

Book of Books

Lesson Three: How to Read the Bible
Complete and Keep

A General Introduction to the Bible

THIS BOOK [the Bible] contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

~Author Unknown

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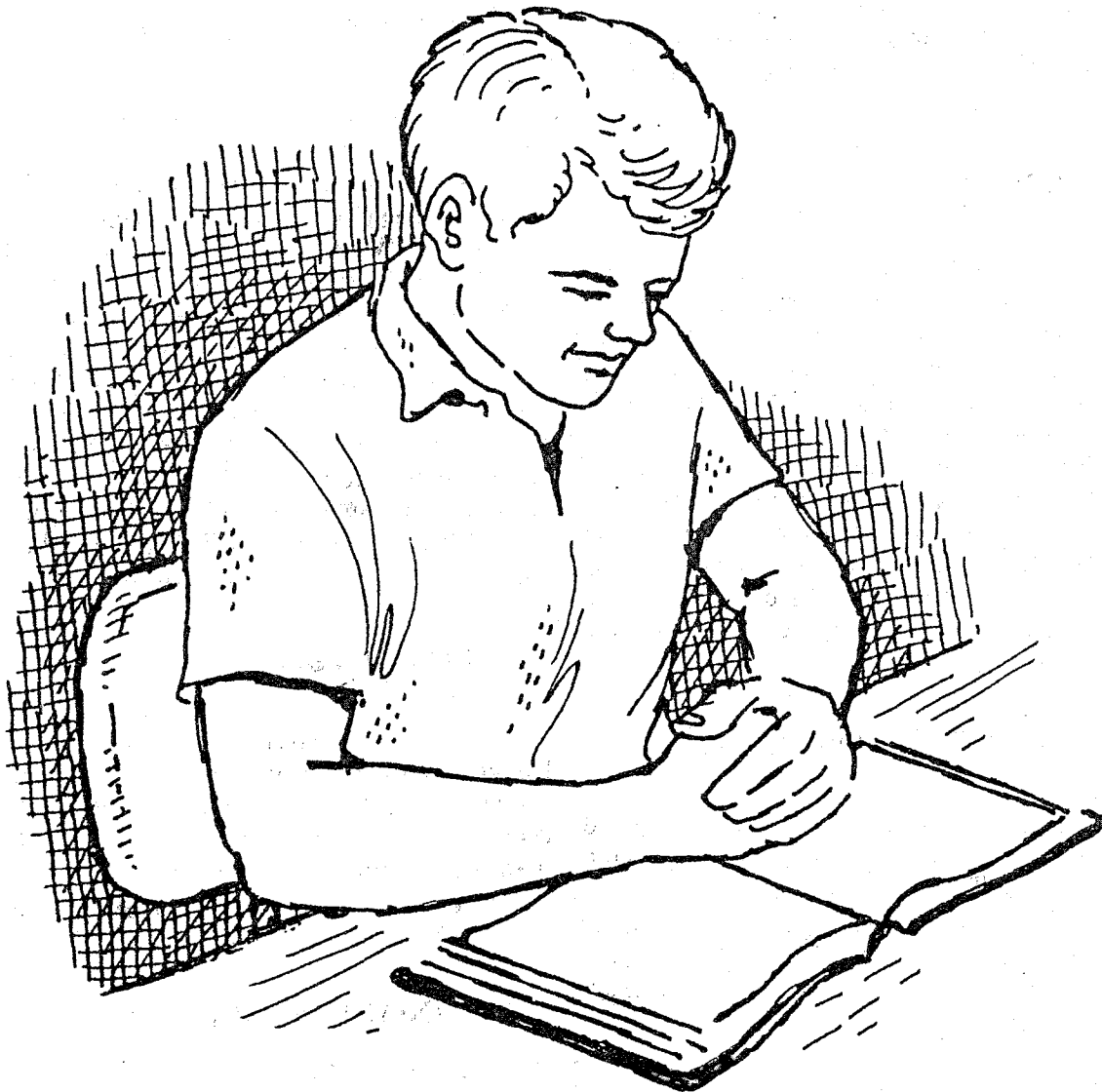
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LESSON 3

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

“Blessed is he that readeth...” (Revelation 1:3)



Practical Suggestions to Get More Out of Your Bible Reading

Read Regularly

To ensure good physical health we generally have three meals each day. How often do we feed on God's Word (see 1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4; Job 23:12)? How often do we hear people say, "I'm so busy today that I do not have time to eat lunch or supper"?

