

# Bible Readings: The Essentials in 61 Days

## Insights on Reading the Bible

1. The *61 Readings* are designed to give the disciple a *general overview* of the Bible.
2. *This is not a Bible Study*. For many, this will be the first time you have read through the Bible. You cannot know what the Bible means until you know what it says. Use these readings to become familiar with the Bible's overall message of salvation.
3. *It would also be helpful to use a study Bible*. The ESV Study Bible is an excellent choice. When you start to read a new Book, read the introduction notes in the study Bible. This will help you understand the purpose of each book.
4. *Mark your Bible*. *Underline* important verse, and *circle* important words. The point of marking is to be able to return to the text at a later date and see those things quickly. Be careful not to mark everything, just the things that stand out to you.
5. *Ask the Lord to speak to you*. God speaks through His Word. There will be times when the Lord challenges you to *believe* something, *do* something, *quit* something, or *change* something. Determine some way to remember what He has instructed you. One idea is to mark the Scripture with a color ink or write a note in the margin.
6. *Keep an abbreviated journal*. Take a moment to write down questions you have. I say 'abbreviated' because this could very well get huge, quickly! Ask your Mentor to answer your most important questions. Remember, your goal is to learn the overview. There will time to learn more later.
7. *Fall in love with the Word*. The more you read, the more God will reveal Himself. Get to know Him and love Him. His Word is a window into His character.
8. *Apply the Word*. Never just read for information. Read to know the truth, to know God, and to obey Him. Practice obedience from your first reading.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 | Titus 2 and Philemon                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 | Proverbs 1-3                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21 | Hebrews 10-13                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 52 | Ecclesiastes 1-5, 12<br>and Songs 1-2 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 23 | 1 Peter 1, 5 and 2 Peter 1                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 54 | Jeremiah 1-5 & Lamentations 3         |
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