

# 12 WAYS TO READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

These are given according to my personal priority, but all are profitable.

1. One chapter from each of the following 9 groups each day. *This has been my habit since the mid-80's.*

books of Moses	[Genesis—Deut]	157 chapters	[complete twice a year]
historical books	[Joshua—Esther]	336 chapters	[complete at least once a year]
poetry	[Job—Song of Solomon]	243 chapters	[complete at least once a year]
one verse from Psalm 119 each day		176 verses	[complete twice a year]
prophets	[Isaiah—Malachi]	250 chapters	[complete at least once a year]
Gospels	[Matthew—John]	89 chapters	[complete 4 times a year]
Acts & Romans	[2 crucial books]	44 chapters	[complete 8 times a year]
Paul's other letters	[1 Corinthians—Philemon]	71 chapters	[complete 5 times a year]
other letters	[Hebrews—The Revelation]	57 chapters	[complete 6 times a year]

*I like this system best for 5 specific reasons and I've used it for almost 40 years*

- I always want to be reading the life of Christ*
- It always includes my 2 favorite books, Romans & Acts*  
*Heavy on salvation, evangelism, and church growth*
- I'd probably skip the prophets if I didn't have a system. Almost 300 chaps w/ little daily application.*
- Most of the verses I've memorized are in the NT. Good review.*
- I was encouraged to spend 5 x more time reading the New Testament than the Old Testament.*

2. Sundays books of Moses [Genesis—Deut]  
 Mondays historical books [Joshua—Esther]  
 Tuesdays poetry [Job—Song of Solomon]  
 Wednesdays prophets [Isaiah—Malachi]  
 Thursdays Gospels [Matthew—John]  
 Fridays Paul's letters [Romans—Hebrews]  
 Saturdays other letters [Acts, James—The Revelation]

\* When you finish each group of books, just start over.

\* Read as many chapters as you care.

\* Some sections have more chapters than others, so you will go through some sections

[like the New Testament] more often than other sections. *This was my system for 7 years.*

3. Read the New Testament five times more than the OT. All Scripture is equally inspired, but not all Scripture is equally profitable or useful. [i.e. genealogies, Tabernacle instructions, prophets sermons, lists of cities, & some Psalms.]

4. Doc's DISCOVERY BOOKS [a blog at [www.PhilMyersBlog.com](http://www.PhilMyersBlog.com)] 121 FREE booklets written by me. Each covers 7 chapter of the Bible. I ask about 6-10 questions in every chapter of the Bible so that you never miss any of the major points in any chapter. This is an inductive Bible study course, not just a reading program. You will learn to mark or underline well over 5,000 things during your study.

5. **Twenty minutes reading each day—plus singing, praying, and maybe writing out daily applications:**

Sunday your choice  
 Monday read straight through the Gospels  
 Tuesday read Acts & Romans  
 Wednesday read Paul's other letters - I Corinthians through Hebrews  
 Thursday read James through Revelation  
 Friday read through the Old Testament  
 Saturday your choice

6. Just once as you read through the Bible, in the margin write a 5-7 word "title" for every paragraph.

7. One book at a time - in any order you feel like reading. Check them off as you go. *This is how I got through the whole Bible my first time.*

8. Four kinds of Chronological Bibles

You can find each of these at Bible bookstores.

I. Doc's DISCOVERY BOOKS Chronological Bible The same booklets as above [in #2] except that all the chapters are in the order they occurred in the Bible. Order online [www.DocsDiscoveryBooks.com](http://www.DocsDiscoveryBooks.com)

II. Whole Bible in the order the books were written

III. All chapters arranged in chronological order: [Job would come prior to the life of Abraham in Genesis. The Psalms would be in a much different order. Nehemiah would be the last book in the Old Testament.]

IV. Each verse would be in chronological order. [The first verse in the Bible would be John 1.1 "In the beginning was the Word, . . . and the Word was God."]

9. Read straight through from Genesis to The Revelation

1 chapter /day [takes 3 1/2 years]      3 1/2 chapters/day [takes 1 year]

10. "Read" with your Smart Phone. Open your Bible as you listen, or use CDs [see your Bible bookstore].

Approx. time is 70 hours at "pulpit speed."      OT = 50 hours      NT = 20 hours

Try reading it in one translation while listening to a different translation: Geneva Bible, or New King James.

11. Read the whole Bible in an edition which has many cross references in the center column. Look up at least half of these cross references each day and underline the most helpful ones.

12. Once in your life read every chapter aloud. AMEN!



2 GREAT IDEAS!  
 1. Put a star next to your favorite verse(s) in every chapter you read.  
 2. Choose a way to mark every verse you've memorized.