

BIBLE READING GUIDE

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE READING GUIDE

Purpose

The purpose of the Bible Reading Guide (BRG) is to provide you with a variety of methods that will **encourage and guide your reading of Scripture**. Using these approaches, you can develop a personalized and manageable program that will keep your interest level high and give you a satisfying breadth of exposure to the Word of God.

How to Use It

Choose one or more of the following ten methods of Bible reading. **Be flexible** and feel free to change methods and combinations of methods as you desire. You may choose to integrate one method or combination with your daily prayer time and to use another method or combination at another time of the day.

Suggestions

1. Be sure to **choose a system that works for you**. If you find yourself getting into a rut, change your system. Many people get bored with reading the Bible because they get locked into one method.
2. Consider making a **personal commitment** to reading at least a chapter of the Bible a day.
3. Often the best times for Bible reading are the first thing in the morning and/or just before going to sleep.
4. If you do not have another preference, we suggest you begin your Bible reading with the 365 key chapters of the Bible (method 1 in the BRG).

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Ten Approaches to Reading the Scriptures

1. 365 key biblical chapters in a year.
2. Bible in a year, Old Testament and New Testament daily readings.
3. Bible in a year, cover to cover, on a consecutive schedule, using a six-day week for flexibility.
4. New Testament in a year, using a six-day week for flexibility.
5. Two or three chapters of the Old Testament per day (skip Psalms and/or Proverbs if also using methods 7, 8, or 9).
6. One chapter of the Gospels/Acts and one chapter of the epistles per day.
7. Five psalms (intervals of 30) and one chapter of Proverbs per day. (For example, on the first day of the month, read Psalms 1, 31, 61, 91, and 121, and Proverbs 1. On the twentieth day of the month, read Psalms 20, 50, 80, 110, and 140, and Proverbs 20.)
8. 31 key Psalms per month.
9. 31 chapters of Proverbs per month according to the day of the month.
10. Psalm 119 in 22-day cycles (each day is an eight-verse stanza).

Here are some **suggested combinations**. Start on the level on which you can succeed.

- a. Basic: methods 3 and 9.
- b. Intermediate: methods 1, 8, and 9; or methods 2 and 8.
- c. Advanced: methods 4, 5, and 7.

CHARTS FOR METHODS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 8