Perhaps you think you do not have time to read the Bible every day. A man once made this excuse to the great evangelist, **D.L. Moody**. He answered, "My friend, if you are too busy to read the Bible every day, you are busier than Almighty God ever intended any human being should be, and you had better let some things go, and take time to read the Bible."

George Muller had read the Bible through 100 times by the age of 71. By the time of his death, about 22 years later, he had read it through another 100 times. Do you have no time for God?

Friends often say, "I have so much to do, so many people to see, I cannot find time for Scripture study." Perhaps there are not many who have more to do than I. For more than half a century I have never known one day when I had not more business than I could get through. For forty years I have had annually about thirty thousand letters, and most of these passed through my own hands. I have nine assistants always at work corresponding in German, French, English, Danish, Italian, Russian, and other languages. Then as pastor of a church with twelve hundred believers, great has been my care. Besides, I have had charge of five immense orphanages; also, at my publishing depot, the printing and circulating of millions of tracts, books, and Bibles. But I have always made it a rule never to begin work till I have had a good season with God. The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Word in our life and thoughts.

~George Muller

Robert Murray McCheyne died at the early age of 30, and yet had by then read the Bible through 100 times.

Jonathan Goforth, missionary to China, had read the Bible through more than 70 times.

Martin Luther read the Bible through twice every year.

Catherine Booth had read the entire Bible through eight times by the age of 12.

"The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God." ~**James Merritt**

"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." ~**Jerome**

"We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in his service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them... Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word." ~**Charles H. Spurgeon**

"No one ever said at the end of his days; I have read my Bible too much, I have thought of God too much, I have prayed too much, I have been too careful with my soul." ~**J. C. Ryle**

It is good to set aside a special time during the day for your reading. Many Christians find the morning to be the best time because they can start the day by hearing from God. Others read in the evenings or during some quiet time during the day (some mothers might wait until after the children have gone to school in the morning). You need to choose a time that will work best for you. What part of the day works best for you?

Read Slowly

What really counts is not how much of God's Word you go through, but how much of God's Word goes through you! It is much better to read and understand one verse than to read three chapters and not remember anything that you read in those chapters! A little reading with understanding is better than much that is read in haste. According to 1 Corinthians 14:19, Paul would probably want us to read five words with our understanding, rather than read 10,000 words so hastily that we do not get anything out of our reading! Likewise, you can get more from the Lord in five minutes spent unhurriedly than in 35 minutes with your eye on the clock.

Read Systematically

Many people do not know where to start reading in the Bible, so they sometimes use the "lucky dip" method. They say, "Lord, show me where you want me to read," and they randomly open their Bibles and start reading wherever the Bible happens to open. Sometimes the Lord will bless this method, but in general it is not the best way to read His Word.

To show you some of the dangers in the "lucky dip" method, consider the following illustration: The story is told of a man who used this method. The first verse he happened to turn to was Matthew 27:5, which says, Judas "went and hanged himself." Since he was not sure how this verse applied to himself, he flipped to another passage and the Bible fell open to Luke 10:37: "Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." The man was quite upset and he did not know how he could ever obey that, so he decided to turn to one more place. Again he opened the Bible at random and to his horror his finger fell upon John 13:27: "Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly." As you can see, this method could easily cause a person to take verses out of context!

When we read a short story, we generally start at the beginning and read through until we get to the end. This is how the writer wrote it, and this is the best way to read it. We usually read letters in the same way. The same should be true with the books of the Bible. The best way to read is to start at the beginning of a book and continue until you get to the end. When Paul wrote the book of Romans, he did not write chapter 13 first and then chapter 8. He began with chapter 1 and then wrote chapter 2, etc. If he wrote it this way, shouldn't we read it this way?

Have you ever thought of reading the Bible all the way through? Many believers have found this to be of great blessing. To assist you in this, Bible reading schedules have been published. Most people can read the Bible through in one year if they read for about one-half hour each day. The Bible reading schedule will tell you how much to read each day. See the Bible reading schedule at the end of this lesson.

Read Carefully

Pay close attention to every word. Do not overlook any details. Be a good detective and see what you can discover! Sometimes we miss what God has for us because we fail to see what is right before our eyes! Also, be careful not to let your mind start to daydream. (To check this, you can always ask yourself: What did I just read?)

