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**26 Day Reading Plan**

My prayer is that the Word of God would richly dwell in us (Colossians 3:16) and change us into fiercer Christians.

"Here, then, is the real problem of our negligence. We fail in our duty to study God's Word not so much because it is difficult to understand, not so much because it is dull and boring, but because it is work. Our problem is not a lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. Our problem is that we are lazy." - R.C. Sproul

This simply allows you to read through the **entire** bible in 26 days by reading 30-50 chapters a day taking from one hour - two hours a day. I am going to sticky this post in this thread so that people can refer to this resource and print it out.

**Here is the schedule:** 26 Day Bible Reading Plan *\*(right click and choose save target as to save it to your desktop).*

**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/6/25 20:42**

Here are some Scriptures to encourage you to Bible discipline:

Joshua 1: 6-9 - "Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalms 119:9-11 - "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

Psalms 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:162 - "I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil."

Proverbs 13:13 - "Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded."

Isaiah 55:10-11 - "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Micah 4:2 - "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

Matthew 4:4 - "But he answered, "It is written, ""Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

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John 8:31 - "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 17:17 - "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

Romans 10:17 - "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Ephesians 5:25 - "...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."

Ephesians 6:13-17 - "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

Hebrews 4:12 - "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

1 John 2:14 - "...I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one."

Revelation 3:8,10 - "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth."

**Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/6/26 11:25**

26 days, ahhhhhhhhhhhh!

I'd like that and I'm going to start today!

This has to be the toughest schedule I've ever encountered, but I will try.

thanks,  
mamaluk

**Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2006/6/26 11:33**

that is a pretty rigorous plan! I started today and I'm almost done with the Genesis portion, only a few more chapters to go. Probably taken me an hour and a half so far just to go through the Genesis part.

It sounds really hard to do, but when you think about it, the average American (Christian even) spends way more than that amount of time in front of the TV everyday.

**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/6/26 13:10**

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how much of the scripture is going to 'enter' at this pace.

**Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/6/26 14:56**

Brethren,

In the past, reading through the entire Bible only casually took me at least one year, and since then I had read IT through 3.5 times, sloppily. Now I read different parts of IT each day slowly. But I still think I want to breeze through IT's entirety in 26 days. For me, I love to saturate my mind with Scriptures, since I get easily distracted by the world.

No less, I think that for someone who has the time and especially for those that are new in Faith, reading through the Bible, even briefly, might be better than just reading bits and pieces slowly to begin with (which I did in my younger years), in time, my 'theology' became quite lop-sided. Adding to the time I spent on books from all those fabulous and famous saints, slowly I set the Bible aside and replaced the Bible by reading man's writings. (e.g. 4 hours in books, but 10 minutes in Scripture each day.)

Strangest thing, the more I read man's writings, the more 'spiritual' and prideful I became, and the less I wanted to read what GOD has to say.

Thanks to the correction of the Holy Spirit, I now am more aware in setting aside the 'groves' in our 'high places' and return to the Scripture much more than before.

Truly, the Bible is alive, and that's what's so amazing, IT grooms our spirit, while with me anyways, man's writings groom the flesh.

This is in no way to undermine the great works of man through out the Christian history, who definitely taught me a great deal as well. However,, when shining man's work through the light of Scriptures, there's just no comparison.

just my humble testimony,  
Sola Scriptura, In Christ  
mml

**Re: - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2006/6/26 16:07**

It's so important to read the scriptures. I would encourage those who haven't read the Bible through many times to get this a try. Our fellowship has read through the Bible as a congregation for several years during the month of January and it's been very beneficial to all who were willing to do it.

I wouldn't regularly do this (go through in 26 days) but one can read the scriptures several hours a day and read through the entire Bible many times, even slowly during the course of a year. I would encourage you to pray about it. It seemed as if some of the pieces of the Bible fit together differently the first time I did this.

**Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/26 16:16**

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True, I agree, but we should get familiarised with the Bible as a whole along with all the stories and the like. This should be done every once in a while, however, we should read the Bible slowly as to study it well.

**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/6/26 16:46**

well im going to do this, im new in the faith, not even one year old yet, and i have just been reading here and reading there, some times ive read whole books in one day, some days almost nothing but im begining to understand that you need to know the whole bible... you wont understand some things in the new until you understand the things in the old, sure you can know enough to get saved, but i want that deep spiritual life, i want to go all the way, and in my former life i could watch tv for hours... i could spend hours in drinking and doing drugs...i could spend hours in chasing after these sins... and then hours in doing them.

then i think we have no excuse not to chase after the living gods word.. well i dont know for anyone else but im going to do this. A real motivation is keith daniels sermon the word of god.

