

#### BROADWAY'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH STRATEGY

There are three daily practices that will lead to spiritual growth:

- **G** | Give of your time, talents, & treasures for the betterment of someone every day.
- Read, Reflect, & Respond to the Word of God every day.
- Opportunities to Witness Somehow, in some way, tell someone about God's presence and activity in your life every day.

Together they spell **GROW**.



# STEP

This online reading plan is designed to help you daily read the Bible and draw near to God. We've created an acronym to help you study and think about what you read – STEP! God is always using His word to speak to us in a personal and powerful way. Writing down what He says to us through our Bible reading helps us to engage and remember what He is trying to teach us.



**SCRIPTURE** – which verse(s), word(s), or phrase(s) in your reading today caught your attention, challenged your thinking, or impacted your heart?



**TEACHING** – What did you observe in the verse(s)? How do you think the original audience or person would have understood it? What are you learning from this verse?



**EXPERIENCE** – How does what you learned in this verse apply to your life experience? How will you think or act differently because of what you have read and learned?



**PRAYER** – Turn what you have learned into a prayer for God's help to live out His truth.

Choose a time of day when you can give focused attention to the day's reading. Then sit down with your Bible and notebook and get started. If you read all four columns in the reading plan, you will read the entire Bible in a year. But you can also read only one or two columns. Whatever you decide, take some time to listen (prayer) as well as read. Then track in your notebook your ongoing interaction with God.





#### **HOW TO USE YOUR JOURNAL**

**Step One** – Look at the Bible Reading Plan (based on the Disciple Journal Plan) and read the chapters for the day. This is a four-column plan. Read all four columns each day and you will get through the entire Bible in a year. Read two columns a day to read through the Bible in two years. You will also notice that this plan follows a 25 day-a-month format that allows for a few days' reflection each month.

**Step Two** – Read expectantly in anticipation of God speaking to you through His Word. 2 Timothy 3:16

**Step Three** – Turn to a new journal page, write the date at the top, & then follow the S.T.E.P. acronym (some find it helpful to write the acronym down on the left margin) to write down and record your learning from your time with God. Once you are done – give your page a title.

**Step Four** – Turn to the Table of Contents and then write the date, title, and page number of your journal entry. That way you will always be able to find a previous journal entry – for reference or reflection.

**Step Five** – Pray it and then go out and live it! You will be amazed how the journal entry you've just completed will be brought to your mind through the power of the Holy Spirit as you work, live, and play!

Should I do my STEP Journal in the morning or evening? Do whatever works best for you. But give God your best time when you are fully awake and fully listening for the Spirit of God.







#### **BIBLE READING PLAN**

#### **JANUARY**

	NEW TESTAMENT		OLD TESTAMENT	
	MATTHEW	ACTS	PSALMS	GENESIS
□ 1	1:1-17	1:1-11	1	1-2
□ 2	1:18-25	1:12-26	2	3-4
□ 3	2:1-12	2:1-21	3	5-8
□ 4	2:13-23	2:22-47	4	9-11
□ 5	3:1-12	3	5	12-14
□ 6	3:13-17	4:1-22	6	15-17
<b>7</b>	4:1-11	4:23-37	7	18-20
□ 8	4:12-17	5:1-16	8	21-23
□ 9	4:18-25	5:17-42	9	24
□ 10	5:1-12	6	10	25-26
11	5:13-20	7:1-38	11	27-28
<b>1</b> 2	5:21-32	7:39-60	12	29-30
□ 13	5:33-48	8:1-25	13	31
□ 14	6:1-15	8:26-40	14	32-33
□ 15	6:16-24	9:1-19	15	34-35
□ 16	6:25-34	9:20-43	16	36
□ 17	7:1-14	10:1-23	17	37-38
□ 18	7:15-29	10:24-48	18:1-24	39-40
□ 19	8:1-13	11:1-18	18:25-40	41
□ 20	8:14-22	11:19-30	19	42-43
□ 21	8:23-34	12	20	44-45
□ 22	9:1-13	13:1-25	21	46-47
□ 23	9:14-26	13:26-52	22:1-11	48
□ 24	9:27-38	14	22:12-31	49
□ 25	10:1-24	15:1-21	23	50





