

SIX WAYS TO STUDY

Six Ways to Study the Bible

Every believer should have a fundamental commitment to the Word of God. As a new member of Collierville First Baptist, you already understand our abiding commitment to the Bible as God's holy Word and our belief in its practicality for our everyday lives.

A regular diet of God's Word is critical to our spiritual health. Below you'll find six ways to study and apply the Bible to your life. Use these tips as a practical tool to help you in your quiet time. Commit today to hear, read, study, memorize, meditate on and apply God's Word...

1. Hear God's Word

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17

How to receive a blessing in your quiet time:

- **Be prepared to receive a Word from God.**
- **Keep a spiritual notebook and take notes.**
- **Review your notes periodically during your quiet time.**

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2. Read God's Word

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

How to get results with God's Word:

- **Read it daily.**
- **Read it systematically**
- **Read it in a Bible without notes.**
- **Read it in different translations.**
- **Read it aloud.**
- **Underline or color code key passages.**
- **Choose a reading plan and stick with it.**
You can use the **Reading God's Word** schedules on pages 5-8.

3. Study God's Word

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

The secret to effective Bible study is asking the right questions:

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| • Who? | • Where? |
| • What? | • Why? |
| • When? | • How? |

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4. Memorize God's Word

Keep my commandments and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 7:2-3

Some benefits of Scripture memorization:

- **It helps me resist temptation.**
(Psalm 119:1)
- **It helps me make wise decisions.**
(Psalm 119:105)
- **It strengthens me when I'm under stress.**
(Psalm 119:50)
- **It comforts me when I'm, sad.**
(Jeremiah 15:16)
- **It helps me witness to unbelievers.**
(I Peter 3:15)

5. Meditate on God's Word

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:2-3

Meditation is focused thinking about a Bible verse in order to discover how the truth can be applied to your own life.

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Take a look at a few benefits of meditation on Scripture:

- **It is the key to becoming like Christ.**
(Romans 12:2)
- **It is the key to answered prayer.**
(John 15:7)
- **It is the key to successful living.**
(Joshua 1:8)

6. Apply God's Word

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James 1:22

Here are a few questions that can help you apply a Scripture passage to your life:

- **What did it mean to the original hearers?**
- **What is the underlying timeless principle?**
- **Where or how could I practice that principle?**

READING GOD'S WORD

Use the following reading plan to systematically read through the Bible. Mark through the box for each chapter as you read it. **Starting Date** _____

The Old Testament

Genesis	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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Exodus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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Leviticus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27																								
Numbers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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Joshua	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
Judges	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21					
Ruth	1	2	3	4																						
I Samuel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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II Samuel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
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Esther	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10																
Job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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Proverbs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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Song of Sol.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8																		
Isaiah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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Jeremiah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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Lament.	1	2	3	4	5																					

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The Old Testament (continued)

Ezekiel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Daniel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12													
Hosea	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14											
Joel	1	2	3																						
Amos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9																
Obadiah	1																								
Jonah	1	2	3	4																					
Micah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7																		
Nahum	1	2	3																						
Habakkuk	1	2	3																						
Zephaniah	1	2	3																						
Haggai	1	2																							
Zechariah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14											
Malachi	1	2	3	4																					

The New Testament

Matthew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Mark	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16									
Luke	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
John	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
Acts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Romans	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16									
I Corin.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16									
II Corin.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13												
Galatians	1	2	3	4	5	6																			
Ephesians	1	2	3	4	5	6																			
Philippians	1	2	3	4																					
Colossians	1	2	3	4																					
I Thess.	1	2	3	4	5																				
II Thess.	1	2	3																						
I Timothy	1	2	3	4	5	6																			
II Timothy	1	2	3	4																					
Titus	1	2	3																						
Philemon	1																								
Hebrews	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12													

