

# How to Start Reading the Bible

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Whether you are a new Christian or a mature Christian, Bible reading must be a huge part of your daily routine. Otherwise, we can't expect much positive change in our lives with relationships, whether it's Jesus, spouse, family and friends. The more we get to know Him, the more we love each other. If you truly want transformation in your life, it's time to learn **how to start reading the bible** in a more intentional manner.

First, we're going to discuss why it's essential to develop a daily routine of reading the greatest and most comprehensive book in the world. Let's dive deep so your new routine is seamless as you begin the best chapter in your life, and it starts today.

## Why Reading the Bible Daily is Essential

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There are several reasons why **reading the bible daily** is key to a successful life. Here's a nice short list to help you decide if it's also important for you too. Seriously, I could go on and on for a very long time but I think these key points will convince you.

- Reading the bible will ensure you **understand God** and will help you put on your shield of faith. If we don't read the Bible on a daily basis, our faith will become weak. If our faith becomes weak, we will not be a good teacher or example to our kids, neighbors, spouses etc.
- Studying the Bible will help you **witness to others**, the main goal for us as Christians, according to Jesus. Our purpose in life as Christians is to spread the gospel as it states in Matthew. Have you heard of the Romans Road to Salvation? It's a great way to spread the gospel, especially for new Christians or those who haven't started spreading the gospel yet.
- As the Bible states, **the Truth will set you free**. As human beings, we are always looking on how to be free. Where do you get the Truth? The Holy Bible is the only Truth and inerrant word of God.
- The **Holy Bible teaches us the truth**, including what God expects from us. We also learn how to worship Him, how to make important decisions, how to deal with struggles, etc. It's the Ultimate and Most Comprehensive Guide for Life Handbook or as I call it, "How to Be Happy" Handbook!
- Most importantly, **developing a personal, intimate, relationship with God** is how we have spiritual success. The closer we get to God, the more Christ-like we become.

Hopefully, I've convinced you that reading the Bible is more important than feeding our faces. The Bible is the Bread of our spiritual hunger. It's the water that quenches our thirst. Jesus is the True Living Water!

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## How to Start Reading the Bible Daily

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Now, that we've established the WHY we must read the bible, let's examine and dissect the HOW we dive deep into the scriptures. A major element to beginning our daily walk with the Lord is establishing a consistent routine. It's an essential plan for a long term bible study.

Here are some quick tips on how to start reading the bible daily:

- Find a quiet place with limited distractions to study the scriptures
- Establish the same time daily to encourage frequency in your schedule.
- Determine a trigger that reminds you each day to read your bible. (ie brushing your teeth, grabbing a cup of coffee etc)
- Keep your bible and bible tools next to your quiet place

These bible study tips will ensure that your routine is consistent and long-lasting. My "prayer room" is in front of the fireplace and I go there before starting the day to read my bible, take notes in my spiritual journal, and pray to the Lord.

## How Do I Read the Bible and Understand it?

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Wondering **how to read the Bible for the first time**? As a beginner, in order to read the bible and understand it, many would suggest a commentary while reading your assigned passages. I have used a [Bible Commentary by David Sorenson](#) for years to help me understand more difficult bible scriptures. If David Sorenson's commentary is not in the budget, you might want to try getting a [KJV Study Bible](#) or consider the following Bible Resources for deep bible understanding.

I know what you are thinking — the King James Version (KJV) is the hardest version to understand as it was translated in English over 400 years ago. However, the KJV is an accurate translation. The more contemporary versions have missing verses and were translated based on interpreted context, not word for word like the King James Version. That's why I recommend getting a thorough, detailed commentary to help you understand

the best Bible version — the KJV. This is my opinion and if you want to use another version, that is certainly up to you. I'm just telling you from my research years ago and what opinion is, I want to be totally transparent.

## **Bible Tools for Reading the Bible**

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Here is a **great list of biblical tools** that will help you on your spiritual journey. While some may be hard on the budget, our money should be wisely spent on the things of God. Yet, if you cannot afford most of these incredible bible resources, consider at least a good study Bible in the KJV version.

- [Understanding the Bible by David Sorenson](#)
- [Dr. J Vernon McGee's Commentaries](#)
- [KJV Study Bible with Commentary](#)
- [KJV Bible Commentary by Edward G. Dobson](#)
- [The New Strong's Exhausted Concordance](#)
- [Unger's Bible Dictionary](#)
- [Webster's 1828 Dictionary](#)

## **Is it Better to Read the Bible in Chronological Order?**

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While you certainly can read the bible in chronological order, if you are more of a beginner or new at reading the bible, I would take a different approach. I follow a different path that a Pastor Dr. Terry Coomer suggested in his booklet titled How to Have Daily Time with God. Start with the New Testament and the books of Psalm and Proverbs. Then, alternate between the New Testament and Old Testament, respectively.

What does that look like? Here is a list below of the sequential order of bible books. On a daily basis, read 2 to 3 chapters a day. When you start a new book, don't skip the introduction of the bible book, instead, read the introduction thoroughly. It will help you understand the author's intent and the history of the time period.

