring, timid when publicity is involved, and are among the greatest assets to this republic." (From a hand-written manuscript found in Truman's desk after he died, Post-Presidential Papers.)

Often times I am asked by minister friends around the world what books helped shape, mold and guide me. Along with the traditional list of classics available at the information booth, I am adding this special list of books that personally mean so much to your pastor. Remember young people, we shall be having a "Reader's Reward" for those who read three great books this summer.

What a blessing to read! It takes you places you've never been. You have the privilege to initiate through reading a bonding of the mind with great thinkers of the past. A good book can stir up your faith, give you ideas for life-change, and enhance your overall mental attitude. The following are some of the most influential books that I recommend:

## (1) The Suffering Saviour: Meditations on the Last Days of Christ

By: F. W. Krummacher Moody-Press, Chicago, 1947

## (2) The Shadow of The Broad Brim: The Life of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Heir of the Puritans

By: Richard Ellsworth Day
Christian Publications, Powell, TN

The Judson Press, 1934 \*recently reprinted by Crown

(3) All of Grace

By: C. H. Spurgeon Moody & Pilfeim

\*try to read it in Spurgeon's Victorian/Puritan English; there has been an update to modern English.

## (4) The Holy Spirit Who He Is, and What He Does

By: R. A. Torrey Fleming H. Revell

(5) Why Revival Tarries

By: Leonard Ravenhill Bethany Fellowship

(6) The Pursuit of God

By: A. W. Tozer Christian Publications, Inc. Harrisburg, PA

(7) The Knowledge of The Holy

By: A.W. Tozer Christian Publications, Inc. Harrisburg, PA

(8) In His Steps

By: Charles M. Sheldon Grosset & Dunlap

(9) George Muller of Bristol

By: Arthur T. Pierson Revell

(10) David Brainerd, Beloved Yankee

By: David Wynbeek Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

(11) The Real Billy Sunday

By: Elijah P. Brown Larry Harrison, Christian Book Gallery

(12) **The Works of Thomas Brooks**, (6 volumes) for a great sample: Heaven on Earth

By: Thomas Brooks The Banner of Truth

(13) The Pilgrim's Progress

By: John Bunyon

(14) Charles G. Finney An Autobiography

Flemming H. Revell, also Christian Book Gallery, St. John, IN

(15) Stonewall Jackson

By: James I. Robertson Macmillan Publishing

(16) Screwtape Letters

By: C. S. Lewis Macmillan Publishing

(17) The Cross

By: D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones Crossway

(18) **Revival** 

By: D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones Crossway

(19) Studies in the Sermon on the Mount

By: D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

(20) The Applause of Heaven

By: Max Lucado Word

(21) The Beatitudes

(22) The Ten Commandments

By: Thomas Watson The Banner of Truth

(23) The Mystery of Providence

By: John Flavel The Banner of Truth

(25) **R. E. Lee** 

By: Douglas Southall Freeman Charles Scribner's & Sons

(26) Autobiography of Peter Cartwright

By: Charles L. Wallis (Edited) Abingdon Press

(27) E. M. Bounds on Prayer

By: E. M. Bounds Whitaker House (among many others)

(All of his books, now in one volume - if possible get original edition, not up-dated English)

(28) The Shepherd of the Hills

By: Harold Bell Wright Bethany, most recent publisher

(29) George Whitefield, The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of the 18th Century Revival

By: Arnold A. Dallimore The Banner of Truth (and at one time) Crossway

(30) Prayer, Asking and Receiving

By: John R. Rice Sword of The Lord Publishers, 1942

(31) Mornings on Horseback (the World of the Young Theodore Roosevelt)

By: David McCullough Simon & Schuster

(32) Rhapsody in Black, The Life Story of John Jasper

By: Richard Ellsworth Day Judson Press

(33) Think and Grow Rich

By: Napolean Hill Random House Publishing Group.

(34) Ordering Your Private World

By: Gordon McDonald *Thomas Nelson* 

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