

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Have you ever asked yourself sincerely "What is the best way to read the bible?" "How can I benefit from what I read?" or "What should I do to remember everything I read?" Or simply "how do I read the bible?"

It is very important to establish a system, and more importantly, to experience the true love for God and his word

Here are a few good Ideas from the experts

1. You will get the most out of your bible if you approach it with a **HUNGRY** attitude—hungry to learn
2. This attitude comes only when you sincerely humble yourself before God and his Word with eagerness to listen to him. Remember, he, who already feels that he knows, feels that he has no need to learn.
3. You must apply what you learn in your day-to-day life. This will make what you read really come to life.
4. Set aside a "*quiet time*" about twenty to thirty minutes for yourself every day, or longer if you like.
5. Be strict with yourself about keeping this time. It is essential to you as your food, and more important than your favourite TV program!
6. Find a quiet, isolated place (usually your room) with no interruptions.
7. Find a time of the day when you still have energy. Get into a routine by using the same time everyday.

8. You may put your Bible on your desk so that you can not miss it everyday when you begin studying. Have your quiet time just before beginning your study.
9. Begin your quiet time with a prayer and possibly a hymn. Calm your mind and your thoughts.
10. In your prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you what you need to learn as you read your Bible.
11. Devise and follow a plan for your reading.
12. The amount you read is not crucial, but the amount that you learn from your reading is. Cast your net into the depth.
13. Get a notebook or diary and write down at least one verse, and perhaps some thoughts about what you read each day.
14. If you have any questions about what you read, remember them or jot them down and ask abouna, your servant, or even mom or dad.
15. Bible commentaries can be helpful, but they can never replace your own reading, meditating, and praying.
16. **Try to think about what you read at every opportunity during the day**