I hope you will listen to it, it will furter encourage you to read more of gods holy word

**Re: - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2006/6/26 16:47**

I think I would like to do this.

I read all the way through last year, this year is reading every book twice doing the same thing. I would like to read the whole Bible reading each chapter twice.

What is strange is that while I thought reading every book twice would give a better bird's eye view of Scripture, what it did was make two or three verses burn into my memory in a way that I will never forget them, the way they were presented in the context. Here are some examples:

Num 12:3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

Ruth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

1 Sam 11:2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel.

:4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

:7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

**Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/6/26 16:52**

Wow, I am so excited for all your participation, thankyou SI, perhaps, revival starts by HIS children returning to the written Word afterall!

I've read only 4 chapters of John so far, but I'm going to ask the LORD to discipline me and teach me all the way through.

Praising HIM !!  
happily, mml

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2006/6/26 17:20**

Just a recommendation to go alongside all this. When you are studying the Scriptures, perhaps read swiftly through a single book a time or two to get "the big picture," and then do more detailed slow study a time or two, then again, another swift reading. You'd be surprised how much you learn doing this. I remember the first time I did such with the book of Joel, how much fruit I personally gained from my studies.

**Re: - posted by Tears\_of\_joy, on: 2006/6/26 17:37**

Jimmy, I think this is good suggestion.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/6/26 23:18**

All this reading plan's intention is for people to get through the entire scriptures in one month. I do think that this should be attempted once or twice a year but for most people the slow meditative reading should be the normal. Even during these readings something might stick out to you very powerfully so then you should think upon that truth more.

I am going to stick to the Robert Murray McChyene reading plan also which is a more meditative slower reading plan.

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/6/27 2:06**

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I think even the RMM reading plan is too fast. ;-) Each passage of scripture has a different rhythm. Narrative can often move quickly as may genealogical lists (although there are gems in them at times) but the Psalms and the writings of John should be read in a way where every word is chewed slowly. :-)

There is a story told about a family who visited one of the beauty spots in the English Lake District. They jumped out of the car and ran to someone sitting by the lakeside. "Is this Buttermere?" they asked. "Yes" answered the lakeside sitter. The driver of the car ticked a box on his clipboard and the family jumped back into the car and sped away.

Did the family ever 'see' Buttermere?

**Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2006/6/27 8:02**

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I have to agree with you there, Ron. For me it's quite simple: 1 chapter a day, OT today, NT tomorrow. Start at the beginning, get to the end, begin again. If I miss a day, don't play catch up, just pick up where you left off. My goal of reading, to find Christ in the book. If I can learn one new thing about Christ a day, that's 365 things a year. How's that for a "easy yoke" and a "light burden"?

That's the daily thing, coupled with a dose of "My Utmost For His Highest". I'd rather "retain what I read" than "lap through the Bible". The Book isn't going anywhere, and if Wurmbrand could last all that time without the Book at all, then I can last on the morsel I partake of. A good friend once told me that God prefers consistency to over commitment. Wise words, if you ask me.

Sometimes I may supplement with an intensive study, as the Lord leads.

**Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2006/6/27 8:04**

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Nice :-)

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/6/27 8:48**

ive started yesterday, i did get thru the first day, i must say it was quite ruff, but then as si was saying this is not a plan u always should follow, i meen i do see the whole picture in the stories and so on when i read much but the little ones one might miss, but the thing is i havent been a beliver for so long, and it would be wery embarasing if i were to witness to a lost person and they would to ask me- have you read the whole bible? and honestly i havent, and ive been saved for 10 months, so i do belive this is a good readingplan for me. i know you dont have to read the whole book to be saved, you dont need to read one single word to be saved, but i want to know the bible, and like Greg said once or twice a year i think it is a good thing to read it like this... then on the other hand this method maybe bless someone very much and give them great light in the word by the spirit, and for some other person a chapter a day is the best way, But one thing is for sure if you havent read in your bible before you go to bed today or any day... i would call you a backslider, if you could have and you didnt...

**Re: Who is the main character - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/27 9:00**

I will never forget when, at 16 I read the enter Bible through quickly in the Living Bible version (I think). What I discovered was that the main character was God! And the Bible is written through God's eyes! Suddenly I saw everything in the whole world differntly - more through God's eyes.

