BIBLE READING PLAN

Read six chapters each day from six different sections of the Bible

Discover God's Word, get to know Him better and grow each day in faith, wisdom and understanding.

Why this Bible reading plan?

The Bible is the Word of God. It is a special book in which God reveals Himself to us. By reading the Bible, we discover who God is, how He deals with people, what He wants to teach us and what plan He has for our lives.

God's Word gives us wisdom and understanding. It helps us distinguish between good and evil, between truth and false teachings. It instructs us, corrects us when we make mistakes and helps us grow in faith and righteousness.

The Bible also offers comfort, hope, strength and encouragement in difficult times. Sometimes God's Word confronts us with our own behavior, thoughts and choices. At other times, we find rest, peace and renewed courage.

The better we come to know the Bible, the better we also come to understand ourselves, God and His purposes for our lives.

The Bible is daily spiritual nourishment for our souls. Just as our bodies need food every day, our spiritual lives also need daily nourishment from God's Word.

That is why I created this Bible reading plan: to help you read the entire Bible in a simple, varied and well-organized way, and to keep doing so.

1. The Bible divided into six sections

The Bible consists of 66 books and letters. Some are long and others are short. To read the Bible in a varied way, I have divided all its books into six fixed sections.

1. The Law

From Genesis through Deuteronomy.

Here we read about creation, the origins of humankind, the history of the first people, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and the people of Israel. We also learn about God's commandments, His promises and His covenant with His people.

2. History

From Joshua through Esther.

In these books we discover the history of Israel. We read about entering the Promised Land, the judges, the kings, the people's obedience and disobedience, and how God remains faithful to His promises throughout history.

3. Poetry and Wisdom Books

From Job through Song of Songs.

These books contain prayers, songs, life lessons, wisdom and profound reflections on life. We learn to deal with joy and sorrow, suffering and trust, love and obedience to God.

4. The Prophets

From Isaiah through Malachi.

Here we read how God speaks to people through His prophets. We discover His warnings, His call to repentance, His promises and the announcement of the coming of Jesus Christ.

5. The Gospels and Acts

From Matthew through Acts.

In these books we come to know Jesus Christ. We read about His birth, His life, His teaching, His miracles, His death and His resurrection. In Acts we discover how the first Christian church came into being and how the gospel spread.

6. The Letters and Revelation

From Romans through Revelation.

Here we read the apostles' teaching to churches and believers. We learn how we can live as Christians, how we can grow in faith and how we should treat one another. The book of Revelation shows us that God will fulfill His promises and that Jesus Christ will ultimately be victorious.

2. How does the Bible reading plan work?

The principle is very simple:

Every day you read six chapters: one chapter from each of the six sections of the Bible.

So you do not read the whole book of Genesis before starting another section. Instead, every day you read from six different books of the Bible.

For example, on the first day:

- Genesis chapter 1
- Joshua chapter 1
- Job chapter 1
- Isaiah chapter 1
- Matthew chapter 1
- Romans chapter 1

On the second day you read chapter 2 from the same six books. On the third day you read chapter 3, and so on.

That way, every day you read something from the Law, History, Poetry, the Prophets, the Gospels and the Letters.

This gives you increasing insight into how the whole Bible fits together. You discover how the different books complement one another and how God's plan runs like a common thread through the entire Bible.

3. What do you do when you finish a book of the Bible?

This is an important part of the reading plan.

When you have finished reading a book of the Bible, simply continue the next day with the next book in the same section.

An example:

You read one chapter from Genesis every day. Genesis has 50 chapters.

When you have read chapter 50, you have finished Genesis. The next day you begin Exodus chapter 1.

When you finish Exodus, you continue with Leviticus. Numbers and Deuteronomy follow.

This principle applies to all six sections.

Another example:

The book of Joshua has 24 chapters. When you have read Joshua chapter 24, you begin Judges chapter 1 the next day.

Then come Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel and all the subsequent historical books, until you have finally finished Esther.

So within each section you simply keep reading, moving from one book of the Bible to the next.

The six sections progress independently of one another. It does not matter, for example, if you have already started Exodus while you are still reading Isaiah in the Prophets section.

You never need to wait until the other five sections have also reached the end of a book.

4. What do you do when you have finished an entire section?

When you have read all the books in one section, you simply start again with the first book of that same section.

For example:

The Law: You have read Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy in full. After reading the last chapter of Deuteronomy, the next day you start again at Genesis chapter 1.

History: You have read all the books from Joshua through Esther. After finishing Esther, the next day you start again at Joshua chapter 1.

The same applies to the other four sections:

- After Song of Songs, start again with Job.
- After Malachi, start again with Isaiah.
- After Acts, start again with Matthew.
- After Revelation, start again with Romans.

In this way you keep reading through the entire Bible continuously.

So you never need to stop because you have finished a book of the Bible or a whole section. You simply start again.

In this way you will read some books of the Bible more often than others. That is not a problem at all. On the contrary, every time you read them again you can discover new things and gain deeper insight into God's Word.

5. How do you use the boxes on the reading plan?

The reading plan consists of six colored rows per block. Each color represents one of the six sections of the Bible.

On the left, write the name of the book of the Bible you are currently reading.

Next to the name are 34 small boxes. In these, record the chapter numbers you have read.

For example: you start with Genesis. You write “Genesis” on the left and, after reading chapter 1, enter the number 1 in the first box. The next day you write 2 in the next box, and so on.

When you finish a book of the Bible, you can write the name of the next book in a subsequent box or on a new row, so that you know exactly where to continue reading.

You therefore do not need to fill all 34 boxes with chapters from the same book of the Bible. If a book ends earlier, continue in the following boxes with the next book from that section.

The six colored rows together form one reading block.

The layout is as follows:

- 34 boxes per row: 34 chapters read.
- 6 rows per block: 204 chapters read.
- 6 blocks per page: 1,224 chapters read.

The complete Bible contains 1,189 chapters: 929 in the Old Testament and 260 in the New Testament.

Once you have filled in every box on one page, you have read a total of 1,224 chapters. That is 35 chapters more than the total number of chapters in the Bible.

Because you read from six different sections and start again whenever you finish a section, this does not automatically mean that you have read every chapter of the Bible exactly once at that point. It does mean that the number of chapters you have read exceeds the number of chapters in the entire Bible.

6. It is not a competition, but a daily encounter with God

The main purpose of this reading plan is not to fill in all the boxes as quickly as possible.

What matters is that you consciously take time each day to read God's Word, reflect on it and apply it in your life.

Perhaps you do not immediately understand everything you read. That is perfectly fine. Keep reading, ask questions and try to discover what God wants to make clear through His Word.

You will find that certain passages of the Bible that you once found difficult gradually become clearer. You will also discover that texts you have read before can suddenly take on special meaning for you at another time.

Before reading, you can pray and ask God for wisdom, understanding and an open heart to understand His Word.

And if one day you cannot manage to read six chapters? Then simply continue the next day where you left off. The plan is a tool, not an obligation.

It is not only about how much you read, but above all about what God's Word can accomplish in your heart and life.

7. God's Word changes our lives

In 2 Timothy 3:16–17 we read that all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the person who belongs to God may be equipped for every good work.

This shows how important God's Word is for our lives.

The Bible not only teaches us who God is, but also helps us know ourselves better. It shows us where we can grow, which choices are good and how we can increasingly live according to God's will.

By reading the Bible regularly, we grow in knowledge, faith, trust, love and obedience to God.

That is why it is so valuable to make Bible reading a daily habit.

Finally – My wish for you

I sincerely hope that this Bible reading plan will help you open God's Word each day with joy and eagerness.

Whether you are reading the Bible for the first time in your life or have been familiar with God's Word for many years, there is always something new to discover.

Keep reading, keep learning, keep seeking and keep growing in your relationship with God.

I wish you much joy, wisdom, understanding and, above all, God's abundant blessing as you read the Bible!

And as you take time each day to read His Word with an open and eager heart and live by it, I believe you will discover how God will truly bless you through it.

Enjoy your reading, and may God richly bless you!