Read Inquisitively

As you read the Bible, always be asking questions such as these: Who is the author or speaker? To whom is the passage written or who is the speaker addressing? What are the main ideas? Who do the pronouns (“he,” “she,” “they,” “it,” “you,” etc.) refer to? Some other key questions that will help to bring out the meaning of the passage follow:

Is there any command to obey?

Is there any promise to believe?

Is there a good example to follow?

Is there any sin to avoid?

Do I learn anything about God?

Do I learn anything about man?

Is there anything I can thank God for?

Questions such as these will help make the passage real to you. J.G. Mathieson tells of a little boy who was in the habit of attending the preaching of the Gospel every Lord’s day. Being unable to attend one evening, he decided to go to his room and read his Bible. His mother was upstairs caring for the little ones and did not know what her boy was doing. However she noticed he was very quiet. Thinking perhaps he was up to some mischief, she called to him, “What are you doing?” He replied, “I am watching Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead!”

He was reading from John chapter 11. He was so involved and careful with his Bible reading, it was as if he were actually there watching this great miracle! It was all very real to him.

Read Lovingly

Think of a young woman in love with her fiancé who is separated from him by many miles. How do you suppose she would read his love letters? As soon as the letter arrives in the mail she would rip it open and quickly read it all the way through with great interest. Then she would read it again, this time very slowly. She would think about every word. She would lovingly meditate upon every phrase and think to herself, “I wonder why he said this?” Even after she finishes reading the letter she would remember much of what was contained in the letter and she would continue thinking about it throughout the day.

We need to read the Bible in that way! Is not the Bible God’s love letter to us? (Read 1 John chapter 4.)

Read Prayerfully

Depend upon the Holy Spirit to teach you. Make it a habit to pray before you read. Psalm 119:18 is a good example of such a prayer. Why is this important? It is the Lord who gives understanding (2 Timothy 2:7). When your time of reading is through, the real spiritual exercise has just begun. Now you need to go out and put into practice the truth that you read.

J. Wilbur Chapman has given us the following suggestions for how we can get the most from the Word of God:

Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse from its pages.

Pray it in. Never lay aside your Bible until the verse or passage you have studied has become a part of your being.

Put it down. The truth that God teaches you, put in the margin of your Bible or in your notebook.

Work it out. Live the truth you get in the morning through each hour of the day.

Pass it on. Seek to tell someone else what you have learned.

May the reading of God's Holy Word be a constant source of joy and delight to your heart!

Questions for Study of Bible Chapters:

1. What is the principal subject of this chapter?
2. What is the leading lesson of this chapter?
3. What is the key verse in this chapter?
4. Who are the principal persons in this chapter?
5. What does the chapter teach concerning Christ?
6. Is there, in this chapter, any example for me to follow?
7. Is there in this chapter, any error or sin for me to avoid?
8. Is there, in this chapter, any duty for me to perform?
9. Is there, in this chapter, any promise for me to claim?
10. Is there, in this chapter, any prayer for me to echo?

“Never let good books take the place of the Bible. Drink from the Well, not from the streams that flow from the Well.” ~**Amy Carmichael**

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

It's not how much of God's Word you go through that counts, but how much of God's Word goes through you!

“The studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands.”
~**Thomas Jefferson**

Johann Bengel's Three Rules for Bible Study:

1. Let the Bible be your source—not books, not great men, not public opinion, but only and alone the whole Bible.
2. Read nothing into the Bible; this shows an unbiased and childlike way of studying Scriptures (just let the Word say what it says).
3. Do not ignore anything in the Bible, for all Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16).

I am standing on the Word of God.
'Tis full of life divine;
God's Spirit lives in ev'ry word
And moves in ev'ry line.

~E. M. Wadsworth

Bible Reading Schedule

To read through the Bible in one year, follow both the Old Testament and New Testament readings shown on the following pages. If you wish to go more slowly and read the Bible in two years, you can follow the Old Testament reading on one day and the New Testament reading on the next day.

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Be sure to read God's Word PRAYERFULLY (Psalm 25:4-5; Psalm 119:18), REGULARLY (Matthew 4:4; Job 23:12), SLOWLY (1 Cor. 14:19), CAREFULLY (John 5:39), SYSTEMATICALLY (1 Cor. 14:40), INQUISITIVELY (asking questions such as those given above), LOVINGLY (Psalm 119:97), REVERENTLY (Isaiah 66:2), BELIEVINGLY (Heb. 4:2), OBEDIENTLY (Revelation 1:3; 22:7,14; James 1:22).