#### **FEBRUARY**

	NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TEST	AMENT
	MATTHEW	ACTS	PSALMS	EXODUS
□ 1	10:26-42	15:22-42	24	1-3
□ 2	11:1-19	16:1-15	25	4-6
□ 3	11:20-30	16:16-40	26	7-9
<b>4</b>	12:1-21	17:1-15	27	10-12
□ 5	12:22-37	17:16-34	28	13-15
□ 6	12:38-50	18:1-17	29	16-18
<b>7</b>	13:1-23	18:18-28	30	19-20
□ 8	13:24-43	19:1-20	31	21-23
□ 9	13:44-58	19:21-41	32	24-26
□ 10	14:1-21	20:1-12	33	27-29
□ 11	14:22-36	20:13-38	34	30-31
<b>1</b> 2	15:1-20	21:1-26	35	32-33
□ 13	15:21-39	21:27-40	36	34
□ 14	16:1-12	22	37:1-22	35-37
<b>1</b> 5	16:13-28	23:1-11	37:23-40	38-40
				LEVITICUS
□ 16	17:1-13	23:12-35	38	1-4
<b>1</b> 7	17:14-27	24	39	5-7
□ 18	18:1-14	25:1-12	40	8-10
□ 19	18:15-35	25:13-27	41	11-13
□ 20	19:1-15	26:1-18	42	14-15
□ 21	19:16-30	26:19-32	43	16-17
□ 22	20:1-16	27:1-26	44	18-20
□ 23	20:17-34	27:27-44	45	21-23
□ 24	21:1-11	28:1-16	46	24-25
□ 25	21:12-22	28:17-31	47	26-27





#### MARCH

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NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TEST	AMENT
MATTHEW	ROMANS	PSALMS	NUMBERS
21:23-32	1:1-17	48	1-2
21:33-46	1:18-32	49	3-4
22:1-14	2	50	5-6
22:15-33	3	51	7-8
22:34-46	4	52	9-11
23:1-2	5:1-11	53	12-14
23:13-24	5:12-21	54	15-17
23:25-39	6:1-14	55	18-20
24:1-14	6:15-23	56	21-22
24:15-35	7:1-12	57	23-25
24:36-51	7:13:25	58	26-27
25:1-13	8:1-17	59	28-30
25:14-30	8:18-39	60	31-32
25:31-46	9:1-18	61	33-36
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26:1-16	9:19-33	62	1-3
26:17-35	10	63	4-5
26:36-56	11:1-24	64	6-8
26:57-75	11:25-36	65	9-12
27:1-10	12:1-8	66	13-17
27:11-26	12:9-21	67	18-21
27:27-44	13	68	22-26
27:45-56	14	69:1-18	27-28
27:57-66	15:1-13	69:19-36	29-31
28:1-10	15:1-13	70	32
28:11-20	16	71	33-34
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#### **APRIL**

	NEW TE	ESTAMENT	OLD TEST	TAMENT
	MARK	1 COR	PSALMS	JOSHUA
□1	1:1-8	1:1-17	72	1-2
□ 2	1:9-20	1:18-31	73	3-5
□ 3	1:21-34	2	74	6-7
□ 4	1:35-45	3	75	8-9
□ 5	2:1-12	4	76	10-12
□ 6	2:13-17	5	77	13-14
□ 7	2:18-28	6:1-11	78:1-39	15-17
8	3:1-21	6:12-20	78:40-72	18-19
□ 9	3:22-35	7:1-16	79	20-21
□ 10	4:1-20	7:17-40	80	22-23
□ 11	4:21-41	8	81	24
				JUDGES
□ 12	5:1-20	9:1-12	82	1-3
□ 13	5:21-43	9:13-27	83	4-5
□ 14	6:1-13	10:1-13	84	6-7
□ 15	6:14-29	10:14-33	85	8
□ 16	6:30-44	11:1-16	86	9
□ 17	6:45-56	11:17-34	87	10-12
□ 18	7:1-23	12:1-13	88	13-15
□ 19	7:24-37	12:14-31	89:1-18	16
□ 20	8:1-13	13	89:19-52	17-18
□ 21	8:14-21	14:1-25	90	19
□ 22	8:22-30	14:26-40	91	20-21
				RUTH
□ 23	8:31-38	15:1-28	92	1
□ 24	9:1-13	15:29-58	93	2-3
□ 25	9:14-32	16	94	4





