

HOW TO GROW IN “R.E.A.P.ing” YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (The Message Translation)

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

Why do it? Because your spirit craves the delight of rich intimacy with God through His Word and Spirit.

How ? Don't just “read” the Bible - “R.E.A.P” it! Here is a practical approach to help you regularly and meaningfully engage with God through the Bible:

Read > Examine > Apply > Pray

READ it:

- Choose a book in the Bible to start reading, preferably in the New Testament.
- Note: Don't just read "randomly", but systematically. Read a portion of the every day, then continue on the next day from where you ended.
- Because "Slow, systematic reading results in specific leading."
- Example: Try reading slowly through the book of Mark, only 5-10 verses a day. A great way to get to know Jesus and His teaching!

EXAMINE it:

- Ask: Who is it written to? Why? What is it about? What do I learn about God? What truth stands out to me?
- How is my faith strengthened from this passage?

APPLY it:

- Consider how this passage relates to your life now? What does this truth call your to believe, and how do I obey the truth in this text?

PRAY it.

- Talk to God about what you have read. Ask Him for wisdom to help you understand, and for strength and courage to live this truth.
- Use these truths you have read to pray for yourself, your loved ones, the church, people who don't yet know Jesus, and the world.

TO UPGRADE TRY THESE:

- Get a journal to write down your responses under the R.E.A.P. headings. Any page-a-day diary is perfect for this. Even if you just write down a verse you read, and one thought each day. Coming with a pen shows that you expect to receive something worth remembering!
- Expand your praying using the “A.C.T.S.” outline:
 - **A** = Acknowledge and Adoration for who He is.
 - **C** = Confess your faith in Christ, and bring any sin to Him.
 - **T** = Thank God for your salvation and all He has done.
 - **S** = Supplication, bringing your needs, requests, intercession (prayer for others) to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ.