

**Read Through the New Testament in a Year**  
10 minutes per day. 5 days per week. 1 chapter per day.

**Our Goal** | Read the New Testament in one year by simply reading one chapter per day, 5 days per week (260 chapters in NT).

**Connect with Jesus** | We will begin in the biographies of Jesus, the Gospels, as we dive deeply into knowing Jesus personally and connecting with Him and His teachings.

**Pray As You Go** | Each day, take a moment to pray before you read. It will posture your heart to hear from God and encounter Him through the Scriptures. After you read, spend a few minutes reflecting on and then talking to God about what you just read. Remember that you are not simply gaining knowledge, rather, you are getting to know Jesus personally. That means you're in conversation where you talk some and you listen some. Sometimes you just sit with each other in silence. This journey is primarily about cultivating your connection and friendship with Jesus.

**Knowing God** | God wants you to know him, but that requires you to carve out time and space to be with Him. We encourage you to find a specific time and place that you go to meet with God each day. It will greatly increase your consistency, and perhaps even become a sacred space for you. Be sure to remove any distractions (including phones, devices), and make sure you put this in your calendar too.

**Be Attentive and Responsive** | Following Jesus can be distilled down to these two words. Be ATTENTIVE to God's Spirit, His voice, His activity. And then be RESPONSIVE to what God is doing and saying. If you do this, life transformation will follow.

**Get a Journal** | Record your thoughts, reflections, and prayers in your journal to help you focus in on what God is doing in you and saying to you. You may also want to use a pen or highlighter in your Bible to mark what God is illuminating to you. Your journal and markings will help you chronicle the insights and discoveries that emerge as you read and reflect on the living and active words of Scripture.

*Imagine the kind of person you will become at year's end if you take this journey with God?*

**6 Ways To Read the Bible Deeper** | We recommend trying ONE of these 6 ideas at a time. In other words, use one method for the whole week so you discover what method works well for you. This will also help to keep your reading fresh. Feel free to use various translations as well, but we recommend NIV, NLT, or ESV.

**1. Highlight or Underline key words or phrases in the text.** What stands out to you? What jumps off the page? What resonates? Consider whether what you notice reveals something that God is speaking to you or something God wants to do in or through you?

**2. Identify the Big Idea.** Pay attention to the main idea of the original author. Proper Bible reading must always be rooted in what the original author was communicating to his original audience? Write that big idea down in your journal or in the margin of your Bible. Reflect on it. How is God speaking to you through that big idea?

**3. Ask Thoughtful Questions.** Questions unlock new discoveries and draw us into the text with greater curiosity. Ask questions like - Who? What? When? Where? Why? or How? Scribble some thoughts down on how you might answer those questions.

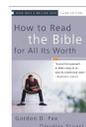
**4. Rewrite in Your Own Words.** After you read the text, try rewriting a phrase, sentence, or specific verse in your own words. Alternatively, you could write one verse in the context of that chapter that speaks to you most, perhaps even memorize it for the week.

**5. Personalize the Meaning of the Text.** God longs for you to respond and then apply what you're learning and/or hearing from Him. After you read a passage, ask yourself: How could my life be different today if I respond to what I read or what I sense God saying or doing? What action is God calling you to take in light of what you read? Write down what you are going to do in light of what you just read - that's called application, and without application, the Scriptures teach that knowledge alone puffs up and doesn't transform us. Our goal is not simply to acquire information but to experience transformation.

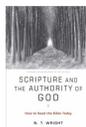
**6. Practice S.O.A.P.** It's an acronym: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. Read the SCRIPTURE. Write down what you OBSERVE. Identify any APPLICATION for your life. Then, talk to God about what you read through PRAYER. You may want to write out a prayer and read it out loud. Sometimes the action of writing out a prayer helps focus your mind.

**Recommended Resources:**

**BOOKS:**



*How to Read the Bible For All It's Worth* (Fee + Stuart)



*Scripture and the Authority of God* (N.T. Wright)