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	NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TEST	AMENT
	MARK	2 COR	PSALMS	1 SAMUEL
□ 1	9:33-50	1:1-11	95	1-2
□ 2	10:1-16	1:12-24	96	3-5
□ 3	10:17-34	2	97	6-8
□ 4	10:35-52	3	98	9-10
□ 5	11:1-11	4	99	11-13
□ 6	11:12-26	5	100	14
<b>7</b>	11:27-33	6	101	15-16
□ 8	12:1-12	7	102	17-18
□ 9	12:13-27	8	103	19-20
□ 10	12:28-34	9	104	21-23
<b>1</b> 1	12:35-44	10	105	24-25
□ 12	13:1-13	11:1-15	106:1-23	26-28
□ 13	13:14-31	11:16-33	106:24-48	29-31
				2 SAMUEL
□ 14	13:32-37	12:1-10	107	1-2
□ 15	14:1-11	12:11-21	108	3-4
□ 16	14:12-31	13	109	5-7
		GALATIANS		
<b>1</b> 7	14:32-42	1	110	8-10
□ 18	14:43-52	2	111	11-12
□ 19	14:53-65	3:1-14	112	13
□ 20	14:66-72	3:15-29	113	14-15
□ 21	15:1-15	4:1-20	114	16-17
□ 22	15:16-32	4:21-31	115	18-19
□ 23	15:33-41	5:1-12	116	20-21
□ 24	15:42-47	5:13-26	117	22
□ 25	16	6	118	23-24





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	NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TEST	AMENT
	LUKE	EPHESIANS	PSALMS	1 KINGS
□ 1	1:1-25	1:1-14	119:1-8	1
□ 2	1:26-38	1:15-23	119:9-16	2-3
□ 3	1:39-56	2:1-10	119:17-24	4-5
□ 4	1:57-66	2:11-22	119:25-32	6-7
□ 5	1:67-80	3:1-13	119:33-40	8
□ 6	2:1-20	3:14-21	119:41-48	9-10
□ 7	2:21-40	4:1-16	119:49-56	11
□ 8	2:41-52	4:17-24	119:57-64	12
□ 9	3:1-20	4:25-32	119:65-72	13-14
□ 10	3:21-38	5:1-21	119:73-80	15-16
□ 11	4:1-12	5:22-23	119:81-88	17-18
□ 12	4:13-30	6:1-9	119:89-96	19-20
□ 13	4:31-37	6:10-24	119:97-104	21-22
		PHIL		2 KINGS
□ 14	4:38-44	1:1-11	119:105-112	1-3
□ 15	5:1-11	1:12-20	119:113-120	4-5
□ 16	5:12-16	1:21-30	119:121-128	6-7
□ 17	5:17-26	2:1-11	119:129-136	8-9
□ 18	5:27-32	2:12-18	119:137-144	10-11
□ 19	5:33-39	2:19-30	119:145-152	12-13
□ 20	6:1-16	3:1-11	119:153-160	14-15
□ 21	6:17-26	3:12-16	119:161-168	16-17
□ 22	6:27-36	3:17-21	119:169-176	18-19
□ 23	6:37-42	4:1-7	120	20-21
□ 24	6:43-49	4:8-13	121	22-23
□ 25	7:1-10	4:14-23	122	24-25