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Martin Luther said that he studied the Bible as he gathered apples. First, he shook the whole tree, that the ripest might fall; then he climbed the tree and shook each limb; and then when he had shaken each limb, he shook every branch. After that he examined every twig, and looked under every leaf. In other words, search the Bible as a whole, study each book, then study each chapter, study each verse, and finally study each word!

MORNING (Old Testament)

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
DATE	READING	DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1 GEN.	1, 2	1 EX.	24, 25, 26	1 NUM.	16, 17
2 GEN.	3, 4, 5	2 EX.	27, 28	2 NUM.	18, 19
3 GEN.	6, 7, 8	3 EX.	29, 30	3 NUM.	20, 21
4 GEN.	9, 10, 11	4 EX.	31, 32	4 NUM.	22, 23
5 GEN.	12, 13, 14	5 EX.	33, 34	5 NUM.	24, 25
6 GEN.	15, 16, 17	6 EX.	35, 36	6 NUM.	26, 27
7 GEN.	18, 19	7 EX.	37, 38	7 NUM.	28, 29
8 GEN.	20, 21, 22	8 EX.	39, 40	8 NUM.	30, 31
9 GEN.	23, 24	9 LEV.	1, 2, 3	9 NUM.	32, 33
10 GEN.	25, 26	10 LEV.	4, 5	10 NUM.	34, 35, 36
11 GEN.	27, 28	11 LEV.	6, 7	11 DEUT.	1, 2
12 GEN.	29, 30	12 LEV.	8, 9	12 DEUT.	3, 4
13 GEN.	31, 32	13 LEV.	10, 11	13 DEUT.	5, 6
14 GEN.	33, 34, 35	14 LEV.	12, 13	14 DEUT.	7, 8, 9
15 GEN.	36, 37	15 LEV.	14	15 DEUT.	10, 11
16 GEN.	38, 39, 40	16 LEV.	15, 16	16 DEUT.	12, 13
17 GEN.	41, 42	17 LEV.	17, 18, 19	17 DEUT.	14, 15, 16
18 GEN.	43, 44	18 LEV.	20, 21	18 DEUT.	17, 18, 19
19 GEN.	45, 46	19 LEV.	22, 23	19 DEUT.	20, 21
20 GEN.	47, 48	20 LEV.	24, 25	20 DEUT.	22, 23
21 GEN.	49, 50	21 LEV.	26, 27	21 DEUT.	24, 25, 26
22 EX.	1, 2, 3	22 NUM.	1, 2	22 DEUT.	27, 28
23 EX.	4, 5	23 NUM.	3, 4	23 DEUT.	29, 30
24 EX.	6, 7	24 NUM.	5, 6	24 DEUT.	31, 32
25 EX.	8, 9	25 NUM.	7	25 DEUT.	33, 34
26 EX.	10, 11, 12	26 NUM.	8, 9, 10	26 JOSH.	1, 2
27 EX.	13, 14	27 NUM.	11, 12, 13	27 JOSH.	3, 4, 5
28 EX.	15, 16	28 NUM.	14, 15	28 JOSH.	6, 7
29 EX.	17, 18, 19			29 JOSH.	8, 9
30 EX.	20, 21			30 JOSH.	10, 11
31 EX.	22, 23			31 JOSH.	12, 13

