

Bible Reading Plans

The Bible is God's own Word, a great gift to us that reveals who God is, who we are, and how he wants to align our lives with his will. Nothing could be more important than this!

Yet many Christians approach the discipline of regular Bible reading with a casual, or even dismissive attitude. We can sometimes treat it as an optional add-on to our day. For a moment, imagine treating our diet that way. If you treated food as optional, you would be starving in a fairly short time.

The physical reality we inhabit is a mirror of the spiritual world that is our true life. If our bodies cannot handle an inadequate diet, how much less our souls! That is why it is so important to open the Word of God *every day* and let his truth transform us.

One of the beauties of using a Bible reading plan is that you don't have to worry about what you are reading each day. It allows you to open your Bible every day with consistency and purpose, all while removing the barriers of personal uncertainty and apprehension.

Sample Plans



YouVersion Bible App

Discipleship Journal Reading Plan: "By reading from four separate places in the Scriptures every day, you will get a better grasp of the unity of the Scriptures" Includes one reading from the Gospels, the book of Acts and NT letters, OT wisdom literature, and OT history and prophets. *Also available on Olive Tree Bible App.*

Discipleship Journal 5x5x5 Reading Plan: "Read the New Testament in a year. 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week, 5 ways to dig deeper. This plan will take you through one chapter each day."

A Harmony of the Gospels in 30 Days: "What did the people who lived with Jesus write about him? You'll read the varied perspectives of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in chronological order to highlight their harmonious portrayals of the events surrounding the life of Jesus Christ."

60 Day New Testament Journey: "This Bible reading plan will guide you through the New Testament in 60 days. Many books will inform you, but the Bible has the power to transform you."

You can also find these plans and subscribe at [bible.com](https://www.bible.com).



ESV Bible App (plans available on iOS only)

Through the Bible in a Year: “Each day includes a reading from the Old Testament and New Testament. Starting in Genesis and Matthew, the readings continue sequentially, and over the course of a year, you will never read the same passage twice.”

Daily Light on the Daily Path: “Over the course of a year, enjoy 366 morning and evening Scripture passages paired with readings from *Daily Light on the Daily Path* devotional book.”

Truth Bible Memory Plan: “Helps readers memorize 52 passages of Scripture, one for each week of the year. Treasuring God’s Word in your heart will nourish your soul, encourage and strengthen your faith, and defend against temptation.”

You can also find these plans and subscribe for email reminders at esv.org.



Olive Tree Bible App

Chronological: “With this chronological reading plan, you will follow the historical order of events and writings in the Bible to immerse yourself in its full redemptive narrative from the creation of the world to its glorious ending in Revelation. This plan will take one year to complete.”

Every Word in the Bible: “This plan takes you completely through the Bible, reading every word. Many readers find [a one-year] pace to be unrealistic and discouraging. For this reason, this plan assigns usually only one chapter a day... [working out] to an approximately three-year total.”

31 Days of Proverbs: “Spend a month soaking up the wisdom of Solomon and other ancient writers in the book of Proverbs. This reading plan will take you through one of the Bible’s Wisdom books and illuminate the practicalities of how to live righteously and with reverence for God in your daily life.”

The Olive Tree Bible App is also available for Kindle Fire OS, with a desktop app available for Windows and MacOS.

Others

You can find other plans, including printable schedules online:

Visit navigators.org/resource/bible-reading-plans for various downloadable plans from the Navigators discipleship ministry, including the Discipleship Journal plans mentioned above.

Visit ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans for a variety of downloadable plans recommended for 2018 by R.C. Sproul-founded Ligonier Ministries.