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	NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TEST	AMENT
	LUKE	COL	PSALMS	1 CHRON
□ 1	7:11-17	1:1-14	123-124	1-2
□ 2	7:18-35	1:15-29	125	3-4
□ 3	7:36-50	2:1-7	126	5-6
□ 4	8:1-15	2:8-15	127	7-9
□ 5	8:16-25	2:16-23	128	10-11
□ 6	8:26-39	3:1-14	129	12-14
<b>7</b>	8:40-56	3:15-25	130-131	15-16
□ 8	9:1-17	4:1-9	132	17-19
□ 9	9:18-27	4:10-18	133-134	20-22
		1 THESS		
□ 10	9:28-36	1	135	23-25
□ 11	9:37-50	2:1-9	136	26-28
□ 12	9:51-62	2:10-20	137	29
				2 CHRON
□ 13	10:1-16	3:1-6	138	1-2
□ 14	10:17-24	3:7-13	139	3-5
□ 15	10:25-37	4:1-8	140	6-7
□ 16	10:38-42	4.0.40		
	10.30-42	4:9-18	141	8-9
□ 17	11:1-13	5:1-11	141 142	8-9 10-12
☐ 17 ☐ 18				
	11:1-13	5:1-11	142	10-12
18	11:1-13	5:1-11 5:12-28	142	10-12
18	11:1-13 11:14-28	5:1-11 5:12-28 2 THESS	142 143	10-12 13-16
☐ 18 ☐ 19	11:1-13 11:14-28 11:29-36	5:1-11 5:12-28 2 THESS 1:1-7	142 143 144	10-12 13-16 17-19
☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20	11:1-13 11:14-28 11:29-36 11:37-54	5:1-11 5:12-28 2 THESS 1:1-7 1:8-12	142 143 144 145	10-12 13-16 17-19 20-21
☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22	11:1-13 11:14-28 11:29-36 11:37-54 12:1-12	5:1-11 5:12-28 2 THESS 1:1-7 1:8-12 2:1-12	142 143 144 145 146	10-12 13-16 17-19 20-21 22-24
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#### **AUGUST**

NEW TESTAMENT		OLD TESTAMENT		
	LUKE	1 TIMOTHY	PROVERBS	EZRA
□ 1	13:1-9	1:1-11	1	1-2
□ 2	13:10-21	1:12-20	2	3
□ 3	13:22-35	2	3	4-5
□ 4	14:1-14	3:1-10	4	6
□ 5	14:15-24	3:11-16	5	7
□ 6	14:25-35	4	6	8
<b>7</b>	15:1-10	5:1-15	7	9
□ 8	15:11-32	5:16-25	8	10
				NEHEMIAH
□ 9	16:1-9	6:1-10	9	1-2
□ 10	16:10-18	6:11-21	10:1-16	3
		2 TIMOTHY		
□ 11	16:1931	1:1-7	10:1732	4-5
□ 12	17:1-10	1:8-18	11:1-15	6
□ 13	17:11-19	2:1-13	11:16-31	7
□ 14	17:20-37	2:14-26	12:1-14	8
□ 15	18:1-8	3:1-9	12:15-28	9
□ 16	18:9-17	3:10-17	13:1-12	10
<b>1</b> 7	18:18-30	4	13:13-25	.11
		TITUS		
□ 18	18:31-43	1:1-9	14:1-18	12
□ 19	19:1-10	1:10-16	14:19-35	13
				ESTHER
□ 20	19:11-27	2:1-10	15:1-17	1
□ 21	19:28-40	2:11-15	15:18-33	2
□ 22	19:41-48	3:1-8	16:1-16	3-4
□ 23	20:1-8	3:9-15	16:17-33	5-6
		PHILEMON		
□ 24	20:9-19	1-11	17:1-14	7-8
□ 25	20:20-26	12-25	17:15-28	9-10