That put me into an entirely new mindset. That's when I began to have a burden for the lost, and those who did not know the Word. And so I gave myself to God - to use me in which every way he wished.  
Diane

**Re: Read and be read - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/6/27 9:41**

Quote:  
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Difficult not to add comment... I couldn't agree more about chewing. It's ultimately *absortion*...

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

My ... It just dawned on me that I had pulled one each from the Psalms and John ...

Ron, these two books have kept me enthralled for 6 or 7 years now and yet that is only to make mention of it by way of similarity. Chewing presupposes eating in the first place so I could never give any proscription otherwise. Think this is a great idea for many, a discipline perhaps. Just as well, to keep in mind that important illustration, that the goal isn't to get through it, but for it to get through to you.

**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days!, on: 2006/6/28 18:29**

Another thing folks like me with eye and concentration issues could do is to buy an audio bible and follow the same schedule in the OP.

Ive seen the KJV bible on 2 CDs in MP3 format for less than \$20 on ebay. :)

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2006/6/28 22:25**

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The only problem with this method, and many common such reading plans that have you reading seemingly at random all over the Scriptures is that you'll never really read the Scriptures in context by doing such. Such might be ok for the Psalms, but is a horrible idea for reading books like Romans.

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**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/6/30 8:41**

this is a blessing...now i just dont have sermons when i listen to my mp3 player on the bus...now im listening to gods word... sometimes i feel like even if i lived to be 900 years i still wouldnt have so much time in the word of god that i feel i need and want.. but even if i dont have all the time now...ill have all of eternity in his presence later...that should be enough i think :)

gods peace to you  
christian

**Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2006/6/30 8:57**

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I think that it all comes back to attitude. I tend to be the kind of guy that has a few different books on the go at any time. When I pick up a book, I try to read the end of what I last read, in order to work out where I'm at, and then pick up where I left off last time. This is the approach I take when reading scripture. It is amazing how many times I have found myself reading similar passages in the OT and NT at about the same time (like for instance *Romans 10* around the same time as *Deuteronomy 30*, for example).

I agree that whenever people read with a kind of "A verse a day keeps the devil away" kind of mentality, it is easy to take scripture out of context, however if we make it a point to remember what we are reading, then the risk of this is minimised.

**Every word that proceeds out of ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/6/30 9:11**

Some good thought here. Another is in reading 'whole' books to come alongside KingJimmy there somewhat... Figuring that was how they were originally penned.

Have also been truly blessed in former days listening to the scriptures on Audio - Max Mclean in specific, his reading of them.

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Agree.

However the way chosen, context is king.

**Re: Every word that proceeds out of ... - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/6/30 9:36**

The whole audio bible in KJV version is up on the site:

**Audio Bible (KJV)**

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=48>

**Re:, on: 2006/7/3 22:49**

Cool :)

I have the whole NASB on cd, but I'd like to get both the KJV and the NKJV audio bibles as well.

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**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by DerekSpalla (), on: 2006/7/8 22:28**

I followed a 26-Day reading plan once. I didn't quite get all the way through but I did absorb much of the Word. I am a teacher, so a couple of times a year this is feasible for me to do and I enjoy the challenge.

Built in the same plan (5 Lane Reading Plan) are different schedules that provide ways of reading the Word in differing amounts of time. I have found this plan extremely helpful in my own personal study.

Though I have been a Christian for a long time, this is the first year that I have consistently and regularly read the Word on a daily or almost daily basis. My understanding and my joy have increased. I highly recommend having a daily plan, it helps.

Below is a link to the 5 Lane Bible Reading Program, which includes a 26-Day feast on the Word. Enjoy!

<http://www.lovesark.net/bibleyou/brp.pdf>

Kind Regards,

Derek

<http://kaminos.blogspot.com/>



**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/7/9 13:09**

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Just so you know I have the entire KJV audio bible on the site for download on SI, it can help to follow along with the audio and text:

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**Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2006/7/9 20:43**

I would like to do it three days if the lord gives me strength!!!

**Re:, on: 2006/7/12 5:47**

Wow this is tough work, but really interesting!

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/12/2 2:30**

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Most people spend 3-4 hours in front of a TV. It takes 1-2 hours to read the portions of scripture. This is very **possible** and will reap much fruit if done to honor God and know Him more.

Keith Daniel speaks of men that have read the bible over 400 times! in this sermon:

**The King's Highway**

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=13792>

Do this plan **when** and **if** the Lord leads you.

