

Reading Through the Bible in a Year- January 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY-SUNDAY
	1 Genesis 1-2 Matthew 1	2 Genesis 3-5 Matthew 2	3 Genesis 6-8 Matthew 3	4 Genesis 9-11 Matthew 4	5-6 Genesis 12-17 Matthew 5
7 Genesis 18-19 Matthew 6	8 Genesis 20-22 Matthew 7	9 Genesis 23-24 Matthew 8	10 Genesis 25-26 Matthew 9:1-17	11 Genesis 27-28 Matthew 9:18-38	12-13 Genesis 29-32 Matthew 10
14 Genesis 33-35 Matthew 11	15 Genesis 36-37 Matthew 12:1-21	16 Genesis 38-40 Matt 12:22-50	17 Genesis 41 Matthew 13:1-32	18 Genesis 42-43 Matt 13:33-58	19-20 Genesis 44-48 Matthew 14
21 Genesis 49-50 Matthew 15:1-20	22 Exodus 1-3 Matt 15:21-39	23 Exodus 4-6 Matthew 16	24 Exodus 7-8 Matthew 17	25 Exodus 9-10 Matthew 18:1-20	26-27 Exodus 11-15 Matthew 18:21-19:15
28 Exodus 16-18 Matt 19:16-30	29 Exodus 19-21 Matthew 20:1-16	30 Exodus 22-24 Matt 20:17-34	31 Exodus 25-26 Matthew 21:1-22		

7 Suggestions on Growing Spiritually with Bible Reading

- *Why do we need to study the Bible as Christians?** IT IS **GOD'S WORD** that **TRANSFORMS LIVES**. "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." – Isaiah 55:10-11
1. The **Jr. High Monthly Bible Reading Calendar** (it is given monthly) is a recommendation. That means if you have another reading plan that you'd like to use, you are more than welcome to do so. Try to use a study Bible. (The **Reformation Study Bible** in English Standard Version – ESV 20,000 Study Notes, 96 Theological Articles, 50 Evangelical Scholars, 19 In-Text Maps, 12 Charts...One Essential Study Bible.)
 2. Make an **appointment** (regular time) with God and keep it like you would any commitment. **Seriously** and TRULY SEEK Him and His will. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:13
 3. **Pray** before you begin reading. If it is God's Word, then you want God to teach you and point to the important truth.
 4. **Focus** on important truths God wants to show you at the moment. **Use a QT journal**. Summarize and then look for any of the following: **A.** any examples to follow? **B.** commands to obey? **C.** mistakes to watch out for? **D.** any sins to give up and not do over? **E.** any promises to claim and keep? **F.** any new thoughts about God? **G.** ask God questions. *Use S.O.A.P.Y. as a guide. **S = Summarize.** **O = Observation** (any of the A. B. C. D. E. F. G. from #4) **A = Application** (what are you going to do with what God showed you?). **P = Prayer & Evaluate.** (Ask God to continually change you. Ask yourself if being a follower of Christ is making any difference in your life. What have you or someone else noticed (fruit of the Spirit) about you that reflects godliness?). **Y = Yes I can!** Determination to follow through with God's strength (Phil. 4:13)
 5. **Meditate**, ponder, absorb, rethink what God showed you. Take a moment **during the day** (Lunch time) and before you go to sleep, as soon as you wake up and try to remember what God shared with you. **Share** with someone.
 6. And then **pray** after you read, thanking God and praying about AND over the truths gained.
 7. **Practice** what you have learned at home, at school, at church.