

IV. **MEDITATE** TO READ THE BIBLE

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe 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.”

Joshua 1:8

Think S.P.E.C.S. as you meditate on the Word:

A. **S** **ummarize** the passage.

Pick out the major **points**.

“...Your word is truth.”

John 17:17b

B. **P** **romises** to claim.

There are **thousands** of promises in the Bible.

“...in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation...”

Hebrews 6:18b

C. **E** **xamples** to follow or avoid.

There are **2,930** Bible characters.

“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition...”

I Corinthians 10:11a

D. **C** **ommands** to obey.

Obedience is doing **what** you are told to do, **when** you are told to do it, with the right **heart** attitude.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

James 1:22

E. **S** **ins** to confess.

The ultimate **purpose** of Bible study is not information, but **transformation**.

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

Challenge #1: Read The Four Gospels.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” Eph. 3:20

100 DAY CHALLENGE

How To Read The Bible

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INTRODUCTION

A. Welcome to 2020! It’s a new year and a new decade. It’s also a new opportunity to grow spiritually. Once we have received Christ Jesus the Lord we are then to grow in Him.

“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 2:6-7

The purpose of our church is to lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus. In order to further our purpose and get off to a fast start in 2020 we are going to do a 100 Day Challenge.

B. The 100 Day Challenge teaching series will provide you with the inspiration and information you need to accomplish five big challenges between now and the Monday after Easter. The messages include:

Jan 5 How To Read The Bible

Jan 12 How To Overcome Sin

Jan 19 How To Exercise

Jan 26 How To Be A Difference Maker

Feb 2 How To Be A Multi-Generational Church

C. **TEXT:** I Timothy 4:13 (Pew Bible/Page 1164/New Testament)

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

I. **MINDSET** TO READ THE BIBLE

A. The Bible is **inspired**.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” II Timothy 3:16

B. The Bible is **spiritual**.

“14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

16 For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”

I Corinthians 2:14-16

C. The Bible is **powerful**.

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
Hebrews 4:12

II. **REASONS** TO READ THE BIBLE

“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”
I Peter 2:2

A. **R**enew the Mind.

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”
II Corinthians 4:16

B. **E**ncourage the Heart.

“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.”
Jeremiah 15:16

C. **A**nswer the Question.

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”
I Peter 3:15

D. **D**etermine the Will of God.

“I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.”
Psalm 40:8

III. **WAYS** TO READ THE BIBLE

A. Read the **four** **G**ospels.

“And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.”
John 21:25

B. Read it using the **G**rowth **G**uide.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
II Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

C. Read it thru the Capital Baptist **B**ible **I**nstitute.

“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”
II Timothy 2:2