#### **SEPTEMBER**

	NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TEST	AMENT
	LUKE	HEBREWS	PROVERBS	ISAIAH
□ 1	20:27-40	1:1-9	18	1-2
□ 2	20:41-47	1:10-14	19:1-14	3-5
□ 3	21:1-19	2:1-9	19:15-29	6-8
□ 4	21:20-28	2:10-18	20:1-15	9-10
□ 5	21:29-38	3	20:16-30	11-13
□ 6	22:1-13	4:1-11	21:1-16	14-16
<b>7</b>	22:14-23	4:12-16	21:17-29	17-20
□ 8	22:24-30	5	22:1-16	21-23
□ 9	22:31-38	6:1-12	22:17-29	24-26
□ 10	22:39-46	6:13-20	23:1-18	27-28
<b>1</b> 1	22:47-53	7:1-10	23:19-35	29-30
□ 12	22:54-62	7:11-28	24:1-22	31-33
□ 13	22:63-71	8:1-6	24:23-34	34-36
□ 14	23:1-12	8:7-13	25:1-14	37-39
□ 15	23:13-25	9:1-14	25:15-28	40-41
□ 16	23:26-31	9:15-28	26:1-16	42-43
□ 17	23:32-37	10:1-18	26:17-28	44-45
□ 18	23:38-43	10:19-39	27:1-14	46-48
□ 19	23:44-49	11:1-16	27:15-27	49-50
□ 20	23:50-56	11:17-31	28:1-14	51-53
□ 21	24:1-12	11:32-40	28:15-27	54-55
□ 22	24:13-27	12:1-13	29:1-14	56-58
□ 23	24:28-35	12:14-29	29:15-27	59-61
□ 24	24:36-44	13:1-8	30	62-64
□ 25	24:45-53	13:9-25	31	65-66





#### **OCTOBER**

	NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TES	TAMENT
	JOHN	JAMES	ECCLES	JEREMIAH
□ 1	1:1-18	1:1-11	1	1-2
□ 2	1:19-28	1:12-18	2:1-16	3-4
□ 3	1:29-34	1:19-27	2:17-26	5-6
□ 4	1:35-42	2:1-13	3:1-13	7-9
□ 5	1:43-51	2:14-26	3:14-22	10-11
□ 6	2:1-11	3:1-12	4	12-13
<b>7</b>	2:12-25	3:13-18	5	14-15
□ 8	3:1-15	4:1-10	6	16-18
□ 9	3:16-21	4:11-17	7:1-14	19-22
□ 10	3:22-36	5:1-6	7:15-29	23-25
□ 11	4:1-14	5:7-12	8	26-29
□ 12	4:15-26	5:13-20	9	30-31
		1 PETER		
□ 13	4:27-42	1:1-9	10	32-34
□ 14	4:43-54	1:10-16	11	35-38
□ 15	5:1-15	1:17-25	12	39-43
			SONG OF SOLOMON	
□ 16	5:16-30	2:1-8	1	44-46
□ 17	5:31-47	2:9-17	2	47-48
□ 18	6:1-15	2:18-25	3	49
□ 19	6:16-24	3:1-7	4:1-7	50
□ 20	6:25-40	3:8-12	4:8-16	51
□ 21	6:41-59	3:13-22	5	52
				LAM
□ 22	6:60-71	4:1-11	6	1
□ 23	7:1-13	4:12-19	7	2
□ 24	7:14-24	5:1-7	8:1-7	3
□ 25	7:25-36	5:8-14	8:8-14	4-5





#### **NOVEMBER**

	NEW TE	ESTAMENT	OLD TES	TAMENT
	JOHN	2 PETER	JOB	EZEKIEL
□ 1	7:37-44	1:1-11	1	1-3
□ 2	7:45-53	1:12-21	2	4-8
□ 3	8:1-11	2:1-9	3	9-12
<b>4</b>	8:12-20	2:10-16	4	13-15
<b>5</b>	8:21-30	2:17-22	5	16
□ 6	8:31-47	3:1-9	6	17-19
<b>7</b>	8:48-59	3:10-18	7	20-21
		1 JOHN		
□ 8	9:1-12	1:1-4	8	22-23
□ 9	9:13-25	1:5-10	9:1-20	24-26
□ 10	9:26-41	2:1-11	9:21-35	27-28
□ 11	10:1-10	2:12-17	10	29-30
<b>1</b> 2	10:11-21	2:18-23	11	31-32
□ 13	10:22-42	2:24-29	12	3334
□ 14	11:1-16	3:1-10	13	35-37
□ 15	11:17-37	3:11-18	14	38-39
□ 16	11:38-44	3:19-24	15:1-16	40-41
<b>1</b> 7	11:45-57	4:1-6	15:17-35	42-44
□ 18	12:1-11	4:7-21	16	45-47
□ 19	12:12-19	5:1-12	17	48
				DANIEL
□ 20	12:20-36	5:13-21	18	1-2
		2 JOHN		
<b>1</b> 21	12:37-50	1-13	19	3-4
		3 JOHN		
<b>22</b>	13:1-11	1-14	20	5-6
		JUDE		
	13:12-17	1-7	21:1-21	7-8
	13:18-30	8-16	21:22-34	9
□ 25	13:31-38	17-25	22	10-12





