

# Read Through The Bible This Year!

*Resources for beginning a Daily Bible Reading program.*



God's Word (the Bible) is incredibly powerful, just on it's own, to change your life and transform your relationships, both with God and other people. If you will give God only a few minutes a day to read His Word, He will do wonderful things in your life!

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Here is some excellent advice for following a Daily Bible Reading plan:

Set aside a specific TIME and PLACE for enjoying your daily Bible reading. Get a time and place that works for you, that you can stick with: morning time on your back deck, lunch break in your cubicle, in your bed just before lights out, with your spouse or roommate after dinner, etc.

Make your Daily Bible Reading a joy, not a job. Read for delight, not duty. Read for happiness in the Lord, not "have to" for the Lord. Don't read to know about God, but to know God. Take a portion of each day's reading (a paragraph, a verse, a phrase) and engage your heart with it, meditate on it...use the text to know and enjoy God.

Keep moving forward when you fall behind. If you fall behind in your reading, whether you're a day behind or a week behind, don't try to make up for your missed readings. Instead, simply pick up with today's reading.

Talk about and apply your discoveries. Tell other people about what you're discovering and learning through your reading. Apply what you're learning. Take action. Be a "doer" of the word, not just a "reader."

Major in the text, minor in notes. If you're using one of the many Study Bibles for your Daily Bible Reading, don't let the study notes pull your attention away from the biblical text. Major in the text, minor in the study notes.

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The following are some websites where you can find a wide variety of Daily Bible Reading plans. If you don't want to spend a lot of time, the first site has one of the better plans.

## **Navigators / Discipleship Journal / NavPress – various reading plans**

*The Navigators have emphasized Bible reading for years. They have perhaps the best plan: [Discipleship Journal Reading Plan](#). It is the final choice on this webpage. You can download it and print it yourself.*

<http://www.navpress.com/DJ/content.aspx?id=138>

**Biblegateway.com**

*This is probably the most popular Bible website. They have many translations, verse look-up, searches, etc. They also offer a variety of Bible reading plans.*

<http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans/>

**International Bible Society – Daily Bible Reading**

*This site will create a custom Bible reading plan for you.*

<http://www.ibsstl.org/bibles/dailyreading/index.php>

**HeartLight website – various reading plans**

*This website has a variety of resources for Christian living. They list several reading plans and all can be downloaded and printed.*

[http://www.heartlight.org/devotionals/reading\\_plans/](http://www.heartlight.org/devotionals/reading_plans/)

**Zondervan – Various Bible Reading Plans**

*This is another site that offers a wide variety of reading plans. You can even read the entire Bible in 90 days!*

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/Product/Bible/Plans.htm?QueryStringSite=Zondervan>

**New ESV (English Standard Version) daily reading program**

*The ESV is perhaps one of the newest English Translations. It is more of a literal translation, similar to the NASB. They have a website with daily readings that will take you through the Bible in a year.*

<http://www.gnpccb.org/esv/devotions/one.year.tract/>

**Bible Reading Plan**

*This is a simple site. There is a wide variety of plans to choose from, depending on how fast you want to read through the Bible.*

<http://www.bibleplan.org>

[there are many more Bible reading plans available on the internet. If one of these plans does not fit you, please keep searching for a plan that will work for you!]

## Another Option

If you aren't ready to try reading the entire Bible in a year, how about reading some chapters that will give you the "Big Picture?" Following is a list of scriptures that will give you the plot of the Bible. It is printed here as a story with five acts.

### ***Act I: Creation***

- The creation: [Genesis 1; 2:1-3](#)
- Praise God for his creation: [Psalm 8](#)
- Praise to the Creator of all things: [Psalm 104](#)
- Praise for creating me: [Psalm 139](#)

### ***Act II: The Fall***

- The fall into sin: [Genesis 3](#)
- Noah, the flood and the ark: [Genesis 6, 7, 8, 9:1-17](#)
- A prayer of repentance: [Psalm 51](#)
- No one is righteous: [Romans 3:9-26](#)

### ***Act III: Israel***

- God's covenant with Abraham: [Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-21](#)
- Abraham almost sacrifices his son Isaac: [Genesis 22:1-19](#)
- Jacob receives his father's blessing: [Genesis 27:1-40](#)
- Jacob's (Israel's) family: [Genesis 29:16-35, 30:1-24](#)
- Joseph the dreamer: [Genesis 37:2-36](#) (see also chapters 39-50)
- Moses is born in Egypt: [Exodus 1; 2:1-10](#)
- Ten plagues: Exodus [7:14-24; 8; 9; 10; 11:1-10](#)
- The Passover: Exodus [12:1-17](#)
- The Israelites leave Egypt: [Exodus 12:17-50; 13; 14; 15:1-21](#)
- God's covenant with Israel: [Exodus 19; 20](#)
- Rahab the prostitute hides the Israelite spies: [Joshua 2](#)
- God keep his promise: [Joshua 23; 24](#)
- David kills Goliath: [1 Samuel 17](#)
- David becomes king: [2 Samuel 5:1-5](#)
- God's promise to David: [2 Samuel 7](#)
- David and Bathsheba: [2 Samuel 11; 12:1-25](#)
- The Lord is my shepherd: [Psalm 23](#)
- A prayer of thanksgiving: [Psalm 100](#)
- Israel sent into exile: [2 Chronicles 36:15-23](#)
- Queen Esther saves her people: [Esther 1](#)
- Messiah's birth prophesied: [Isaiah 9:1-7](#)
- God's promise to return: [Isaiah 52:1-12](#)
- Daniel's dream of God's kingdom: [Daniel 7](#)

### **Act IV: Jesus**

- The birth of Jesus: [Luke 1; 2](#)
- The temptation of Jesus: [Matthew 4:1-11](#); [Luke 4:1-13](#)
- The Sermon on the Mount: [Matthew 5; 6](#)
- Jesus shares his calling with the people: [Luke 4:16-30](#)
- Jesus' teaching on prayer: [Luke 11:1-13](#)
- The lost son: [Luke 15](#)
- New birth: [John 3](#)
- Jesus is the resurrection and the life: [John 11](#)
- Three prayers of Jesus: [John 17](#)
- The Lord's Supper: [Luke 22:7-38](#); [1 Corinthians 11:17-34](#)
- The death of Jesus: [Luke 23:26-56](#); [John 19:16-42](#)
- The resurrection of Jesus: [Luke 24](#); [John 20](#)
- Jesus ascends into heaven: [Acts 1:1-11](#)

### **Act V: The New People of God**

- The Great Commission from Jesus: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)
- The coming of the Holy Spirit: [Acts 2:1-21](#)
- "Repent and be baptized": [Acts 2:22-47](#)
- Jesus, the fulfillment of Abraham's covenant: [Acts 3](#)
- Salvation in Jesus alone: [Acts 4](#)
- Paul's conversion: [Acts 9:1-31](#)
- Paul's testimony before King Agrippa: [Acts 25:23-27](#); [26:1-32](#)
- What real love is: [1 Corinthians 13](#)
- The fruit of the Holy Spirit: [Galatians 5:22-23](#)
- The armor of God: [Ephesians 6:10-18](#)
- Imitating Christ: [Philippians 2:1-11](#)
- Heroes of the faith: [Hebrews 11](#)
- Faith in action: [James 2:14-26](#)
- The return of Christ: [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#); [2 Peter 3:3-14](#)
- The new heaven and earth: [Revelation 21](#); [22](#)

*This list of scriptures is available from the International Bible Society.*

<http://www.ibsstl.org/niv/appendix/gettingstarted.php>