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APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
DATE	READING	DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1 JOSH.	14, 15	1 I SAM.	29, 30, 31	1 II K.	13, 14
2 JOSH.	16, 17, 18	2 II SAM.	1, 2	2 II K.	15, 16
3 JOSH.	19, 20	3 II SAM.	3, 4	3 II K.	17
4 JOSH.	21, 22	4 II SAM.	5, 6	4 II K.	18, 19
5 JOSH.	23, 24	5 II SAM.	7, 8	5 II K.	20, 21
6 JUD.	1, 2	6 II SAM.	9, 10, 11	6 II K.	22, 23
7 JUD.	3, 4	7 II SAM.	12, 13	7 II K.	24, 25
8 JUD.	5, 6	8 II SAM.	14, 15	8 I CHR.	1, 2
9 JUD.	7, 8	9 II SAM.	16, 17	9 I CHR.	3, 4
10 JUD.	9	10 II SAM.	18, 19	10 I CHR.	5, 6
11 JUD.	10, 11	11 II SAM.	20, 21, 22	11 I CHR.	7
12 JUD.	12, 13, 14	12 II SAM.	23, 24	12 I CHR.	8, 9
13 JUD.	15, 16	13 I KINGS	1	13 I CHR.	10, 11
14 JUD.	17, 18	14 I K.	2	14 I CHR.	12, 13
15 JUD.	19	15 I K.	3, 4	15 I CHR.	14, 15
16 JUD.	20, 21	16 I K.	5, 6	16 I CHR.	16, 17
17 RUTH	1, 2	17 I K.	7	17 I CHR.	18, 19, 20
18 RUTH	3, 4	18 I K.	8, 9	18 I CHR.	21, 22
19 I SAM.	1, 2	19 I K.	10, 11	19 I CHR.	23, 24
20 I SAM.	3, 4, 5	20 I K.	12, 13	20 I CHR.	25, 26
21 I SAM.	6, 7, 8	21 I K.	14, 15	21 I CHR.	27, 28
22 I SAM.	9, 10	22 I K.	16, 17	22 I CHR.	29
23 I SAM.	11, 12, 13	23 I K.	18, 19	23 II CHR.	1, 2, 3
24 I SAM.	14	24 I K.	20, 21	24 II CHR.	4, 5
25 I SAM.	15, 16	25 I K.	22	25 II CHR.	6, 7
26 I SAM.	17	26 II K.	1, 2	26 II CHR.	8, 9, 10
27 I SAM.	18, 19	27 II K.	3, 4	27 II CHR.	11, 12, 13
28 I SAM.	20, 21, 22	28 II K.	5, 6	28 II CHR.	14, 15, 16
29 I SAM.	23, 24, 25	29 II K.	7, 8	29 II CHR.	17, 18
30 I SAM.	26, 27, 28	30 II K.	9:1-10:17	30 II CHR.	19, 20
		31 II K.	10:18, 11, 12		

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EVENING (New Testament)

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
DATE	READING	DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1 MAT.	1	1 MAT.	22:23-46	1 MARK	8:1-21
2 MAT.	2	2 MAT.	23:1-22	2 MARK	8:22-38
3 MAT.	3	3 MAT.	23:23-39	3 MARK	9:1-29
4 MAT.	4	4 MAT.	24:1-14	4 MARK	9:30-50
5 MAT.	5:1-30	5 MAT.	24:15-31	5 MARK	10:1-22
6 MAT.	5:31-48	6 MAT.	24:32-51	6 MARK	10:23-52
7 MAT.	6	7 MAT.	25:1-30	7 MARK	11
8 MAT.	7	8 MAT.	25:31-46	8 MARK	12:1-17
9 MAT.	8	9 MAT.	26:1-25	9 MARK	12:18-44
10 MAT.	9:1-17	10 MAT.	26:26-46	10 MARK	13:1-13
11 MAT.	9:18-38	11 MAT.	26:47-75	11 MARK	13:14-37
12 MAT.	10:1-23	12 MAT.	27:1-26	12 MARK	14:1-25
13 MAT.	10:24-42	13 MAT.	27:27-45	13 MARK	14:26-52
14 MAT.	11	14 MAT.	27:46-66	14 MARK	14:53-72
15 MAT.	12:1-21	15 MAT.	28	15 MARK	15:1-23
16 MAT.	12:22-50	16 MARK	1:1-20	16 MARK	15:24-47
17 MAT.	13:1-23	17 MARK	1:21-45	17 MARK	16
18 MAT.	13:24-43	18 MARK	2	18 LUKE	1:1-25
19 MAT.	13:44-58	19 MARK	3	19 LUKE	1:26-56
20 MAT.	14:1-21	20 MARK	4:1-20	20 LUKE	1:57-80
21 MAT.	14:22-36	21 MARK	4:21-41	21 LUKE	2:1-35
22 MAT.	15:1-28	22 MARK	5:1-20	22 LUKE	2:36-52
23 MAT.	15:29-39	23 MARK	5:21-43	23 LUKE	3:1-20
24 MAT.	16	24 MARK	6:1-13	24 LUKE	3:21-38
25 MAT.	17	25 MARK	6:14-31	25 LUKE	4:1-30
26 MAT.	18	26 MARK	6:32-56	26 LUKE	4:31-44
27 MAT.	19	27 MARK	7:1-23	27 LUKE	5:1-16
28 MAT.	20	28 MARK	7:24-37	28 LUKE	5:17-39
29 MAT.	21:1-27			29 LUKE	6:1-19
30 MAT.	21:28-46			30 LUKE	6:20-49
31 MAT.	22:1-22			31 LUKE	7:1-18