#### **DECEMBER**

	NEW TE	STAMENT	OLD TEST	TAMENT
	JOHN	REV	JOB	HOSEA
<b>1</b>	14:1-14	1:1-8	23	1-3
□ 2	14:15-21	1:9-20	24	4-6
□ 3	14:22-31	2:1-17	25-26	7-8
□ 4	15:1-8	2:18-29	27	9-12
□ 5	15:9-17	3:1-13	28	13-14
□ 6	15:18-27	3:14-22	29	JOEL 1
<b>7</b>	16:1-11	4	30	2-3
□ 8	16:12-24	5	31:1-23	AMOS 1-2
□ 9	16:25-33	6	31:24-40	3-4
□ 10	17:1-5	7	32	5-6
□ 11	17:6-19	8	33:1-11	7-9
				OBADIAH
□ 12	17:20-26	9	33:12-33	1-21
□ 13	18:1-18	10	34:1-20	JONAH 1-4
□ 14	18:19-27	11	34:21-37	MICAH 1-3
□ 15	18:28-40	12	35	4-5
□ 16	19:1-16	13	36:1-15	6-7
<b>1</b> 7	19:17-27	14/	36:16-33	NAHUM 1-3
				HABAKKUK
□ 18	19:28-37	15	37	1-3
				ZEPHANIAH
□ 19	19:38-42	16	38:1-21	1-2
□ 20	20:1-9	17	38:22-41	3
				HAGGAI
<b>1</b> 21	20:10-18	18	39	1-2
				ZECHARIAH
<b>22</b>	20:19-23	19	40	1-5
□ 23	20:24-31	20	41:1-11	6-9
□ 24	21:1-14	21	41:12-34	10-14
				MALACHI
□ 25	21:15-25	22	42	1-4





### PRACTICAL ADVICE TO BUILD A HABIT OF PRAYING:

- 1. Choose a specific place to pray away from distractions so you can focus, concentrate, and listen.
- 2. Pray at the same time every day, if at all possible. Make it part of your regular routine and it will become habit. Write it into your schedule and then treat it just like a daily appointment.
- 3. **Pray out loud**. Many people can pray under their breath or in their minds for long periods and still maintain intensity, but for most of us, it's a quick ticket to dreamland. When we pray out loud we have to form intelligent sentences. We have to concentrate more on what we're praying about.
- 4. Keep a notepad handy so you can jot down different things that come to mind while you're before the Lord. Sometimes you'll get great ideas totally unrelated to what you've been praying about. If you jot them down you can quickly get back to the topic at hand without being too distracted.
- 5. Make a list to keep track of your prayer needs. This can be done several ways. Prayer needs can be listed by category like "Church", "Family", or "Unsaved friends". Or they may be listed by the days of the week. Each day you pray for a different set of needs.
- 6. Redeem time for praying out of unused corners of your schedule. Those who have to drive to work can use the time talking with the Lord instead of screaming at traffic (just don't close your eyes!). Busy homemakers can combine prayer with housework, especially if the task doesn't require a lot of concentration. Joggers, swimmers and cyclists can use their workout time for prayer. Sometimes my best times with the Lord have been chats during long, early morning walks or jogs along the beach.
- 7. Change the pace during your prayer time. Include praise, thanksgiving and singing as well as petition. Spend some of your time reflecting on Scripture, meditating on it and digesting its meaning.
- 8. Keep a prayer journal. Here are two variations of this idea. The first is to keep track of what you prayed for and when you prayed for it. Leave a space to jot down the answer when it comes. This will help you to keep alert to God's answer so you can thank Him promptly.





