

Bible Reading Plan

Knowing God

A challenging multi-year plan for the
VERY serious reader

Hebrews—50 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
James—16 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1 Peter—17 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2 Peter—10 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1 John—16 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2 John - 2 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3 John 3 - 2 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Jude - 5 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Revelation—1 hr 10 min									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

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This aim of this plan is to seek to know more about God, how he works in our world, and especially to understand Jesus and his wonderful work. The strategy is to read or listen to books of the Bible repeatedly to become familiar with them. The goal is to read or listen to each book of the Old Testament ten times, and each book of the New Testament twenty times.

Some suggestions:

Try both reading and listening. See which is most effective for you.

Download an audio Bible on your phone—we suggest the Bibleis app. This makes it easier to listen to a book or portion while you are waiting, ironing, commuting or out walking.

Begin with some of the shorter books of the Bible and work your way up to the longer ones. Please don't try starting with Genesis!

It can be helpful to stick to a single translation so that you become increasingly familiar with the text and can memorise verses in the same translation. We recommend either the NIV or the NLT. We found the NLT a bit easier to follow for the OT Prophetic books and some of Paul's letters.

We have found it easiest to have about five books on the go at any one time—a Narrative (story) type book from the OT, a Prophetic book, a Gospel and a New Testament letter. With the New Testament books, we have aimed to listen to them ten times and then come back later to do the remaining ten times.

It takes about 72 hours to listen/read through the whole Bible: about 54 hours for the OT and 18 hours for the NT. This plan therefore requires about 900 hours of commitment, so will likely take a few years.

As I write this, we are about a third of the way through and have really enjoyed this process of Bible Study. We really encourage you to give it a go.

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Founders, Bibleworld Museum & Discovery Centre.

Ephesians—20 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Philippians—15 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Colossians—14 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1 Thessalonians—12 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
2 Thessalonians—7 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1 Timothy—17 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
2 Timothy—12 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Titus—7 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Philemon—3 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	

Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

Matthew—2 hrs 15 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Mark—1 hr 30 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Luke—2 hrs 30 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
John—2 hrs										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Acts—2 hrs 20 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Romans—1 hr 5 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1 Corinthians—1 hr										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
2 Corinthians—40 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Galatians—25 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	

Genesis—3 hrs 40 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Exodus—3 hrs										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Leviticus—2 hrs 15 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Numbers—2 hrs 50 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Deuteronomy—2 hrs 30 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Joshua—1 hr 40 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Judges—1 hr 40 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Ruth—15 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 Samuel—2 hrs 5 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2 Samuel—1 hr 45 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 Kings—2 hrs 5 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2 Kings—2 hrs 10 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 Chronicles—2 hrs 15 min										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Put on your new nature and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

Colossian 3:10 (NLT)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

	2 Chronicles—2 hrs 30 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Ezra—45 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Nehemiah—1 hr									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Esther—30 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Job—1 hr 45 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Psalms—4 hrs 30 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Proverbs—1 hr 30 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Ecclesiastes—30 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Song of Songs—15 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Isaiah—3 hrs 45 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Jeremiah—3 hrs 45 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Lamentations—20 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Ezekiel—3 hrs 45 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

This is what the Lord says, Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts, boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

	Daniel—1 hr									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Hosea—30 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Joel—12 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Amos—25 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Obadiah—4 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Jonah—8 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Micah—20 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Nahum—8 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Habakkuk—9 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Zephaniah—10 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Haggai—7 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Zechariah—35 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Malachi—11 min									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24