EVENING (New Testament)

JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
DATE	READING	DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1	ACTS 7:41-40	1	ACTS 27:21-44	1	I COR. 11
2	ACTS 8:1-25	2	ACTS 28	2	I COR. 12
3	ACTS 8:26-40	3	ROM. 1	3	I COR. 13
4	ACTS 9:1-25	4	ROM. 2	4	I COR. 14:1-22
5	ACTS 9:26-43	5	ROM. 3	5	I COR. 14:23-40
6	ACTS 10:1-22	6	ROM. 4	6	I COR. 15:1-19
7	ACTS 10:23-48	7	ROM. 5	7	I COR. 15:20-34
8	ACTS 11	8	ROM. 6	8	I COR. 15:35-58
9	ACTS 12	9	ROM. 7	9	I COR. 16
10	ACTS 13:1-13	10	ROM 8:1-17	10	II COR. 1
11	ACTS 13:14-39	11	ROM. 8:18-39	11	II COR. 2
12	ACTS 13:40-52	12	ROM. 9	12	II COR. 3
13	ACTS 14	13	ROM. 10	13	II COR. 4
14	ACTS 15:1-18	14	ROM. 11:1-12	14	II COR. 5
15	ACTS 15:19-41	15	ROM. 11:13-36	15	II COR. 6
16	ACTS 16:1-24	16	ROM. 12	16	II COR. 7
17	ACTS 16:25-40	17	ROM. 13	17	II COR. 8
18	ACTS 17	18	ROM. 14	18	II COR. 9
19	ACTS 18	19	ROM. 15	19	II COR. 10
20	ACTS 19:1-22	20	ROM. 16	20	II COR. 11
21	ACTS 19:23-41	21	I COR. 1	21	II COR. 12
22	ACTS 20:1-16	22	I COR. 2	22	II COR. 13
23	ACTS 20:17-38	23	I COR. 3	23	GAL. 1
24	ACTS 21:1-26	24	I COR. 4	24	GAL. 2
25	ACTS 21:27-40	25	I COR. 5	25	GAL. 3
26	ACTS 22	26	I COR. 6	26	GAL. 4
27	ACTS 23	27	I COR. 7:1-24	27	GAL. 5
28	ACTS 24	28	I COR. 7:25-40	28	GAL. 6
29	ACTS 25	29	I COR. 8	29	EPH. 1
30	ACTS 26	30	I COR. 9	30	EPH. 2
31	ACTS 27:1-20	31	I COR. 10		

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
DATE	READING	DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1	EPH. 3	1	TITUS 2	1	I PETER 3
2	EPH. 4	2	TITUS 3	2	I JOHN 1
3	EPH. 5	3	PHILEMON 1	3	I JOHN 2
4	EPH. 6	4	HEB. 1	4	I JOHN 3
5	PHIL. 1	5	HEB. 2	5	I JOHN 4
6	PHIL. 2	6	HEB. 3	6	I JOHN 5
7	PHIL. 3	7	HEB. 4	7	II JOHN 1
8	PHIL. 4	8	HEB. 5	8	II JOHN 2
9	COL. 1	9	HEB. 6	9	JUDE 1
10	COL. 2	10	HEB. 7	10	REV. 1
11	COL. 3	11	HEB. 8	11	REV. 2
12	COL. 4	12	HEB. 9	12	REV. 3
13	I THESS. 1	13	HEB. 10:1-25	13	REV. 4
14	I THESS. 2	14	HEB. 10:26-39	14	REV. 5
15	I THESS. 3	15	HEB. 11:1-21	15	REV. 6
16	I THESS. 4	16	HEB. 11:22-40	16	REV. 7
17	I THESS. 5	17	HEB. 12	17	REV. 8
18	II THESS. 1	18	HEB. 13	18	REV. 9
19	II THESS. 2	19	JAMES 1	19	REV. 10
20	II THESS. 3	20	JAMES 2	20	REV. 11
21	I TIM. 1	21	JAMES 3	21	REV. 12
22	I TIM. 2	22	JAMES 4	22	REV. 13
23	I TIM. 3	23	JAMES 5	23	REV. 14
24	I TIM. 4	24	I PETER 1	24	REV. 15
25	I TIM. 5	25	I PETER 2	25	REV. 16
26	I TIM. 6	26	I PETER 3	26	REV. 17
27	II TIM. 1	27	I PETER 4	27	REV. 18
28	II TIM. 2	28	I PETER 5	28	REV. 19
29	II TIM. 3	29	II PETER 1	29	REV. 20
30	II TIM. 4	30	II PETER 2	30	REV. 21
31	TITUS 1			31	REV. 22