**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by Peacecraft (), on: 2006/12/8 0:46**

wow, that looks really doable (in 25 days)

**Re:, on: 2006/12/8 4:48**

Quote:  
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Amen. I find that if im being led to do something like this for example i really need to prepare myself. For instance at least a day before i start i set my mind to the task ahead and pray it through. I find if i spend a good amount of time praying about it first it helps me to discipline myself more so than if i didn't pray. This is the same with fasting i really pray first, if i don't i find discipline goes out the window!!!

Blessings,  
Geraldine :-)

**Re: - posted by joyinjesus8 (), on: 2007/3/3 7:58**

Thanks for the reading plan. It might be worth looking at - it does seem rather quick, so I doubt if it would replace my normal readings. I might give it a trial though and see how it goes....

Blessings

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/3/24 16:02**

I do think at times this plan could be worthwhile to attempt. If you are not busy and have a few extra hours a day you could easily read through this plan.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." -Psalm 119:9-11

**Re:, on: 2007/3/30 7:37**

just my comment,

i read through most of the bible two years ago(the three books i never read, i listened to them in my car- 1&2 Chron, ezik el, job). now, i had never done it before, but from what i remember- i know the Spirit of God somehow put a thirst that was never quenched... to explain it- one day, i would read a whole book like Genesis or exodus and the next day i would read only a portion of another book and just meditating on the story. some of the stories were staggering though for me- i esp remember two stories that were gems to me- that i had never heard been preached on- one was 1kings 13 i think- where the man of God gets lied to by another prophet and is invited into the house to eat(when he was forbidden not to) and the other one was in Judges, of the levi- whom the town took away and raped and killed and left her at the door of the house they were staying at as a guest. All this to say- when i read those stories- i really had to pause- because there were some gems i learned from those stories that i never quite had seen anywhere else in the bible... so, just an encouragement- if you do sense your spirit telling you to slow down, i would say do slow down- i would think better to learn a gem than to rush through to just say i finished the task..

what do you guys think.... this was a response also to what philologos asked rhetorically

sam

i like the 5 Lane Reading plan that DerekSpalla posted. i used the same type of categorical arrangement to read last time i read through.

**Re: - posted by lm, on: 2007/7/24 7:01**

response to just my comment      Good Point! :-)

**Re:, on: 2007/7/28 12:06**

Has anyone read the Bible in 26 days?

To me that would be hard, just for the fact of allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to you. It would seem that you would be more concerned about finishing the read than hearing.

I would be came to try it, though. I have read the NT in 30 days and for me that was hard. I am the type that can't retain right of the get go.

**Re: A Race Against the Clock - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/7/28 12:20**

I am reminded of those hotdog eating contests where a bell goes off and the contestants proceed to stuff fistfuls of hotdogs in their face and just gulp and gulp and gulp -- no time to chew. What a wonderful way to get a belly ache! Such feats of mass ingestion is not natural, and that's why there's a lot of vomiting during and after the sport.

Reading the Bible like this can actually *upset* your spiritual stomach. You start shoving mass handfuls of scripture down the gullet without chewing and you will soon notice what I mean. You'll start off strong, but it will soon morph into a burden, a race against the clock. Since you don't have time to taste and chew and properly digest what you're eating, the food will turn into globs of mass that will exit as soon as it enters your head, like water through a sieve.

I've read the entire Bible in a few months, so I can speak from experience. It really did nothing but give me boasting rights. The truth is, I didn't retain much of it...much like a hotdog-eating contestant won't retain much nutrients after the event is finished.

**Re: Through the Bible in 26 Days - posted by FreebyWord, on: 2007/7/29 16:06**

The Lord has been calling me to read through the bible front to back, for quite some time now. I have difficulty disciplining myself to read straight through in that I meditate on, research, savor particular verses and find myself hours later having read all over the bible.

I consider this to be from the Lord, another call to read straight through but I won't rush. Because of life's circumstances, I am one of few I suspect who can devote hours a day to ruminate over the Word--a gift from the Lord to have this time.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit is with me teaching me all truth and that I not miss anything the Lord has to teach me.

If anyone else is doing this, please stay in touch by email or personal message and let me know how it's going. Thanks and God be with you.