**APPS:**



*YouVersion*



*Bible for Kids*



**BIBLE  
READING  
PLAN 2016**

**AWAKENING**

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
4 <b>Matthew 1</b>	1 Mt. 21	1 Mk. 14	1 Lk. 21	1 PRAY + REFLECT	1 Acts 19	1 Rm. 13	1 2Cor. 2	1 Eph. 6	1&2 PRAY + REFLECT	1 <b>James 1</b>	1 Rev. 2
5 Mt. 2	2 Mt. 22	2 Mk. 15	2&3 PRAY + REFLECT	2 Jn 18	2 Acts 20	2&3 PRAY + REFLECT	2 2Cor. 3	2 <b>Philippians 1</b>	3 <b>2Tim 1</b>	2 Jm. 2	2 Rev. 3
6 Mt. 3	3 Mt. 23	3 Mk. 16	4 Lk. 22	3 Jn 19	3 Acts 21	4 Rm. 14	3 2Cor. 4	3&4 PRAY + REFLECT	4 2Tim 2	3 Jm. 3	3&4 PRAY + REFLECT
7 Mt. 4	4 Mt. 24	4 <b>Luke 1</b>	5 Lk. 23	4 Jn 20	4&5 PRAY + REFLECT	5 Rm. 15	4 2Cor. 5	5 Php. 2	5 2Tim 3	4 Jm. 4	5 Rev. 4
8 Mt. 5	5 Mt. 25	5&6 PRAY + REFLECT	6 Lk. 24	5 Jn 21	6 Acts 22	6 Rm. 16	5 2Cor. 6	6 Php. 3	6 2Tim 4	5&6 PRAY + REFLECT	6 Rev. 5
9&10 PRAY + REFLECT	6&7 PRAY + REFLECT	7 Lk. 2	7 <b>John 1</b>	6 <b>Acts 1</b>	7 Acts 23	7 <b>1 Cor. 1</b>	6&7 PRAY + REFLECT	7 Php. 4	7 <b>Titus 1</b>	7 Jm. 5	7 Rev. 6
11 Mt. 6	8 Mt. 26	8 Lk. 3	8 Jn. 2	7&8 PRAY + REFLECT	8 Acts 24	8 1Cor. 2	8 2Cor. 7	8 <b>Colossians 1</b>	8&9 PRAY + REFLECT	8 <b>1 Peter 1</b>	8 Rev. 7
12 Mt. 7	9 Mt. 27	9 Lk. 4	9&10 PRAY + REFLECT	9 Acts 2	9 Acts 25	9&10 PRAY + REFLECT	9 2Cor. 8	9 Col. 2	10 Titus 2	9 1Pet. 2	9 Rev. 8
13 Mt. 8	10 Mt. 28	10 Lk. 5	11 Jn. 3	10 Acts 3	10 Acts 26	11 1Cor. 3	10 2Cor. 9	10&11 PRAY + REFLECT	11 Titus 3	10 1Pet. 3	10&11 PRAY + REFLECT
14 Mt. 9	11 <b>Mark 1</b>	11 Lk. 6	12 Jn. 4	11 Acts 4	11&12 PRAY + REFLECT	12 1Cor. 4	11 2Cor. 10	12 Col. 3	12 <b>Philemon</b>	11 1Pet. 4	12 Rev. 9
15 Mt. 10	12 Mk. 2	12&13 PRAY + REFLECT	13 Jn. 5	12 Acts 5	13 Acts 27	13 1Cor. 5	12 2Cor. 11	13 Col. 4	13 <b>Hebrews 1</b>	12&13 PRAY + REFLECT	13 Rev. 10
16 PRAY + REFLECT	13&14 PRAY + REFLECT	14 Lk. 7	14 Jn. 6	13 Acts 6	14 Acts 28	14 1Cor. 6	13&14 PRAY + REFLECT	14 <b>1Thes 1</b>	14 Heb. 2	14 1Pet 1	14 Rev. 11
17 PRAY + REFLECT	15 Mk. 3	15 Lk. 8	15 Jn. 7	14&15 PRAY + REFLECT	15 <b>Romans 1</b>	15 1Cor. 7	15 2Cor. 12	15 1Thes. 2	15&16 PRAY + REFLECT	15 <b>2 Peter 1</b>	15 Rev. 12
18 Mt. 11	16 Mk. 4	16 Lk. 9	16&17 PRAY + REFLECT	16 Acts 7	16 Rm. 2	16&17 PRAY + REFLECT	16 2Cor. 13	16 1Thes. 3	17 Heb. 3	16 2Pet 2	16 Rev. 13
19 Mt. 12	17 Mk. 5	17 Lk. 10	18 Jn. 8	17 Acts 8	17 Rm. 3	18 1Cor. 8	17 <b>Galatians 1</b>	17&18 PRAY + REFLECT	18 Heb. 4	17 2Pet 3	17&18 PRAY + REFLECT
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26 Mt. 17	24 Mk. 10	25 Lk. 16	25 Jn. 13	25 Acts 14	25 PRAY + REFLECT	26 1Cor. 14	25 <b>Ephesians 1</b>	25 PRAY + REFLECT	26 Heb. 10	25 <b>2 John 1</b>	26 Rev. 19
27 Mt. 18	25 Mk. 11	26&27 PRAY + REFLECT	26 Jn. 14	26 Acts 15	26 PRAY + REFLECT	27 1Cor. 15	26 Eph. 2	26 <b>1Tim. 1</b>	27 Heb. 11	26 PRAY + REFLECT	27 Rev. 20
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31 PRAY + REFLECT	29 Mk. 13	31 Lk. 20	30 PRAY + REFLECT	31 Acts 18	30 Rm. 12	31 PRAY + REFLECT	31 Eph. 5	30 1Tim. 5	31 Heb. 13	30 <b>Rev. 1</b>	31 PRAYERS OF BOLD EXPECTANCY FOR 2016