



# DIVING DEEPER INTO THE BIBLE

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## How to Keep Your Bible Study Fresh

*“I gave up reading the Bible because it got so boring, and it didn’t seem relevant!”*

### 7 REASONS WHY CHRISTIANS DON’T READ THEIR BIBLE REGULARLY

- **LACK OF** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever read a passage of Scripture that left you feeling very confused, and saying to yourself, ‘I have no idea what I just read’? Many Christians will have a similar experience. Unfortunately, most will then decide that understanding the bible is too hard, and then stop reading it altogether.

- **THE FALSE BELIEF THAT IT’S ONLY FOR** \_\_\_\_\_

When it comes to reading the bible, it is common for Christians to have the false belief that reading, learning, or studying the bible in any type of detail is only for preachers.

- **THE FALSE BELIEF: “GOING TO** \_\_\_\_\_

Another false belief that many Christians will often adopt is the belief that going to church is enough. However, this too is just another excuse for not picking up our Bibles during the week.

- **LACK OF** \_\_\_\_\_

Another reason that Christians don’t read the bible regularly, is that they have no desire to read the Bible.

The less we read the Word of God, the less we desire to read it, and the less we pray, the less we desire to pray. Our lack of desire to read the bible typically

parallels the amount of time we spend reading the bible. However, the good news is that, just like with a lack of understanding, we can ask God for a desire to read and learn His Word. We don't naturally crave the bible. However, the Holy Spirit within us can give us the desire for it.

- **IT'S NOT A \_\_\_\_\_**

In the busy society we live in today prioritizing time to spend with God often gets overlooked. If we stay so busy doing everything but reading the bible, again we miss out on building our relationship with God and all the blessings and benefits that come with getting to know Him more.

- **LACK OF DISCIPLINE**

Some Christians, truly seek to spend time in God's word, and have even tried to implement a regular bible reading routine. Then at some point, their discipline and consistency begin to diminish.

- **DON'T WANT TO BE \_\_\_\_\_ OR CONFRONTED WITH \_\_\_\_\_**

The reason for not wanting to read the bible regularly that most Christians won't readily admit to (at least not out loud) is that they don't want to be convicted or confronted with truth.

*"Most Christians don't hear God's voice because they've already decided they aren't going to do what He says." A. W. TOZER*

Most Christians, if we are being honest with ourselves, have certain things we don't want to turn away from or abandon for the sake of Christ which is why we try to put off turning away from them as long as possible.

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR BIBLE STUDY FRESH

- **PICK A BIBLE TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU**

Have you wondered what the Bible says about various topics such as anger, love, tithing, worship, baptism, etc.? Doing a biblical study on any given topic can be fun and very informative. Use the concordance in the back of your Bible to find interesting topics.

- **PICK A BIBLE BOOK THAT INTERESTS YOU**

For instance, you can focus on how God created everything (Genesis Chapter 1), or what "unconditional love looks like (1 Corinthians 13), or examine great people

in the Bible who had exceptional faith (Hebrews 13). Use your Bible's chapter titles to help you find one that interests you.

- **USE DEVOTIONAL BOOKS THAT HELP TO APPLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

The goal of devotional reading is not so much gathering new information or mastering content, but to deepen and nourish the soul by entering into the passage and allowing it to be assimilated into your whole personality.

- **PUT YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES ON 3X5 CARDS**

Write down the favorite verse on one side of a card and its reference (location) on the other side. Go through your cards each day, or more frequently, and reflect on them. This becomes even more effective when you memorize them.

- **VARY YOUR BIBLE READING METHODS**

It's easy to get into a rut when it comes to reading the Bible. Keep it fresh by varying not only your Bible reading methods but also the location where you have them. Spend some time reading the Bible outdoors in quiet peaceful surroundings.

## HOW TO BEGIN

- **DECIDE TO \_\_\_\_\_**

Make a conscious decision to study the Bible on a regular basis. Make your Bible study time a high priority which may mean watching less television. If this is a new practice for you, begin with fifteen minutes a day, then move to thirty minutes a day, and more as you become more disciplined. Be patient and don't rush your study.

- **SET A \_\_\_\_\_**

Decide when to study the Bible. Usually having a daily time works best but select a time when you are the most alert and your mind is clear. Studying God's Word at the end of the day when you are tired and when your mind is filled with the activities of the day may not be the best time.

- **FIND A \_\_\_\_\_**

Find a private place where you will be free from distractions and interruptions. It should also be a comfortable place. This can often be the greatest challenge you face with your regular Bible study times.

- **BEGIN WITH \_\_\_\_\_**

Begin with prayer asking God to guide you to a selected text and to help you work through it.

- **KEEP A \_\_\_\_\_**



As you carefully dig deeper into the Bible, you are going to discover exciting things about God, yourself, and life around you. Using a journal, record your observations, interpretations, and applications for each selected Bible text. You'll find yourself going back to them often, reaping the benefit of your previous studies. Remember, gaining

Bible knowledge is not enough—you must apply it!

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