

“Must Read” Books and Passages of the Bible

Genesis	50 chapters	Exodus	40
Numbers	36	Joshua	24
Ruth	4	1 Samuel	31
2 Samuel	24	1 Kings 1-11	11
Ezra	10	Nehemiah	13
Esther	10	Job	42
Psalms	150	Proverbs	31
Ecclesiastes	12	Song of Songs	8
Isaiah	66	Daniel / Revelation	12 / 22
Jonah	4	Zechariah	14
Malachi	4		

One of the Gospels

John and / or	21	Mark	16
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Acts	28	Romans	16
Galatians	6	Philippians	4
1 Thessalonians	5	Hebrews	13
James	5	1 & 2 Peter	5 / 3
1 John	5	Revelation	22

Portions of Scripture for Special Focus:

Exodus 20 10 Commandments
 Matthew 5-7 Sermon on the Mount
 John 13-17 The Upper Room Discourse
 Galatians 5:19-26 The Fruit of the Spirit
 2 Peter 1:3-9 The Ladder of Personal, Spiritual Growth
 Philippians 2:4-11 and 1 Peter 5:1-6 Spiritual Leadership

Those in “bold” are absolute “must reads”. You can read through the Psalms and Proverbs by reading one a day each day of the month. There are 31 Proverbs = one for each day of the month. You can do the same with the Psalms. Read Psalm 1-30 the first month. Then read Psalm 31-60 the second month; 61-90 the next and so on. This will get you through the Psalms in 5 months.

Taking the personal responsibility and initiative to establish a daily, disciplined “quiet time” alone with God is the core value that is the key to growing in your relationship with God. Another tool you can use to become disciplined in your reading of God’s Word is using a Bible Reading Plan. (You may find a one page Bible reading plan in the Resources section of this web site.)

For concentrated reading and comprehension I recommend establishing a pattern. Here’s an example. John has 21 chapters. Read chapters 1-7 the first week; 1-7 a second week; 1-7 a third week. By then you will know John fairly well. Take Isaiah. Read 3 chapters a day. Week #1 chps 1-21; week #2 chps 1-21; week #3 Chps 22-42; week #4 chps 22-42; week # 5 chps 43-66; week #6 chps 43-66. After a month a half you will have a good comprehension of Isaiah. Get the idea? Make your own concentrated plan.