Sometimes prayer answers come in the back door and you don't want them to slip by you. The second variation is to write the entire prayer in your journal. Make it a personal letter to the Lord on a daily basis. Just write "Dear Lord" instead of "Dear Diary".

- 9. Pray with someone else. Though some prayers can only be said in solitude, there will be times when you'll want to join hearts with another person in prayer. If you commit to meet on a regular basis, the accountability can really help build consistency. Such prayer trysts can become powerful, life-changing events.
- 10. Pray one-sentence prayers. If the thought of labouring over a topic wears you out, pray short, sincere prayers instead. A sentence or two may be all that's needed to exhaust the topic for you for the time being. If so, just move on to the next item without feeling guilty for your brevity.







#### **HOW DO I START READING THE BIBLE?**

A lot of people would like to become more familiar with the Bible's characters, stories and message. That's a worthy ambition, but where do you begin? Many would-be readers are paralyzed by the sheer size of the Bible and by not knowing where to start.

It's important realize that the Bible is not an ordinary book that reads smoothly from cover to cover. It's actually a library, or collection, of books written by different authors in several languages over several thousand years. But it's a readable library, and you can get through it. Here is a very good way to begin your Bible reading:

- If you're reading for the first time, start with the Gospel of <u>Mark</u>, and then go on to <u>John</u>.
- When you've read through John, simply go on to the next book, <u>Acts</u>.
- Next move on to Romans.
- Once you've got these under your belt, you can jump into some of the narrative stories of the Old Testament. <u>Genesis</u> and <u>Exodus</u> are good places to begin. Try reading the <u>Psalms</u> at the same time.

Once you've come this far, you will have read one book from each of several shelves in the library—the Gospels, Old Testament history, the Epistles, New Testament history and the wisdom literature. Now you're ready to go on. God wants you to meet Him in His Word.

#### Other helpful tips:

1. Obtain a whole Bible in a modern language version you are comfortable reading. You can do a lot of short reading stints online, but you may like curling up with a real book now and then. Many Christ-followers use the latest New International Version (NIV). Some prefer the English Standard Version (ESV). Others like to read large sections in The Message, a very readable and dynamic translation that is aimed more at general overall meaning than word-for-word accuracy. A translation designed for readability and the best general meaning can get you through large chunks quickly, while a more literal translation lends itself to word accuracy at the price of smooth reading.





- 2. Get some handy help. Use a study Bible or a simple Bible handbook that offers an outline and a brief introduction to each book of the Bible library. Search the Scriptures will take you through the whole Bible library in three years. Each daily section includes three questions to help you get into the text. Another good investment is the New Bible Commentary. This one's not cheap, but you can always put it on your birthday wish list.
- **3. Don't read alone!** Find a friend or join in with a group of people who are also interested. Find a small-group Bible study that is serious about digging into these books and other parts of the Bible.
- 4. Get organized. Find a routine. Pick a place and time to read Scripture every day. Use this STEP Journal to help you establish a habit of Bible reading and prayer.
- 5. Read broadly, study deeply. Reading broadly is a good way to get an overview. When you decide to dip into a section more thoroughly, use an inductive approach to the passage; let the text speak, and start your study from:
  - Observation What does the text actually say? to
  - Interpretation What did it mean originally? to
  - Application What does it mean for my life today?

If you're starting to investigate the Christian faith, you don't have to come to the text already convinced of the Bible's truths, but it helps to be open to what the passage says, at least allowing it to stand as an authoritative account worthy of investigation.





## FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE



BELIEVE WHAT JESUS BELIEVED
 Courageously embrace a Biblical Worldview.



• TEACH WHAT JESUS TAUGHT Intentionally communicate His message.



LIVE LIKE JESUS LIVED
 Actively demonstrate a Spirit-led life.



LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVES
 Selflessly love God and neighbor.

"Him (Jesus) we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

- Colossians 1:28





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