

Bible Reading Plans

2012 BIBLE READING PLANS

Our spiritual life is dependent on knowing the God of the Bible. We grow in our relationship with God as we come to know Him in His Word, the Bible, and by growing in our communication with Him in prayer.

This year our Adult Ministry and Prayer Ministry have united to offer 3 separate Bible Reading Plans. Each one offers unique ways to nurture your understanding of, and relationship with, the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

To be successful in committing to one of these plans it helps to be accountable to someone or to a small group for encouragement. Try to start your morning by reading the Scripture for that day. If you can't read in the morning try to set a regular time in your day to do the reading.

It is our hope that as you commit to spiritual growth by utilizing one or more of these plans in the coming year, God will be faithful to His promise in Isaiah 55:11 that His Word will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which He sent it.

- What might God want to accomplish in your life?
- What purpose is He longing to fulfill in and through you?
- Would you like to grow in your understanding of Who God is: His character, His ways, His purposes and plans?
- What area of your life might our Lord be desiring to transform with His Word?
- How would you like to grow in your prayer life?

1. Grow in your understanding of God:

Read Through the Entire Bible- Online version @ www.oneyearbibleonline.com. God will use this to expand your understanding and experience of Who God is, His plan of salvation, and His ways and will for His people. You will read of His desire for relationship with His people and will grow in your relationship as you ask the Holy Spirit to be your Teacher and Guide into knowing the God of the Bible more intimately. (You can also order a variety of One Year Bibles through the Resource Center.)

2. Grow in your prayer life:

Read the Psalms- In the Psalms you will meet God, come to know His character and majesty. You will learn to pray as you use the words of the Psalmist as your own prayers in the various needs of life. Your faith will grow and your life will change as your communication with a familiar God becomes a daily habit.

Psalms- You will read 1-5 Psalms per day depending on your time. Pray before you read asking the Lord the following questions:

Who are You Lord as expressed in this Psalm?
What prompted the Psalmist to speak with You in this way?
How then should I pray?

One suggestion for selecting Psalms is to start with the Psalm that corresponds to the day of the month, then add more by 30's.

On the 1st of the month - Read Psalm 1, 31, 61, 91, & 121
On the 2nd of the month- Read Psalm 2, 32, 62, 92 & 122

3. Grow in Christ likeness:

Read Proverbs- Proverbs is a book of wisdom. Wisdom teaches that the most important foundation we build in life is a moral character that honors and pleases God. Each day will waken you to the contrasts and choices we have between the ways of the world and the ways of God. An interactive time with God and Proverbs will bring a transformation of character into God's desired goal of Christ likeness.

Proverbs- There is one chapter of Proverbs for each day of the month. Pray before you read, asking the Lord the following questions:

What are You wanting to teach me Lord?
What is important to you here Lord?
Is there something in my life that you want me to look at?
Is there an area you want me to grow in?