## **Where to Start Reading the Bible**

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Here is where to start reading the Bible, and it's not chronologically, even though I've read the Bible in sequential order when I was a new Christian. I would suggest starting with the First book of John. 1 John reveals to us how to have fellowship with God. It's imperative that we build a relationship with God. As you begin your first month, you want to read the 5 chapters of 1 John over and over again for 30 days. Then, after you are finished, follow this order.

## **Bible Reading Plan for Beginners**

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1. 1 John
2. John
3. James
4. Ephesians
5. Philippians
6. Colossians
7. Galatians
8. Psalms
9. Proverbs
10. Acts
11. Luke
12. Romans
13. Matthew
14. Mark
15. 1 Corinthians
16. 2 Corinthians
17. 1 Thessalonians
18. 2 Thessalonians
19. 1 Timothy
20. 2 Timothy
21. Titus
22. Philemon
23. Hebrews
24. James
25. 1 Peter
26. 2 Peter
27. 2 John
28. 3 John
29. Jude
30. Revelation
31. Proverbs
32. 1 John
33. Psalms
34. Mark
35. Job
36. Galatians
37. Ecclesiastes
38. Ephesians
39. Song of Solomon
40. Philippians
41. Genesis

42. Colossians
43. Exodus
44. 1 Thessalonians
45. Leviticus
46. 2 Thessalonians
47. Numbers
48. 1 Timothy
49. Deuteronomy
50. 2 Timothy
51. Joshua
52. Titus
53. Judges
54. Philemon
55. Ruth
56. Hebrews
57. 1 Samuel
58. James
59. 2 Samuel
60. 1 Peter
61. 1 Kings
62. 2 Peter
63. 2 Kings
64. 1 John
65. 1 Chronicles
66. 2 John
67. 2 Chronicles
68. 3 John
69. Ezra
70. Jude
71. Nehemiah
72. Revelation
73. Esther
74. Matthew
75. Job
76. Mark
77. Psalms
78. Luke
79. Proverbs
80. John
81. Ecclesiastes
82. Acts

83. Song of Solomon
84. Romans
85. Isaiah
86. 1 Corinthians
87. Jeremiah
88. 2 Corinthians
89. Lamentations
90. Galatians
91. Ezekiel
92. Ephesians
93. Daniel
94. Phillipians
95. Hosea
96. Colossians
97. Joel
98. 1 Thessalonians
99. Amos
100. 2 Thessalonians
101. Obadiah
102. 1 Timothy
103. Jonah
104. 2 Timothy
105. Micah
106. Titus
107. Nahum
108. Philemon
109. Habakkuk
110. Hebrews
111. Zephaniah
112. James
113. Haggai
114. 1 Peter
115. Zechariah
116. 2 Peters
117. Malachi
118. Start over again!

Here are 5 easy steps on **how to start reading the Bible**. As mentioned above, once you begin each new book of the Holy Bible, study the introduction. It will help you identify where the author is coming from and his audience. Reread each bible book at least twice through before moving onto the next book. On a daily basis, read at least 2 to 3 chapters at a time. Write in your spiritual journal as the Lord speaks to you through his bible verses.

Keep in mind that reading the book of Proverbs will give you a lot of wisdom you'll need during uncertain times throughout your life. A suggestion would be to begin with one Proverbs chapter a day before you begin. For example, if it's March 1st, read Chapter 1 of Proverbs.

Remember, as you read each verse carefully, have a spiritual journal and a pen beside you and write copious notes. Write a general outline and note the topics of each chapter like "The Wedding at Cana" or "Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray". You'll be thankful to have these notes when referring back to them in the years ahead. Plus, write down any struggles you are facing as you'll also appreciate these in the future when you realize God had a plan for these crises and issues we go through.

## How do I Start Reading the Bible Daily?

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Now that we've established how to start reading the bible, let's dissect the question, **how do I start reading the bible daily?** What does it look like each day as I sit down to read? Here are some quick tips to get started:

1. Go to your prayer room or study area at the same time each day.
2. Pull out your bible, spiritual notebook or journal, and pen. Always keep it in close proximity to your study area to avoid wasting time trying to find it. I have a separate bible for separate occasions. I have a study Bible for daily devotions and a Bible for church. You can keep your Church Bible in the car so you don't forget it.
3. Begin with reading a chapter in Proverbs based on the day of the month. Then, begin with the book of John following the bible study guidelines above.
4. As you read each chapter carefully, take notes on your discoveries, and review any commentaries to study in more detail and help you understand the text. Write a title for each chapter, seeking the main subject(s).

For example, in your Bible notebook or journal, it may look like this:

*Gospel of John*

*Ch. 1 Jesus Christ, the Word of God*

*Jesus was the eternal Word of God 1 – 9*

*Jesus came into the world 10 – 18*

*John witness that Christ is to come 19 – 28*

*John says that Jesus is the Lamb of God 29 – 37*

*Jesus calls his first disciples 38 – 51*

5. Reread each chapter carefully and note any additional messages, verse by verse. Another example is using John 3:16. Write in your notes “The greatest verse in the Bible” along with dissecting each word “God” – the greatest God, “so loved” the greatest devotion and love, etc.

## Podcast Ladies Bible Studies and Video Resources

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In addition to reading and writing God’s Word, use even more of your senses with audio and video bible resources. If you are saturating yourself with sermons, studies, and bible verses on a daily basis, you will transform your life into more of a Christ like character.

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## Kindle Bible Study Resources

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