

# Bible reading tips

## TIP 01 ▪ The Bible is God's Word

The Bible is **God's personal message** to you. And it is the truth!

**Make the decision to read it.** You won't regret it.

## TIP 02 ▪ pray and read

**Pray** as you read. Ask God to speak to you through His Word. *You will find that He will do so*; for example, you suddenly start to notice things you read in the Bible.

## TIP 03 ▪ which translation is good?

The Bible has been released in a number of translations. One is geared more toward study, for example the New King James Version.

And the other is more focused on easy reading, for example The New Living Translation or The Message. There are also translations with additional explanations.

## TIP 04 ▪ online or app

You can read the Bible online too: [Bible online](#).

The free [Bible app of YouVersion](#) is also very useful. It is used by millions of people all over the world.



## TIP 05 ▪ read aloud to you

You can also have the Bible read to you. Handy on the go! In the Youversion app there are options for that.

## TIP 06 ▪ questions while reading

As you read the Bible, ask yourself the following questions:

1. What does these verses say about the holiness of God?
2. What does it say about the love of God?
3. What does it say about Jesus?
4. What does it say about the work of the Holy Spirit?
5. What does it say about me? About who I am? About who I may/can be? Or what I am able to do? Or about the people around me?
6. Is it an encouragement, an assignment or something else?

When you read about miracles and other extraordinary things, remember: **God is still the same. He can still do that!**

## TIP 07: if you don't understand what you read

If you don't understand a Bible passage, **read on**. Often it becomes clearer if you read what happens *before* or *after* it.

You can also look for someone who can help you further. Or [email us](#).

### TIP 08 ▪ where can I start?

The Bible is a collection of 66 books (the word "Bible" comes from the Latin **Biblia**, meaning *books*). It is really good and clarifying to read an *entire* book of the Bible rather than small pieces and individual stories.

**1 - If you don't know much yet:** start for example with **Mark**, a New Testament book. There you will read about who Jesus is, and about many things He did.

**2 - If you already know a little more:** start with **Matthew** and then continue reading throughout the New Testament. Or read from the Old Testament Ruth, Esther, Jonah or Psalms.

**3 - If you want to read things you may never have read before:** let yourself be amazed by Song of Songs, Ezekiel 17, 43 and 47, Amos, Habakkuk, Galatians, Ephesians, 1 John or Jude.

### TIP 09 ▪ the big picture

If you want to read **the big picture in the history of the Bible**, read these books in the following order:

**The Old Testament:** Genesis → Exodus 1-24+32+40 → Numbers 13-14, 16-17, 20-25, → Joshua 1-11, 22-24 → Judges → 1+2 Samuel → 1+2 Kings → 2 Chronicles 36:22+23 → Ezra 1-6 → Esther → Nehemiah → Ezra 7-10. **New Testament:** Luke 1-2:40 → Matthew 1+2 → Luke, from 2:41 → Acts → Revelation 21.

#### challenge no. 1

Make room in your daily schedule for reading the Bible. Start your day with reading. Or end it with it.

**Reading the Bible will change your life.** You're going to grow! And God is going to speak to you.

#### challenge no. 2

Read the Bible **all the way through**, from beginning to end (if you read 3 chapters or Psalms every day, you finish the Bible after about 1 year).

#### to think about

- ▶ What tips from this download are helpful to me?
- ▶ How can I make sure I read the Bible regularly - preferably every day?
- ▶ Who can I ask questions, if I don't understand something?
- ▶ What can I do less or differently to make time for the Bible? What choices should I make?