MORNING (Old Testament)

JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
DATE	READING	DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1	II CHR. 21, 22, 23	1	JOB 32, 33, 34	1	PS. 139-144
2	II CHR. 24, 25	2	JOB 35-38	2	PS. 145-150
3	II CHR. 26, 27, 28	3	JOB 39-42	3	PROV. 1, 2, 3
4	II CHR. 29, 30	4	PS. 1-7	4	PROV. 4-7
5	II CHR. 31, 32	5	PS. 8-14	5	PROV. 8, 9, 10
6	II CHR. 33, 34	6	PS. 15-18	6	PROV. 11, 12, 13
7	II CHR. 35, 36	7	PS. 19-24	7	PROV. 14, 15, 16
8	EZRA 1, 2	8	PS. 25-30	8	PROV. 17, 18, 19
9	EZRA 3, 4, 5	9	PS. 31-34	9	PROV. 20, 21, 22
10	EZRA 6, 7	10	PS. 35-37	10	PROV. 23, 24, 25
11	EZRA 8, 9	11	PS. 38-42	11	PROV. 26, 27, 28
12	EZRA 10	12	PS. 43-48	12	PROV. 29, 30, 31
13	NEH. 1, 2, 3	13	PS. 49-52	13	ECCL. 1, 2, 3
14	NEH. 4, 5, 6	14	PS. 53-58	14	ECCL. 4, 5, 6
15	NEH. 7, 8	15	PS. 59-65	15	ECCL. 7, 8, 9
16	NEH. 9, 10	16	PS. 66-69	16	ECCL. 10, 11, 12
17	NEH. 11, 12	17	PS. 70-73	17	S. OF S. 1-5
18	NEH. 13	18	PS. 74-77	18	S. OF S. 6, 7, 8
19	ESTHER 1, 2	19	PS. 78, 79	19	ISA. 1, 2
20	ESTHER 3, 4, 5	20	PS. 80-85	20	ISA. 3, 4, 5
21	ESTHER 6, 7, 8	21	PS. 86-89	21	ISA. 6, 7, 8
22	ESTHER 9, 10	22	PS. 90-94	22	ISA. 9, 10
23	JOB 1, 2, 3	23	PS. 95-101	23	ISA. 11, 12, 13
24	JOB 4, 5, 6	24	PS. 102-104	24	ISA. 14, 15, 16
25	JOB 7, 8, 9	25	PS. 105, 106	25	ISA. 17-20
26	JOB 10-13	26	PS. 107-110	26	ISA. 21, 22, 23
27	JOB 14, 15, 16	27	PS. 111-117	27	ISA. 24, 25, 26
28	JOB 17-20	28	PS. 118:1-119:72	28	ISA. 27, 28, 29
29	JOB 21, 22, 23	29	PS. 119:73-176	29	ISA. 30, 31
30	JOB 24-28	30	PS. 120-131	30	ISA. 32, 33, 34
31	JOB 29, 30, 31	31	PS. 132-138		