**Re: - posted by hulsej (), on: 2007/7/29 16:25**

Quote:  
-----Reading the Bible like this can actually upset your spiritual stomach. You start shoving mass handfuls of scripture down the gullet without chewing and you will soon notice what I mean. You'll start off strong, but it will soon morph into a burden, a race against the clock. Since you don't have time to taste and chew and properly digest what you're eating, the food will turn into globs of mass that will exit as soon as it enters your head, like water through a sieve.  
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Brother Paul,

I agree and disagree with you. I look at it this way: If I'm using a screwdriver to pound in a sixteen penny nail I'm gonna have issues. But I don't throw away my screwdriver because I can't use it to pound in a sixteen penny nail, or any nail for that matter. Instead, I get a hammer and the job becomes much easier. Now when I go to screw in a screw suddenly the screwdriver's usefulness becomes clear.

Likewise, if I use this reading method as a means for in depth study, I'm not going to get much out of it. But just like studying a master work of art, taking a close look serves one purpose, and standing back to look at the whole serves another.

I've been using this reading plan for my bible reading time. (I haven't made it in 26 days yet, but I love how it breaks up the readings.) But I certainly don't use it for Bible study.

Reading the Bible as a whole straight through like this has helped me in forming a good contextual framework of the scriptures.

Blessings,  
Jeremy Hulsej

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/7/29 16:54**

Quote:  
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Yes, I agree, brother. For getting a grasp of the contextual framework of the Bible *as a whole* it is good, though I'm still a bit iffy over the time allotment. 3 months is better, I believe. I think less than a month is too fast; even to get a good textual conception. Just my own thoughts, anyways. The detailed "hotdog" can just as easily morph into a "contextual" water melon.

I like your "hammer versus screwdriver" illustration! I'm not quite sure what a sixteen penny nail is, but I get the picture. Great point, I agree 100%.

Brother Paul :-)

**Re: Through the BIBLE in 26 Days - posted by FreebyWord, on: 2007/7/29 17:10**

Thanks Brother Hulseley for pointing out reading through the bible cover to cover in 26 days gives one an overall view of God's plan and purpose for man.

I just realized I could be halfway through a chapter in the time it's taken to write this---hmm a lesson there to all of us?

**Re:, on: 2007/8/16 17:41**

I actually started the silver level(i think) Where you read the bible 4-1/2 times a year. I just can't do the 26 days level. I wouldn't ever see my family!! So far it is going well, surprisingly, I am retaining better than I thought I would. When I am in Isaiah that seems to be harder to get through it for me. It takes me about an hour to an hour and half.

A thought for those who are not able to read it in 26 days, but maybe one day I will be able to try it.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/16 23:37**

One thing that comes to mind when reading the Bible in 26 days is that I have heard many God called preachers preach a 30 minute sermon on 3 to 7 verses. There is so much there we miss if we hurry. Actually the Bible never instructs us to read the Bible but study it. Not knocking any effort to know his word better. Just some thoughts.

2 Tim 2:15

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

KJV

Please don't take this wrong anyone.

1 Tim 4:15-16

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

KJV

Ps 119:15-16

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

KJV

I am a little slow if I read too much at one time it doesn't stick.  
NT:3191

meleto (mel-et-ah'-o); from a presumed derivative of NT:3199; to take care of, i.e. (by implication) revolve in the mind:  
KJV - imagine, (pre-) meditate.  
(Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c)  
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**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by ilive4only1 (), on: 2007/8/17 4:10**

Quote:  
-----"Here, then, is the real problem of our negligence. We fail in our duty to study God's Word not so much because it is difficult to understand, not so much because it is dull and boring, but because it is work. Our problem is not a lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. Our problem is that we are lazy." - R.C. Sproul  
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Hear, hear!!!!

**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by JamesRondon (), on: 2007/10/9 3:33**

Thanks for the reading plan! May we read, study, and meditate on His word every day...

**Re:, on: 2007/11/16 7:47**

Have you read bible today.

**Re: - posted by menderofnets (), on: 2008/11/6 8:18**

Whether we read the Word quickly or slowly, let's read with the help of the Spirit. Without Him we don't stand a chance.

I know a man who, for the last 50 years or so has spent each day reading the Bible, cover to cover, and then starting over. No plan, no set readings, just himself and the Word. The wisdom this guy has is humbling.

Lord may we each have a renewed and greater desire to feast upon your every word, to know the Scriptures, and You more truly through them.

**Re: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by Totality (), on: 2008/12/8 7:32**

Was this a child completely of your own? or did you get this from someone else?? Btw, I'm going to try it next Monday or  
n---> right now I'm preparing for it.

