

# A MESSAGE

FOR THE YOUNG MEN READERS  
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(By the Author of "In His Steps.")

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The young men of this present age are living in the greatest and best age the world has ever seen. More progress has been made along all lines of human action within the last fifty years than within five hundred years previous.

In science, medicine, agriculture, commerce, transportation, education and general awakening the world has never in all its history been so rich in power. What it means for young life today is greater comfort and freedom, larger opportunity for doing great things, and, above all, a more distinct call to service.

The very facts of material progress and power suggest the dangers of the many things in a man's life. Abraham Lincoln became great in spite of his poverty. It will be, perhaps, a greater task for the present-day young man to become great in spite of the wealth of his surroundings.

The world needs today men who have the following characteristics:—

1. Clear convictions on great moral issues and the courage to stand up for them.