



Special Rules for Young Men by J.C. Ryle

- (1) For one thing, resolve at once, by God's help, to break off every known sin, however small.
- (2) Resolve, by God's help, to shun everything which may prove an occasion of sin.
- (3) Resolve never to forget the eye of God.
- (4) Be diligent in the practice of your Christianity.
- (5) Resolve that wherever you are, you will pray.

Think, lastly, of the happiness that will come to your own soul, if you serve God, happiness as you travel through life, and happiness in the end, when the journey is over. Believe me, whatever vain notions you may have heard, believe me, there is a reward for the righteous even in this world. Godliness has indeed the promise of this life, as well as of that which is to come. There is a solid peace in feeling that God is your friend. There is a real satisfaction in knowing that however your unworthiness, you are complete in Christ, that you have an enduring portion, that you have chosen that good part which shall not be taken from you.

Young men, these things are true. Listen to the word of exhortation. Be persuaded. Take up the cross. Follow Christ. Yield yourselves to God.