

10 Tips for Better Bible Study

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1. **Pick a Plan**

Ever hear the expression, "a goal without a plan is just a wish"? If you want to draw closer to the Lord through the Bible you've got to make a plan that is "SMART" or 1)Specific, 2)Measurable, 3)Achievable, 4)Realistic, and 5)Timely

2. **Be Realistic, Keep It Simple**

Consider your past and present situations as you evaluate your goals for the future!

3. **Set a Time**

Are you a morning person or an evening person? Do you need to wake up earlier or block off a particular time of day a little better?

4. **Pick, Prepare, & Protect a Place**

Where is a spot (chair, room, car) where you avoid distractions while being focused on reading or hearing God's Word?

5. **Make Reminders**

What will help you to remember daily? Leaving your Bible or devotional out in a particular spot? Sticky note? Dry eraser on the mirror or fridge? Phone app notification? Repeating calendar event?

6. **Keep Track of Your Progress**

Use a bookmark, check off a reading plan, use a chart to see what you've accomplished!

7. **Have a Catch-Up Plan, Readjust If Necessary**

Block off time (evening, weekend, a day per month) to pick up when you inevitably miss a reading or day. Find yourself getting too far behind, adjust your goals to be more realistic and achievable or stretch out your goal's end date.

8. **Create Accountability**

Aim for the same goal with a child, spouse, friend, or family member. Share your goal and progress or setbacks online or with others for encouragement. Confess your failures or struggles to receive wisdom or prayer.

9. **Use Tools for the Journey**

Whether it is highlighters, gel pens, or a commentary, concordance, atlas, or app - find practical resources that make your journey more enjoyable and profitable.

10. **Celebrate Small Wins Along the Way**

Make celebratory steps and incentives as you keep up for a month, finish a book, or complete your next chapter. Make an end of the year prize that you look forward to using a small reward!

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