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We consider the monotone solutions of the second order nonlinear differential equations of the form (P(t)f(x'(t)))' = Q(t)g(x(t)), where $P(\cdot)$, $Q(\cdot) \in C([0,\infty);\mathbb{R})$ and $f(\cdot)$, $g(\cdot) \in C(\mathbb{R};\mathbb{R})$. The classification of monotone solutions is discussed. Some boundedness properties of monotone solutions are obtained under natural assumptions. (Received September 26, 2006)