

Read God's Word With Purpose



Build a Close Relationship with God

Invest 10-15 minutes each day with the Lord by reading God's word with purpose. Investing 10-15 minutes each day in the Scriptures with the Lord is a small sacrifice to make in order to **build a close relationship with God**. Compared to the sacrifice that Christ made for you on the cross it is really no sacrifice at all, it is a blessing.

How Do You Read God's Word With Purpose?

I. Select a Book of the Bible to Read

We offer a free Bible reading schedule for Christians each year.

* Go to reconciletoGod.com, click on **resources** and download the free **Bible Reading Schedule**

II. Read One Chapter of the Bible Each Day

The **assigned Scripture reading** starts on Sunday and goes through Saturday. The objective is to read (not study) one chapter of Scripture per day and answer the three simple questions on that chapter until the assigned Scriptures are complete for the week.

a. Answer Three Simple Questions

1. **What jumped out at me?**

2. **Why did this jump out at me?**

3. **How does this insight change the way I live my life?**

b. Write a Simple Prayer

c. Summarize Your Weekly Insight

This should take approximately 10-15 minutes each day.

III. What Will You Experience?

1) You will discover how easy it is to live God's word

Jesus makes it very clear in **Matthew 4:4** that man is to live God's word. The Bible also says in **1 John 2:3** that we know that we have come to know Christ if we obey his commands.

2) You experience the Holy Spirit being your teacher

We take Jesus at His word when he said in **John 14:25-26** that the Holy Spirit will **teach** His disciples all things and **remind** them of everything that He told them.

3) You experience blessings from God

In **James 1:25**, God promises to bless every follower of Christ who lives what they are learning from God's word.

Five Steps for Best Results

Step 1 - Reserve 10-15 minutes each day for reading the assigned Scripture. This helps you build a close relationship with the Lord God on a daily basis.

Step 2 - Choose a quiet place where you and God can spend time together. This lets the Lord God know that you value your time with Him.

Step 3 - Before reading, ask the Lord for insight from the assigned Scripture, and wisdom in how to live the insight you received. This gives God permission to transform your life into the likeness of Christ. James 1:5; James 1:22-25

Transforming Prayer: Dear Lord, please give me wisdom as I read your word. Open my spiritual eyes that I might see, open my spiritual ears that I might hear, and open my heart that I might take what I see and hear and apply it to my life. In your name, I pray, amen.

Step 4 - Read the assigned Scripture daily. Record your insight in a journal. Answer three simple questions and write your prayer for the day. Summarize each week how you are living the insight received.

Three Simple Questions

1. **What jumped out at me?**

The purpose of this question is to start the process of being in tune with the Holy Spirit. It may be a verse or verses of Scripture, a word, theme of the chapter, a question or something else. Remember, the Holy Spirit is speaking to you on your spiritual journey through God's word.

2. **Why did this jump out at me?**

The purpose of this question is to get you and the Holy Spirit on the same page. Answering this question will uncover what the Holy Spirit is trying to teach you.

3. **How does this insight change the way I live my life?**

The purpose of this question is to move you from being a hearer of God's word to a doer of God's word. As you live the insight that you are given, you become more and more like Jesus in your words, thoughts and actions.

Write your prayer for the day

Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live the insight you received.

Summarize your weekly insight

Each week make a list of the answers to question #3 on each chapter. Review your summary from time to time and evaluate how you are living the insight received.

Step 5 - Share the insight you have received with others.