

READING THE BIBLE

A GUIDE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS PART I

WHY WE END UP NOT READING THE BIBLE

“I don’t understand what it’s saying...”

- What kind of translation do you have? *Read a different translation.*
- What are you reading? *Pick a book, not read the whole thing straight through.*
- Are you writing things down? *Journaling helps unlock*
- Do you have someone you can ask? *The Bible was always read in community it is meant to be discussed and questioned.*
- Have you prayed about what you read? *James 1:5*

“I don’t know what to read...”

- Are you randomly flipping? *Start a reading plan (millions online)*
- Do you have a something you’re studying out? *Study a character, topic, or theme (see below)*
- Have you gotten input from what has helped other people? *Ask around!*

“I don’t really like reading...”

- Do you understand what you’re reading? *If you don’t get it, it’s hard to like it.*
- Have you tried reading it with audio? *The Bible Experience and others can help make things come alive.*
- Have you tried reading the Bible along with a more contemporary version? *Try The Message paraphrase, but always read it with a real translation!*
- Have you read the Bible with someone else? *Reading the word with others helps you focus.*

“Honesty, I don’t think it makes much difference”

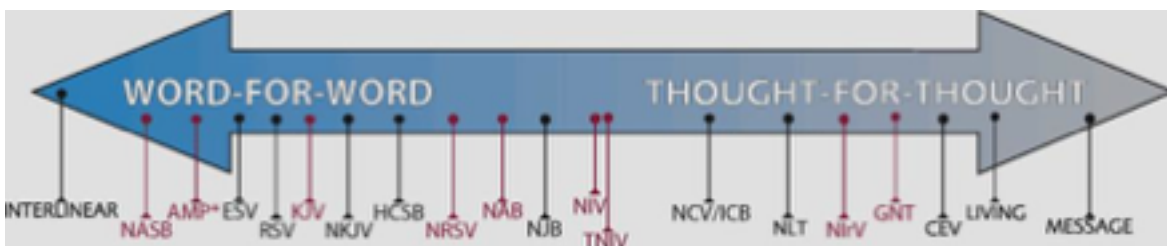
- Where does faith come from? *Romans 10:17*
- Have you been trying to obey it? *James 1:22-25, 1 Tim 4:16, John 8:31*
- Do you share what you read with brothers and sisters? *You can both get and give insight when you share what you read.*
- Do you share what you read with non-christians? *God gives us windows into peoples lives, sometimes what you read may not be for you, but for you to share!*
- Are you studying the Bible with someone? *Nothing helps our Bible study out like trying to teach someone else.*

“I mean to, but I always forget/run out of time...”

- Do you have a set time? *Habits are intentional, God needs to have his own time in your day.*
- Do you have a set place? *Special places help create special relationships.*
- Do you have set materials? *Bible, notebook, pens, resources all help get your head in the game!*
- Do you have a plan? *Plans excite us and help us when we don’t want to.*

BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

BIBLE TRANSLATION SPECTRUM



WEBSITES FOR DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

- biblegateway.com--any translation you'd like
- bible.org--great in-depth tools (includes free NET Notes)
- biblehub.com--original language resources
- blueletterbible.com--free advanced study resources

BIBLE STUDY APPS (ALL FREE)

- YouVersion Holy Bible App*--great starter, easy to use
- Olive Tree Bible Study*--easiest advanced app, best for iPad, reading plans available!
- Bible.is*--foreign translations and dramatic readings
- Glo Bible*--fun to use!

THEMES BY BOOK

Advice--Proverbs Breaking the Cycle of sin--Judges Compassion--Luke Courage--Joshua Deceit of the World--Ecclesiastes Discipleship--Mark Divinity of Jesus--John Evangelism--Acts Faith/Religiousness--James	Faith Through Struggles--Job The Church--Ephesians God is Victorious--Revelation God's everlasting love--Hosea God's Power--Exodus God's Providence--Esther Grace--Romans Gratitude--Numbers Greatness of Jesus--Hebrew Joy and gratitude--Philippians Leadership--1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus Lordship of Jesus--Matthew	Marriage--Song of Songs Obedience--Jonah Perseverance and Endurance--1 & 2 Peter Radical Living--Ezekiel Relationships--Ruth, Philemon Righteousness--Daniel Standing for Truth--Jeremiah Worship--Psalms
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DRAMATIC BIBLE

- The Bible Experience--YouTube
- The Bible--History Channel