**Re: I agree - posted by Drawn2Jesus (), on: 2009/4/2 13:02**

The letter kills the Spirit gives life there must be the relationship that exists outside of the printed word in order for the printed word to be quickened to our spirit. :-)  
**Howie**

**Re: , on: 2010/1/9 10:02**

With the new year upon us I thought this plan would be a possible new start for some. God bless.

**Re: MUST READ: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by crossreach (), on: 2010/3/20 19:02**

Wow!

**Re: , on: 2010/3/20 21:06**

Just a suggestion. If one just applies the New Testament reading schedule you will be blessed beyond measure.

E.M Bounds declared " The secret to a Spirit filled life is bible reading and secret prayer".

**Re: Read the Entire bible, on: 2010/4/8 11:08**

Wow! This entire thread is full of some wonderful ideas and Bible reading plans!

Ultimately, I think Bible reading plans are a bit like diet and exercise plans. Each of us is different. We each must choose one we can stick to, that will also get the desired results (In the case of Bible reading the desired result is spiritual growth). If I pick one that is too rigorous or I am too dogmatic about it, I often don't follow through and then can become discouraged with dieting altogether. If I choose one that is too easy and demands little or no discipline, then I won't get the desired results and in the end I can also become discouraged and give up. I've found in my experience that Bible reading plans work much like this.

I myself follow a simple plan I got from "The Discipleship Journal" magazine in the late 1990's. It gives me a reading from four different parts of the Bible daily. One from the Gospels, one from Acts thru Revelation, one from the poetry books (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon) plus Job, and one from the OT (minus the poetry books and Job). Often I have finished this plan in much less than a year. Occasionally it takes me more than a year. I don't follow it religiously, but it gives me some structure in my reading as well as some accountability. I pray before I begin my daily reading and try always to be open to the Holy Spirit's leading, because most of all I want to hear what God has to say to me. So sometimes that takes me completely away from 'my plan', but that's fine by me. I praise God that He is so faithful to speak to us through His Word!

God bless you all and thanks for all the great ideas in this post!

A sister in Christ,  
Drema

**Re: - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2010/4/8 11:51**

Could someone point me to the Robert Murray McChyene reading plan?

Thanks.  
doug

**Re: MUST READ: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by fredesere (), on: 2010/6/10 3:52**

This is really good, However some may find it quite a rough schedule, however it need not be so, If you set aside 4 periods in one day and divide each daily reading by 4, you could read it in a day easily, probably 30 minutes at a time, so you could have 30 Minutes in the morning, 30minutes afternoon, 30 minutes evening, 30 minutes night time before bed. I think if done this way it can still be read in a slow meditative manner, and it is a small sacrifice to pay, simply give up the time you spend watching TV.

If done this way it would also help you to keep your mind focused on the word of God through out the day, and in 21 days you would find that your thought process is more around Gods word because you go to it ever so frequently in one day

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I pray God strengthens and gives help to everyone who does this, I started today.

**Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/1/1 15:42**

I love the the thought of this plan. You can do it monthly and have 3-5 days where you don't read (the plan).

**Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/1/1 15:44**

I am doing this, if anyone else is let me know!

**Re: , on: 2012/1/1 16:20**

So funny. Whenever I say anything about reading the scriptures I get the whole forum against me. When the mods post it it is kosher. Makes no difference. The important thing is to get the word into our hearts. A lot of great plans out there. The important thing is to choose one and Niki it. You know just fo it.

I have seen advertisements promoting audio books as a way to go through books if time is an issue. Some of you listen to sermon. Why not listen to the Bible. I use a Travlers Digital Bible and derive much enjoyment listening to it. Smart phones have some nice apps in different translations you can listen to. Anyway just some ideas if time is a factor.

Some Scogin

**Re: - posted by rickyearle, on: 2012/1/1 17:29**

Martyr are you serious:

Whenever I say anything about reading the scriptures I get the whole forum against me.

I only get to read some threads so i have never seen that happen.

**Re: Rick, on: 2012/1/1 18:55**

Slight exaggeration. But some in the forum take issue with me for suggesting all you need is the Holy Spirit and the Bible or the New Testament. Check out the Jessie Pen-Lewis thread and you see what I mean.

Blaine Scogin

**Re: MUST READ: Read the Entire bible in 26 Days! - posted by Scott1969 (), on: 2012/1/8 15:55**

I am still following Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System. I started this on 8/22/11. I am on day 141. I have 109 days left to have read through the whole bible. I have read Proverbs and Acts four times. Some times I double up, reading 20 chapters in that day. I plan on doing this system for the rest of my earthly life. It has helped me to know more from the Scriptures. Thanks !