

Daily Bible Reading Plans

Psa 119:97 O how I love Thy LAW! It is my meditation all the day.

1. Following this program you will read through the Old Testament once, (except for Psalms and Proverbs which you will read twice), the Gospels, Acts and Revelation twice, and the Epistles three times in a year.
2. The numbers in parenthesis after each day's date refer to the number of verses in that day's reading.

PRINCIPLES FOR HAVING AN EFFECTIVE "SPIRITUAL TIME" (S.T.)

God's Word is "Spirit and it is life" (John 6:63). Therefore, to get the full benefit from a S.T. we need to spend time in prayer, "tuning our spirits in" with heaven. The best time to have a S.T. is when Jesus did - early in the morning while it's still dark (Mark 1:35). We must not only give God the first fruits of our finances, but also the best part of our time while we're fresh and alert.

- 1a. Make sure there is no broken fellowship between you and your heavenly Father. If there is do 1 John 1:9. See also Psa 32:5 & Prov 28:13.
- 1b. Spend some time in prayer. Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit must practice "praying in the spirit and praying with the mind also." 1 Cor 14:2,4,14-15,18.
- 1c. Spend some time in praise and worship. This entails thanking God for who He is and what He has done for you. Some Christians enjoy "singing with the spirit and singing with the mind also" (1 Cor 14:15). If you lack a vocabulary of praise, use the Psalms to praise Him. See Psa 95:2 (NASB). This involves reading through the Psalms and coloring all the Scriptures on praise in dark blue (pencils or crayons), and read them out as audible expressions of your praise and worship to God. You should try and spend at least 30 minutes on point 1.
- 2a. Before you start doing your daily readings for each day of the year, pray for a spirit of wisdom and revelation, using the prayers found in Col 1:9-14; Eph 3:14-21 and Eph 1:15-19, inserting your name to personalize the prayers.

- 2b. It is important to read audibly because "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17). You will also find you are reading slower, hence concentrating better and absorbing more truth.
- 2c. It is good to read God's word sitting at a desk or similar environment but not in a position that will put you to sleep. Before you start reading make sure you have all the necessary aids. You will need a pen, ruler, coloring in pencils, kleenex, a modern translation (eg. NASB, NIV, J.B. PHILLIPS) a dictionary and a S.T. note book. It would be of tremendous benefit to use a good Study Bible that gives study notes at the foot of each page. These notes help you to understand the meaning of difficult portions of scripture such as the Old Testament prophets and the Book of Revelation. These Study Bibles also introduce each book of the Bible, giving you the time of writing and the historical background which is of utmost importance for your understanding of the Scriptures.
- 2d. Use a color code system. Firstly, it helps you to read attentively and with discernment, looking for the different verses that apply to each color of the color code system. Secondly, it helps in witnessing and counseling, enabling you to find the relevant Scriptures quickly. Through this system you will become familiar with your Bible in the shortest possible time.

SUGGESTED COLOUR CODE

(Change to suit your preferential subjects of study)

- 1. BROWN - Word (eg. Psa 119:9,11,89,103,105,130,162; 138:2 Jer 1:12; Heb 4:12)
- 2. FAWN - Divine Healing (eg. Isa 53:3-5; Matt 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24; Prov 4:20-22; Mark 5:25-34)
- 3. CRIMSON - Prosperity, Tithing & Giving (eg. 2 Cor 8:9&9:6-12; Mal 3:8-12; Phil 4:15-19)
- 4. RED - The Name of Jesus (eg. Mark 16:17; Acts 3:16 & 4:10; Phil 2:8-11; Heb 1:4)
- 5. ORANGE - Salvation (eg. John 1:12 & 6:37 & 47; Rom 10:9-11 & 13; 2 Cor 6:2)
- 6. YELLOW - Prayer and Fasting (eg. John 16:23,24; Mark 11:24; 1 John 5:14-15; Matt 6:16-18)
- 7. LIGHT GREEN - Water Baptism (eg. Matt 3:13-16; Acts 2:38a & 41; Acts 8:35-39)
- 8. DARK GREEN - In Him (eg. Rom 8:1-2; 32 & 37; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Eph 1:3&7; Phil 4:13)
- 9. LIGHT BLUE - Holy Spirit (eg. Luke 11:11-13; Acts 2:4; 10:44-46 & 19:6; John 7:37-39)

10. DARK BLUE - Praise and Worship (eg. Psa 22:3; 29:1-1;30:11-12; 135:103 & 147:1; Heb 13:15)
11. PURPLE - Faith (eg. Heb 10:38, 11:1 & 6; Mark 11:22 - 23; Rom 12:3; 10:17 & 4:17-21)
12. BLACK - Demons & Hell (eg. Luke 10:18-19; Matt 10:1; James 4:7; Rev 20:10-15)

NOTE: Normal color pencils are the best to use on Bible paper. Don't press too hard when coloring in or else you may damage the paper. Also thoroughly rub over the portions you have colored in with a kleenex or else the color will transfer onto the opposite page when you close the Bible.

- 2e. There are certain verses that will be a blessing to you, but are not included in the color code system. Underline these verses with a pen, also making notes in the margin of your Bible of any revelation of truth you receive from the Lord. Don't let revelation knowledge slip away from you by not writing it down. Also use your S.T. note book to write down any instructions and revelations that you receive from the Lord in prayer or while studying His Word; and obey them. Write out good Scriptures that you would like to confess, at the back of this book.
- 2f. Spend a few minutes confessing God's Word over your life, especially the IN HIM Scriptures which tell you who you are "In Christ" and what you can do "through Christ". In your daily life and conduct practice being a doer of the Word (James 1:22-25).
Point 2 will take about 25 minutes for Bible reading, 10 minutes for coloring in or meditation, and 10 minutes to confess the Word. So totaling up points 1 and 2 you will be spending about 75 minutes a day, which means that you are only giving God 5,21% of your time.
3. Following this daily Bible reading program will ensure that you get a balanced spiritual diet throughout the whole year, resulting in you living a far more stable, victorious and fulfilled Christian life.
4. There are 5 different Bible reading programs for you to choose. Two 1 Year programs, one 2 year program and a 6 month and 3 month program. The first one year program is the best because it gives a "balanced, equal reading schedule covering 3 aspects of the word of God:
Old Testament,
New Testament and
Psalms and Proverbs.

2 Tim 3:16-17 All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Pet 2:2 Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the WORD, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.

Col 3:16 Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Jer 1:12 Then the Lord said to me, 'You have seen well, for I am watching over My WORD to perform it.'

Psa 19:7,11 "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

Psa 119:9,11 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy WORD. Thy WORD I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee.

Psa 119:165 Those who love Thy LAW have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.

1 Thess 2:13 And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the WORD of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the WORD of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

Psa 119:103 How sweet are Thy WORDS to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psa 107:20 He sent His WORD and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Matt 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My WORDS shall not pass away."

