

## BIBLE READING PLAN

Week	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
14 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 126-150 Proverbs 14-24	1Timothy 1-6 2Timothy 1-4
15 <input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 25-31 Ecclesiastes 1-12 Song of Solomon 1-8 Jnh 1-4 Nah 1-3 Joel 1-3	Luke 1-12
16 <input type="checkbox"/>	1King 1-22 Amos 1-9 Micah 1-7	Luke 13-24
17 <input type="checkbox"/>	Hosea 1-14 2King 1-25	1Corinthians 1-8
18 <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 1-33	1Corinthians 9-16
19 <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 34-66	2Corinthians 1-13
20 <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 1-36	Titus 1-3 Philemon James 1-5
21 <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 37-52 Lamentations 1-5 1Chronicles 1-16	John 1-11
22 <input type="checkbox"/>	1Chronicles 17-36 Habakkuk 1-3 Zephaniah 1-3 Ezekiel 1-10	John 12-21
23 <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 11-48	1John 1-5 2John 3John Jude
24 <input type="checkbox"/>	2Chronicles 1-36	1Peter 1-5 2Peter 1-3
25 <input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel 1-12 Ezra 1-10 Esther 1-10 Haggai 1-2	Revelation 1-12
26 <input type="checkbox"/>	Nehemiah 1-13 Zechariah 1-14 Malachi 1-4	Revelation 13-22

### Psalm 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is PERFECT, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are TRUSTWORTHY, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are RIGHT, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are RADIANT, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is PURE, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are SURE and altogether RIGHTEOUS.

10 They are MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD, than much pure gold; they are SWEETER THAN HONEY, than honey from the comb.

11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is GREAT REWARD.

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## THE NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### Bible Reading Plan

A six-month reading plan  
combining Old & New Testament

## WHY A BIBLE READING PLAN?

New Hope's Statement of Doctrine (Section V, Article 5 of the membership manual) makes this declaration about the Authority of Scripture:

*"The Holy Bible is the inspired and inerrant... Word of God. The Holy Bible contains all the necessary truth to lead men and women into salvation. Ultimately, we believe whatever the Bible teaches on any subject. It is the final authority in all matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine."*

Hebrews 4 teaches, "The word of God is living and active." It is through this living and active Word that God has revealed Himself ("Who is God?") and His will ("What does God require of us?") to mankind. As we read the Bible our minds are transformed by its truth and our lives are conformed into the image of Jesus Christ. Consequently, we believe that a healthy intake of Scripture is one of the primary means that God uses to grow believers into full maturity of the faith.

Since the Bible is so important to our spiritual maturity, let's answer the question: *Why should a believer have a Bible Reading Plan?* If you're like me, perhaps you can relate to the following ailments I have experienced:

- Have you ever struggled maintaining a consistent devotional time?
- Have you ever sat down to read the Bible and wondered "Where do I start?"
- Have you ever started a daily reading plan (intending to read through the Bible in a year) but soon find yourself so far behind that you quit?
- Have you ever realized: "It's been 10 years since I read Leviticus!"?

Over the years I have experienced those common frustrations. I have discovered that without an intentional reading plan, I often wander aimlessly through the Bible, which results in ignoring portions of scripture. God has used this inconsistent, aimless

wandering to help me develop an intentional reading plan. Here are some key principles that guided me to develop this plan:

1. I wanted a reading plan that had a 'weekly goal' instead of daily goal. The reason for this is simple: some days I have more time to read than others. In this way, I don't feel 'pressure' to get through a certain number of chapters per day.
2. I wanted a reading plan that combined both OT and NT readings.
3. I wanted a reading plan that intentionally led me through the entire Bible so that I was familiar with the whole council of God.

The first thing I did was count the chapters in the Bible (OT=929 chapters; NT=260 chapters). Then I figured out how many chapters per week it would take to read through the Bible in 6 months (36 OT, 10 NT). That's only 46 chapters of Scripture intake per week to read through the Bible 2 times in a year. The common objection to this will be: "I don't have time to read that much." I am convinced that every single person has the time to read the Bible 2 times per year, but few actually consider it a high priority. Imagine how much stronger our faith would be if we put down the remote (just to use one example) and invested that time reading God's Word! Is there any better way to use our time than to read God's Word which breathes life to the soul? Oh, how short our time is on earth. I pray we make the "best use of the time because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

Let me encourage you to join me in intentionally reading the Scripture. Make it a priority. Set a goal for yourself. If reading the Bible 2 times per year sounds too lofty a goal, cut it in half and read 23 chapters per week and you'll finish in 1 year. Ask God for the strength not only to 'get through the Word' but for 'the Word to get through you.' My prayer for you is that you "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Col. 3:16)

Consuming His Word with Delight,

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1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Genesis 1-36	Matthew 1-10
2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Genesis 37-50 Exodus 1-26	Matthew 11-20
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Exodus 27-40 Leviticus 1-27	Matthew 21-28
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Numbers 1-36	Galatians 1-6 Philippians 1-4
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Deuteronomy 1-34	Ephesians 1-6 Colossians 1-4
6 <input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua 1-24 Judges 1-9	Hebrews 1-13
7 <input type="checkbox"/>	Judges 10-21 Ruth 1-4 1 Samuel 1-20	Mark 1-10
8 <input type="checkbox"/>	1Samuel 21-31 2Samuel Obadiah	Mark 11-16 Acts 1-5
9 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 1-25 Job 1-11	Acts 6-16
10 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 26-50 Job 12-22	Acts 17-28
11 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 51-75 Job 23-33	Romans 1-8
12 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 76-100 Job 34-42 Proverbs 1-2	Romans 9-16
13 <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 101-125 Proverbs 3-13	1Thessalonians 1-5 2Thessalonians 1-3