

Your Bible Plan Checklist - How to Read The Bible Everyday

Make your plan before you read:

- 1) Where will you read each day?
- 2) Will you listen with worship music playing, can you focus and read while you have music?
- 3) When will you read? What time of the day? (*Know your schedule. It might be different each day*)
- 4) How frequently will you read the Bible each day?
- 5) Will you read for a time frame or will you read a certain amount of chapters?
- 6) Where will you start reading in the Bible and what version?
- 7) Based on your learning type, will you read a physical Bible or a digital version? Will you take notes?
- 8) How long will you read? (Default: 30 Minutes)

Checklist:

- Put your phone on airplane mode.
- Have food in your belly
- Have some caffeine or energizing nutrition (if in the morning)
- Do a quick workout to wake up (if in the morning)
- Find a quiet place free from distractions (if preferable, use headphones and play worship)
- Have your pen, journal and Bible
- Commit to the full 30 minutes and make sure you have the time

How To Read:

- Pray and ask God for guidance and wisdom before reading
- If you can't concentrate, ask God to give you supernatural focus and understanding
- Read slowly and Meditate on what you read (don't rush)
- Read it repeatedly and talk to God as you read His word (ask questions, thank Him etc.)
- If you finish before 30 minutes: Read again. Ask questions. Ask God to show you what you missed

Preparing To Read The Bible

Pro Tip: Your preparation determines your approach which determines the outcome of your Bible study. So we must prepare faithfully because preparation matters greatly.

I. Know Yourself Accurately: You can't be challenged or encouraged with an exaggerated or incorrect view of yourself. You can't properly apply the Scriptures to your life unless you have an accurate view of yourself and where you're at in your faith and life.

- What are your most prominent strengths and weaknesses (List three of each)
- Know the way that you learn best (Auditory, Visual, Verbal, Logical, or Hands-On)
- In what environments or parts of the day do you learn best? (Night, Day, In Nature etc.)

Psalm 139:23-24 - Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Scripture tells us to examine ourselves, test ourselves, consider our ways.

2 Corinthians 13:5 - Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

II. Make a Personal Plan: Answer the questions found on your Bible Plan Checklist before moving forward to read Scripture. Make one but don't limit God to it.

Put in place a consistent schedule, and make a mandatory appointment every single day. You're more likely to do something when you have a consistent plan to do it.

Proverbs 16:3 - Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:9 - The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

Luke 14:25-33 (Count the Cost)

III. Pray Before You Read

Pray for The Mind and Perspective of God - Ask God to give you wisdom, spiritual sight, understanding, and knowledge. You need the mind of God because we don't automatically have the mind or eyes of God by default, we can't assume we do. The word of God is spiritual truth not made for human minds and can't be discerned by human wisdom.

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Psalm 119:18 - Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Luke 24:44-47 - Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, **46** and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, **47** and that repentance for [c] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 2:6-14 - **6** Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. **7** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— **10** these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. **14** The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

John 16:13-16 - But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you

Pray for Desire and Discipline - Ask God for desire and hunger to read His word, but don't depend on feelings. More than desire, we must ask God for discipline to read His word because discipline outweighs feelings. We we don't live by feelings, we live by the Spirit of self control. But, God does change our hearts by His Spirit so we desire what He does.

Philippians 2:12-13 (Desire) - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

2 Timothy 1:7 (Discipline) - for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Psalms 119:16 - I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Psalms 119:47 - for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.

[Pray for Growth and Transformation](#) - Ask God to bear fruit in your life with the seed of His word in whatever way He wants and to whatever degree He knows is best. We are asking for God to change us and transform us more into the image of Christ. We must expect Him to sanctify us, and we must submit to His ways and timing knowing He will do what is best.

[John 17:17](#) - Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

[1 Thessalonians 4:3](#) - For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

[Romans 8:29](#) - For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

[John 15:8](#) - By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

IV. [Approach God's Word The Right Way](#)

How should we approach God's word? What is the mentality and heart posture I should bring to my personal study of the Scriptures and why does it matter?

[1. Approach God's Word As A Scholar](#)

Read as one who is seeking to know the truth. We are seeking to be led into understanding of the truth by the Spirit of God.

[John 16:13](#) - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

We seek to know what's true: truth is a person, Jesus Christ. He is the true way to The Father.

[John 14:6](#) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

We are seeking to know what is true in order to live free from lies that destroy our lives.

[John 8:32](#) - and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

[2. Approach God's Word As A Soldier](#)

Read as one who is seeking to be trained and equipped for battle. God's word is what trains us in righteousness for the spiritual warfare and battles everyday.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and **for training in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, **equipped** for every good work.*

We must anticipate warfare, seek to be equipped, trained and know how to wield the sword.

*Ephesians 6:11-12 - **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*Ephesians 6:16-17 - In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.***

3. Approach God's Word As A Son/Daughter

Read as one who is seeking to intimately know the Living God more deeply. Knowing God is the entire point of studying the Scripture: to see Him and love Him.

***John 17:3** - And this is eternal life, **that they know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

We are seeking God because He promises to reveal Himself to those who seek to know Him.

***Proverbs 8:17** - I love those who **love me**, and those who **seek me** diligently **find me**.*

Pro Tip: Reading Scripture is not about learning principles it's about knowing a person. It's not about knowing the facts intellectually, it's about knowing our God intimately.

V. Don't just read scripture alone

Also read corporately with other believers. When we read together we have different perspectives, and see things we didn't before. But, we need our own personal time, and can't substitute personal quiet time for corporate. Have both.

These letters from Paul were meant to be read collectively as an entire church.

1 Timothy 4:13 - Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Our collective reading is supposed to encourage each other, and build up the church.

Hebrews 10:25 - not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

VI. Meditate on the scripture

Think through it slowly and examine every word and phrase. Take notes about what you observe. Don't skip what you don't understand. Keep reading the entire passage until you understand. Read repeatedly and talk to God as you read His word.

We're to relish every moment in God's word, delight in it, and just meditate on it cuz we love it

Psalm 119:15-16 - I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Meditation on God's word, solidifies it in our hearts and lives. Don't skip over it

Joshua 1:8 - This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Psalm 119:47-48 - for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love. I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

VII. Pray While You Read

Read the Bible but also engage with God in His word

Prayer is our way to talk to God. Scripture is His way to talk to us. It's two-way communication.

Bonus Practical Tips:

- Put your phone on "Do Not Disturb" or even Airplane Mode
- Have food in your belly, have some caffeine or some energizing nutrition
- Get an accountability partner who will text you everyday to read the Bible
- Label your morning Alarm "Read the Bible" so its the first thing on your mind

Determine your objectives. Establish your priorities. Set a schedule.