

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Rightly Divide the Bible

Divide the Bible into these seven sections specially created according to content, number of words, and genre. Every day you will read approximately 2500-3000 words which is equivalent to a couple online articles per day. It will only require 10-15 minutes per day.

2. Bookmarks

Place seven bookmarks in your Bible, one in each section. As you read in each section move the bookmark.

3. Read only one section per day

Whereas some plans may have you reading 2, 3, or even 10 different passages per day, it is much simpler to read only one section per day. As a bonus it aids in understanding the context.

4. Assign Days of the Week

Since you read only one section per day, each day must have its own bookmark. You get to choose the days, although on the back of this tract there is a sample schedule that allows you to read through every section of the Bible each week.

That's it! A simple, lifetime, no fail, rightly divided reading plan.

Section Definitions

Below are the seven sections to read from with a sample schedule. The chapters suggested maintain a readable number of words per day.

Sunday—Paul—6 chapters

Romans-Philemon

Monday—Law—4 chapters

Genesis-Deuteronomy

Tuesday—History—5 chapters

Joshua-Esther

Wednesday—Psalms—5 chapters

Job-Song of Solomon

Thursday—Prophets—5 chapters

Isaiah-Malachi

Friday—Narratives—4 chapters

Matthew, Mark, Luke, Acts

Saturday—New Testament—5 chapters

John, Hebrews-Revelation

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A Simple Bible Reading Plan

“All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. “

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Failing in Your Bible Reading

Perhaps you are among the many Christians who resolve every year to use a Bible reading calendar only to fail by February. It's time to change the way you think about reading the Bible, and to get a lifetime plan that prevents this type of failure.

A New Mind to Reading the Bible

Consider why bestselling books don't place a 'Read this through in a year' plan at the end of their book? Don't they want people to read their book?

This sounds silly, but it illustrates why Bible reading calendars are destined to fail. It is not the calendars' fault. The best books people can't put down!

No other book do readers limit themselves to what a calendar dictates.

Before finding a reading plan be honest with yourself. Why do you need a Bible reading plan? If it is because you struggle to read the Bible at all, stop now. A calendar or reading plan will not create in you a desire to read or study.

If you struggle reading the Bible, start small. Read Romans. It is the foundational book of salvation for the church. When you are done, read it again. Then, again. When you've read it 6 times, read the rest of Paul's epistles (Romans-Philemon). Repeat this 6 times. Write down your questions; study them; ask your pastor, Bible study, or church; research in the Bible.

The goal is to establish you on right doctrine and create a desire in you to read the Bible. If you desire to read another book of the Bible, great, do that!

Soon you will see that you have stopped merely reading the Bible and have started learning.

Dangers of Reading Calendars

1. If you are struggling to read the Bible at all, a reading calendar will just be an added burden. Do not let a calendar strangle your prayer life or normal Bible study.

2. *Calendars can create a rigid formality* and at worst a religious practice that has no real substance. Beware.

3. *Calendars can beget complacency* about spiritual growth because we have read our appointed scripture for today. Reading the Bible does not earn our salvation, nor does it guarantee our maturity. If you miss a day of reading for prayer or to get better understanding of a passage, so be it.

4. *Calendars can create careless readers* of the Bible. Instead of reading with open eyes and hearing ears, we can become weary of reading the very words of God. Do not forget that the book you hold in your hand is God's book not just another textbook or work manual. If you want to read another passage of the Bible on a given day, then forget the plan.

5. *Calendars have bias*. Though the men creating them may be well-intentioned the most popular plans and calendars are created by men who would deny fundamental doctrines. Most do not get to the important doctrines of the mystery of Christ and the gospel of salvation until late in the year. By this time, the majority have already quit reading.

Benefits of a Reading Plan

1. Reading plans are useful for people who want to be better acquainted with those portions of the Bible they do not study as often.

2. They save time. Instead of considering every day where in the Bible you will read, planning helps to redeem the time.

3. Plans provide order: something needed for those who read their Bible randomly.

4. Plans are a guide. Guides are useful for families, spouses, or Bible studies to read and learn the Bible together.

A Simple Reading Plan

In order to guard against some of the dangers of current reading calendars, this plan is simple, easy to use, and helps prevent failures.

Here's how. Assign a section of scripture to a day of the week. (The sections are defined on the back). Read an average five chapters from the designated section.

Keep track of your places with bookmarks. There is no calendar to follow. If you hit a chapter of genealogies, skip it.

If you miss a day or read less than five chapters, then let it be. The plan does not fail, and you can continue reading from that section next week.

You can easily continue on this plan every year from where your bookmarks were left the previous year.