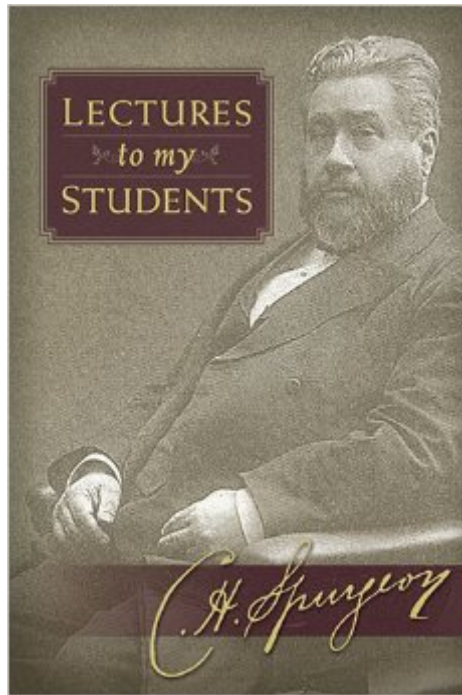


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Lectures To My Students



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"My college lectures are colloquial, familiar, full of anecdote, and often humorous; they are purposely made so, to suit the occasion. At the end of the week I meet the students, and find them weary . . . and only in a condition to receive something which will attract and secure their attention, and fire their hearts." Though best remembered as the most popular preacher of the Victorian era, C. H. Spurgeon was also founder and president of the Pastor's College in London. He supervised the training of over 800 students, presided at an annual conference for ministers, and, on Friday afternoons, delivered regular lectures on every aspect of pulpit ministry. Featuring such gems as "The Minister's Fainting Fits"; "Posture, Action, Gesture, etc."; and "On the Choice of a Text," this unabridged edition of 28 of Spurgeon's classroom discourses on homiletics overflows with practical wisdom, discerning wit, and sage advice. Covering the call, open-air preaching, ordinary conversations, using illustrations, and conduct outside the church, Spurgeon's words are as rich and nourishing for pastors and students today as they were more than a century ago. CHAPTERS INCLUDE- The Minister's Self-Watch- Our Public Prayer- On Spiritualizing- The Blind Eye and the Deaf Ear- On Conversion as Our Aim- The Sciences as Sources of Illustration An excellent and useful gift for pastors and seminary students, church history enthusiasts, and even collectors and readers of classic Victorian literature.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book and recommend it for anyone in the ministry or entering the ministry. There are countless gems of insight and anecdotes by Spurgeon of his own experience, fellow

ministers, and great men of God in days gone by. Each section is a precise snapshot of how old school, revival, God-entranced, Word-centered, Spirit-empowered ministry should be. There is great inspiration to be found here that challenges you to go deeper in your personal devotion in order to be more fruitful publicly. But what really amazed me was the practical advice that was given in every area of ministry from private to public prayer to sermon writing and delivery. Very insightful; and I am thankful to have gleaned these truths from the prince of preachers. The first 6 chapters are particularly captivating as they describe the essence of the minister and what his character and he in himself should be. Also worthy of special note is the chapter near the end on spiritual depression of the pastor/preacher; it is quite valuable. This is one of my top 5 books. All of Spurgeon's works are worth the effort and resources to secure (such as his autobiography, commentary on Psalms called Treasury of David, salvific work titled All of Grace, and monumental 63 volume sermon set :), but that is not always feasible. If you were to have only one book by Spurgeon, I would say this should be it. As has been said in the other more negative reviews: the presentation is not that great (this is the bibliobazar edition). The book itself looks very clean and sharp; it's a good size too, which I appreciate (just has a good hold and feel in your hands as you read). BUT, the type size is extremely small and the font is just okay.

"Affectation of intellectual superiority and love of rhetorical splendour have prevented many from setting forth gospel truth in the easiest imaginable manner, namely, by analogies drawn from common events. Because they could not condescend to men of low estate they have refrained from repeating incidents which would have accurately explained their meaning. Fearing to be thought vulgar, they have lost golden opportunities. As well might David have refused to sling one of the smooth stones at Goliath's brow because he found it in a common brook." Thus, we catch a glimpse of the practical wisdom, which so easily dripped from the pen of Charles Spurgeon, in the preceding quote. It is but a small portion of the witty, yet solid, insights he gives in his work Lectures to My Students. Although this book is intended for those would be pastors and elders who are picking up the mantle of God's preachers, there are great principles of biblical and practical truth which can be applied to any Christian's life. On that basis alone I approvingly recommend this read to all. Spurgeon's mastery and command of the English language did not keep him from "setting forth gospel truth in the easiest imaginable manner". In fact, with such an ability, he was one of the most avid communicators of his day, and even to this time. I've heard it said before that had Spurgeon's voluminous writings been "unreligious" in nature, they would've been indeed used to exemplify the best of English language. Spurgeon has been affectionately called the Prince of

Preachers, and rightly so, for his eloquence of speech was music to the ears of both the common man and well-to-do.

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