***READ THE WHOLE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR!***

***(A Simple Plan of Bible Reading which will***

***enable you to complete all 66 Books in 12 Months)***

**STEP ONE:**

**Divide the Bible into 3 Sections:**

1. **The Law and History Books of the Old Testament: Genesis to Esther.**
2. **The Wisdom Books, Songs and Prophets in the Old Testament: Job to Malachi.**
3. **The New Testament.**

***You may ask: “Why do I need to read it in 3 Sections? Why don’t I just start at Genesis and read right through from beginning to end?”***

***The answer is that the Old Testament makes up 77% of the Bible in volume. So if you just read it straight through from beginning to end, you will be stuck in the Old Testament for 9 months; and this would not be profitable for Christians for whom the New Testament is more important.***

***Actually, the Bible naturally falls into the 3 Sections we are using. The Old Testament is in two different types of writings, collected exactly according to the way we have divided it. This is why the Jews call it “The Law and the Prophets.”***

***So the first answer to your question: is that it is more profitable to read the Bible in the 3 Sections we are recommending. The second answer is that it is more enjoyable, because it makes your daily diet of Bible Reading more mixed, tasty and balanced: i.e. not rice only, but rice, meat and salad.***

**STEP TWO:**

**Set and follow a Daily Reading Goal.**

**To complete the Bible in 12 months, you need to read an average of 93-94 verses every day.**

**Start on an easy-to-remember date. Obviously, January 01 would be ideal, but if you make up your mind to start in the middle of the year, don’t wait for the whole Calendar Year to end. If you decide to begin in April, you can conveniently start your Reading Program on May 01. Only make a mental note of your Start Date.**

**STEP THREE:**

**Be disciplined and stick to your Daily Reading Goal. Read the Bible every day from each of the 3 Sections as follows.**

**On Day One:**

1. **Read the whole of Genesis Chapter 1, which has 31 verses.**
2. **Read the first 2 chapters of Job, i.e. a total of 35 verses.**
3. **Read the whole of Matthew Chapter 1, which has 25 verses.**

**You will have noted that in each case you have finished your reading at an easy to remember place, which is the end of a chapter. You can also now resume reading on Day Two at convenient places, which are the beginnings of the next chapters in each Section.**

**The problem is that you will have only read 91 verses and fallen short of your Daily Goal by 2-3 verses. Don’t worry, you can easily catch this up on the days which follow.**

**On Day Two:**

1. **Read the whole of Genesis Ch.2, which has 25 verses.**
2. **Read Job Chapters 3 and 4, which have a total of 47 verses.**
3. **Read Matthew Ch.2, which has 23 verses.**

**Thus on Day Two you will have read 95 verses.**

**On Day Three:**

1. **Read the whole of Genesis Ch.4, which has 24 verses.**
2. **Read the whole of Job Ch.5, which has 27 verses.**
3. **Read the whole of Matthew Ch.3, which has 17 verses, and Matthew Ch.4, which has 25 verses: this makes a total of 42 verses from this Section.**

**In this way, you will have read 93 verses on Day Three.**

**By now you will have received an idea of the pattern you must follow. You can choose the places at which you wish to stop, but make sure that over a number of months you cover an average of 31-32 verses from each Sections and a total of 93-94 verses every day.**

**If you stick to this Plan, you will complete the whole Bible in 12 months; i.e. if you start on May 01, you will finish it by April 30 the next year.**

**THE FINAL MONTH**

**As the New Testament is the shortest Section, you will finish it early in the 11th month. When this happens, increase your daily reading of the other two Sections, to more than an average of 45 verses a day, to make sure that you finish the whole Bible in 12 months.**

**FUTURE BIBLE STUDY**

**Once you have read the Bible “from cover to cover,” you can congratulate yourself on an impressive accomplishment. What next? We strongly suggest that you follow the same Plan and read the whole Bible again and again for the next 3 to 4 years. By doing so, you will have consolidated your knowledge of the contents of every Book and made yourself familiar with the whole Word of God. Moreover, you will have obeyed Jesus’ commandment in Matthew 4:4. This is no small achievement. When any Preacher or Bible Teacher refers to any biblical personality, incident or Scripture Reference, you will know what is being discussed; you will be able to find yourself around the Bible easily; and you will have a good understanding of the overall layout, plan and purposes of every Book, and the Word of God as a whole.**

**Once you have read the Bible in this way for 4 years, you will have gained a good overall and general knowledge of the Bible. But the drawback of this method of Reading is that you have a substantial chunk of Scripture to cover every day. This means that you have to read rapidly and don’t have time to reflect on what you are reading.**

**So our recommendation is that you change your Reading Method from Year 5. In this year, you will read a smaller daily portion of Scripture, but you will chew over it and meditate upon it, until you understand it as deeply and as completely as you can.**

**At this stage, you will find it useful to obtain additional resources, such as one or many Study Bibles, Word Study books, and if possible, a Hebrew Greek Interlinear Bible. Consult these resources, and call on the Holy Spirit to guide you in your daily Bible Study. In this way, you will receive deeper understanding, special insights, and and powerful illumination and revelations from the Word of God.**