

Dayspring Family Church



2016 Bible Reading Plan

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How To Read The Bible Through

The Bible is a library of books – To read a library, one does not start at the first rack with the first book and read through to the last. Reading through the Bible requires developing a plan of daily reading that holds events and prophecies of the Old Testament in perspective with the heart of divine revelation as embodied in Jesus Christ.

Why Read the Bible Through?

Reading all of the Bible is a worthwhile endeavor because “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God” and all Scripture is “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2Tim. 3:16). Because all of God’s Word is God’s word to us, every book, every chapter has a message worth reading and understanding. Although we may never understand all of the mysteries of God’s Word, we must seek out the message, the truth of all Scripture “that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2Tim. 3:17).

The Bible reveals God’s nature in its multifaceted forms. We need to gain the panoramic view of God’s power, wrath, love, mercy, intelligence, pity, and greatness to begin to understand that He is the same “I am” of Exodus that we hear say, “This is My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17). Reading through the Bible brings out the awesome wonder of God as He speaks to and loves the humanity He created. Because Christ is the incarnation of God, the New Testament should be prominent in any Bible reading plan. As we study the profound complexity of the nature of God as seen in both Old and New Testaments, we develop a clearer understanding of what He desires in our relationships to others and to Him.

Reading the Bible is sheer pleasure. The poetry, history, song, proverb, prophesy, letters, and apocalyptic literature of the Bible provide the reader great wonder and enjoyment. Reading the Bible should not be a drudgery or lifeless routine. It is exciting, captivating, inspiring, and humorous! And when we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us through God’s Word, our reading crosses from mere enjoyment to life transformation.

Suggestions for Reading the Bible Through

The Bible is not just great literature; it is the inspired Word of God. Just as the Holy Spirit was present in the writing of Scripture, so must He be present in our reading of the Word. We can read the Bible without the leadership of the Holy Spirit and still learn Bible facts. But we will never gain insights into the truth and application of God’s Word until we ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds and reveal his truth to us. Each day as you start to read, pray that God’s Holy Spirit will help you to understand what you read and apply the truth to your own life.

Set aside a definite time every day to read the Bible. The beginning of the day is best. Consider that time as a daily appointment with God and keep the appointment faithfully. No matter how you may feel, read from the Bible every day. It always has a message for readers.

Read the Scripture deliberately, without letting the pressures of predetermined time limits cause you to hurry. Drink deeply of God’s Word and make the people, events, and teachings come alive for your life.

Use Bible reading/study helps such as commentaries, concordances, Bible dictionaries, and Bible atlases. These resources should enrich your study but should never take the place of reading the Bible itself.

Do not be disturbed if you do not understand some passages. Sometimes further reading or consulting a study help may clarify the problem. Even today, theologians and other scholars debate the ultimate meaning of certain statements and events in the Bible. Rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you into a growing, deepening understanding of God and His World.

Keep a notebook or a journal as you read the Bible through. Record what you read and any observations or insights you gain. Writing down or paraphrasing what you read will help you remember and apply God’s Word in life situations.

Read the Bible Throughout Your Life

The reading and study of God’s Word is a lifelong endeavor that never grows old. Once you have read the Bible through, do it again – in a different translation or Bible version. Choose different reading plans and schedules. Always keep a Bible reading notebook or journal so you can compare your notes and observations each time you read particular Bible books. Every time you read through God’s Word, new and meaningful truths are brought to light.

The Bible you hold in your hand holds the answer to humanity’s past, present, and future. It is a wellspring of wisdom and divine instruction that never runs dry. Draw from this spring daily and find direction and purpose for your life.

Reference:

HOLMAN BIBLE PUBLISHERS, BIBLE READING HELPS.

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| 1 - Genesis 1-26 | 29- Psalms 51-100 |
| 2 - Genesis 27-50 | 30- 1 Chronicles |
| 3 - Matthew | 31- 2 Chronicles |
| 4 - Mark | 32- Psalms 101-150 |
| 5 - Exodus 1-21 | 33- Ezra; Nehemiah; |
| 6 - Exodus 22-40 | Esther |
| 7 - Luke | 34- Proverbs |
| 8 - John | 35- Matthew |
| 9 - Leviticus | 36- Isaiah 1-35 |
| 10- Acts | 37- Isaiah 36-66 |
| 11- Numbers 1-18 | 38- Mark |
| 12- Numbers 19-36 | 39- Luke |
| 13- Romans; Galatians | 40- Jeremiah 1-29 |
| 14- 1 & 2 Corinthians | 41- Jeremiah 30-52; |
| 15- Deuteronomy 1-17 | Lamentations |
| 16- Deuteronomy 18-34 | 42- John |
| 17- Ephesians; Philippians; | 43- Acts |
| Colossians | 44- Ezekiel 1-24 |
| 1 & 2 Thessalonians; | 45- Ezekiel 25-48 |
| 1 & 2 Timothy; Titus; | 46- Romans; Galatians |
| Philemon | 47- 1 & 2 Corinthians |
| 18- Hebrews; James; | 48- Daniel; Hosea; |
| 1 & 2 Peter | Joel; Amos |
| 19- Joshua | 49- Ephesians; |
| 20- 1, 2, & 3 John; Jude; | Philippians; |
| Revelation | Colossians; |
| 21- Judges; Ruth | 1 & 2 Thessalonians; |
| 22- Job 1-31 | 1 & 2 Timothy; |
| 23- Job 32-42; | Titus; Philemon |
| Ecclesiastes; | 50- Obadiah; Micah; |
| Song of Solomon | Nahum; Habakkuk; |
| 24- 1 Samuel | Zephaniah; Haggai; |
| 25- 2 Samuel | Zechariah; Malachi |
| 26- Psalms 1-50 | 51- Hebrews; James; |
| 27- 1 Kings | 1 & 2 Peter |
| 28- 2 Kings | 52- 1, 2, & 3 John; Jude; |
| | Revelation |