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1	ISA. 35, 36, 37	1	JER. 51, 52	1	DAN. 4
2	ISA. 38, 39, 40	2	LAM. 1, 2	2	DAN. 5
3	ISA. 41, 42, 43	3	LAM. 3, 4, 5	3	DAN. 6
4	ISA. 44, 45	4	EZEK. 1, 2	4	DAN. 7, 8
5	ISA. 46, 47, 48	5	EZEK. 3, 4	5	DAN. 9, 10
6	ISA. 49, 50, 51	6	EZEK. 5, 6, 7	6	DAN. 11
7	ISA. 52, 53, 54	7	EZEK. 8, 9, 10	7	DAN. 12
8	ISA. 55-58	8	EZEK. 11, 12	8	HOS. 1, 2, 3
9	ISA. 59, 60, 61	9	EZEK. 13	9	HOS. 4, 5, 6
10	ISA. 62, 63, 64	10	EZEK. 14, 15	10	HOS. 7, 8, 9
11	ISA. 65, 66	11	EZEK. 16	11	HOS. 10, 11
12	JER. 1, 2, 3	12	EZEK. 17, 18	12	HOS. 12, 13, 14
13	JER. 4, 5	13	EZEK. 19, 20	13	JOEL 1, 2
14	JER. 6, 7	14	EZEK. 21, 22	14	JOEL 3
15	JER. 8, 9, 10	15	EZEK. 23, 24	15	AMOS 1, 2, 3
16	JER. 11, 12, 13	16	EZEK. 25, 26	16	AMOS 4, 5, 6
17	JER. 14, 15, 16	17	EZEK. 27, 28	17	AMOS 7, 8, 9
18	JER. 17, 18, 19	18	EZEK. 29, 30	18	OBAD. 1
19	JER. 20, 21, 22	19	EZEK. 31, 32	19	JONAH 1-4
20	JER. 23, 24	20	EZEK. 33, 34	20	MICAH 1, 2, 3
21	JER. 25, 26	21	EZEK. 35, 36	21	MICAH 4, 5
22	JER. 27, 28, 29	22	EZEK. 37, 38	22	MICAH 6, 7
23	JER. 30, 31	23	EZEK. 39	23	NAHUM 1, 2, 3
24	JER. 32, 33	24	EZEK. 40, 41	24	HAB. 1, 2, 3
25	JER. 34, 35	25	EZEK. 42, 43	25	ZEPH. 1, 2, 3
26	JER. 36, 37	26	EZEK. 44, 45	26	HAGGAI 1, 2
27	JER. 38, 39	27	EZEK. 46, 47, 48	27	ZECH. 1, 2, 3
28	JER. 40, 41, 42	28	DAN. 1	28	ZECH. 4-7
29	JER. 43, 44	29	DAN. 2	29	ZECH. 8, 9, 10
30	JER. 45-48	30	DAN. 3	30	ZECH. 11-14
31	JER. 49, 50			31	MAL. 1-4

Bible Reading Schedule

A guide for systematic Bible reading

How to use this schedule:

To read through the Bible in one year, follow both the Old Testament and New Testament readings. If you wish to go more slowly and read the Bible in two years, you can follow the Old Testament reading on one day and the New Testament reading on the next day.

"Never let good books take the place of the Bible. Drink from the Well, not from the streams that flow from the Well" --Amy Carmichael.

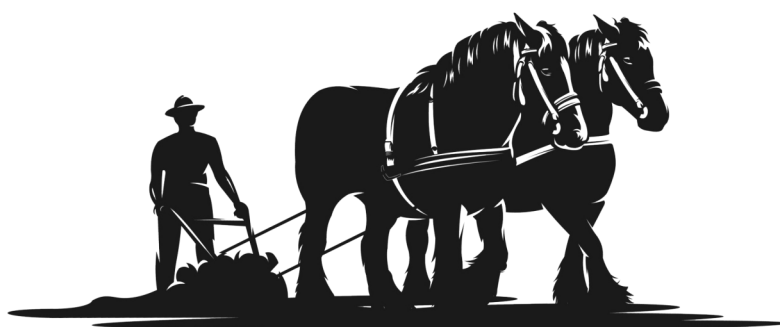
J. Wilbur Chapman's Rules

1. **STUDY IT THROUGH.** Never begin a day without mastering a verse from its pages. 2. **PRAY IT IN.** Never lay aside your Bible until the verse, or passage you have studied, has become a part of your being. 3. **PUT IT DOWN.** The thoughts that God gives you, put in the margin of your Bible or in your notebook. 4. **WORK IT OUT.** Live the truth you get in the morning through each hour of the day. 5. **PASS IT ON.** Seek to tell someone else what you have learned.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

"THUS ON THY HOLY WORD, WE'D LIVE AND FEED AND GROW. GO ON TO KNOW THE LORD, AND PRACTICE WHAT WE KNOW!"

It's not how much of God's Word you go through that counts, but how much of God's Word goes through you!



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