

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...

...piercing even to the division of soul and of spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

HOLY BIBLE

## Dynamic Bible Reading

### HELPFUL HINTS

The Holy Spirit inspired godly men to write the words that are written in Scripture (2 Peter 1:20–21).

Therefore, ask the Spirit to inspire your reading of God’s Word: before, during, and after your reading sessions. Then, watch for passages to reveal, “special personal insight.”

Begin by reading the selected New Testament books recommended inside this brochure. Gradually expand your reading to include the entire New Testament. Finally, add the Old Testament and discover how both testaments are divinely interconnected by God’s amazing promises and prophecies!

ALWAYS think about how you might apply whatever you are reading to your life in a meaningful way!

## Popular Bible Translations

### COMPARISON SPECTRUM



<b>NASB</b>	New American Standard Bible	<b>TNIV</b>	Today's New Internat'l Version
<b>ESV</b>	English Standard Version	<b>NLT</b>	New Living Translation
<b>KJV</b>	King James Version	<b>GNT</b>	Good News Translation
<b>NKJV</b>	New King James Version	<b>TLB</b>	The Living Bible
<b>NIV</b>	New International Version	<b>MSG</b>	Message

Various translations are useful for different purposes. For informal reading that is easy to understand, you might choose a, “Thought-For-Thought” translation (toward the right). For formal study, you should be careful to use one of the more accurate, “Word-For-Word” translations (toward the left).

The New King James Version (NKJV) is a good choice for a balance of reliability and readability—at 7th grade reading level. If you struggle reading, try a very easy Bible like the New International Readers Version (NIRV)—at 3rd grade reading level.

### WEAR IT OUT!

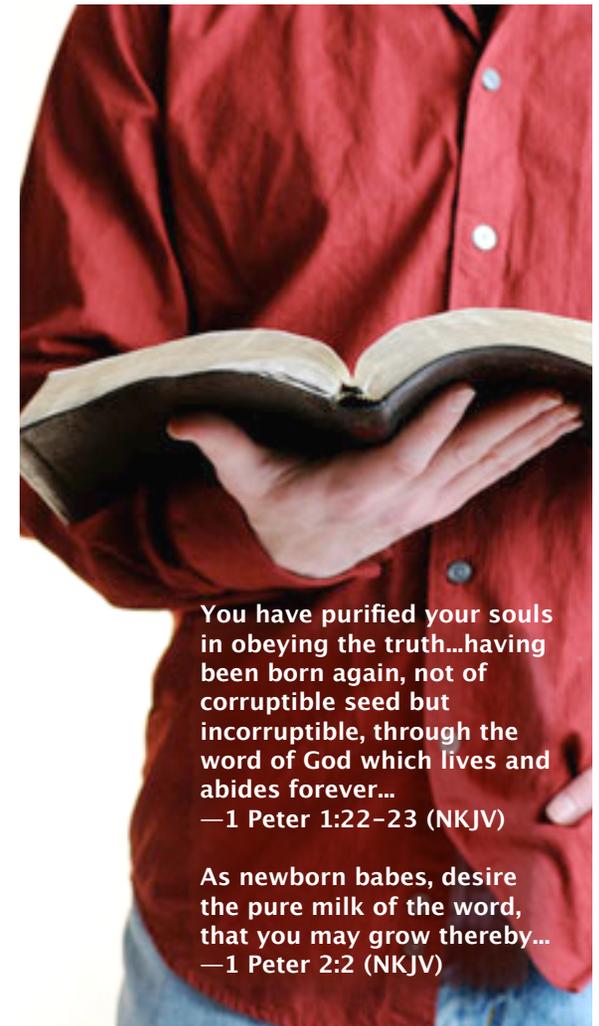


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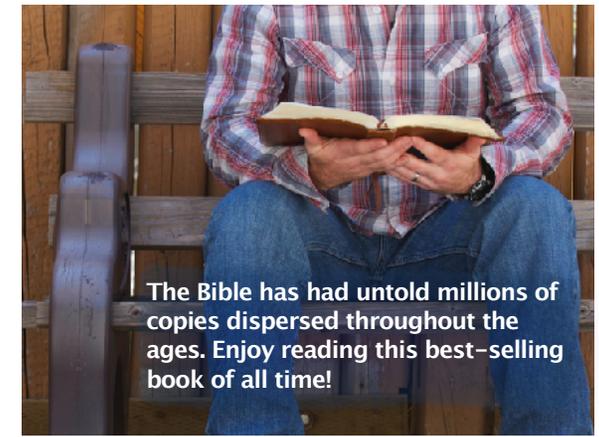
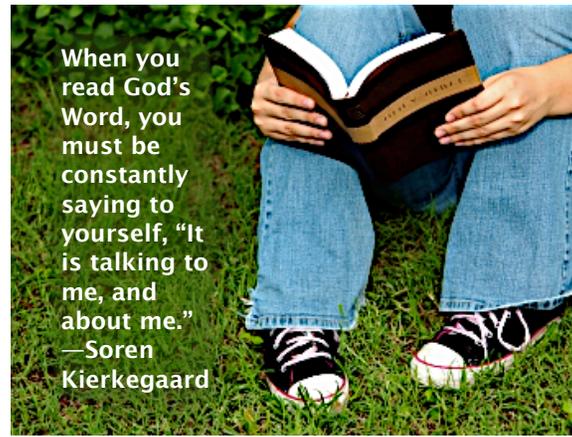
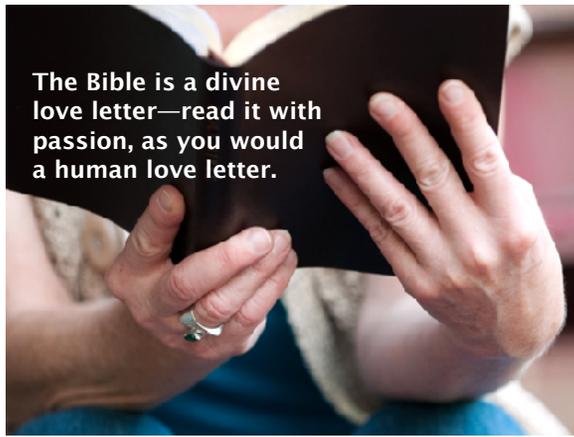
# BIBLE READING GUIDE

New Testament



You have purified your souls in obeying the truth...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...  
—1 Peter 1:22–23 (NKJV)

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby...  
—1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)



# READ...IMAGINING, "YOU ARE THERE!"

Read the following selections from the three main divisions of the New Testament—one after the other—as shown. They will then flow as one continuous, exciting, story. As a bonus, these selections contain several references to the Old Testament. Note: Numbered chapters and verses are simply ways to identify specific passages (e.g., Luke 4:7 is chapter 4, verse 7).

## 1 Gospel of Luke ABOUT CHRIST

**Luke** was a First Century medical doctor. He carefully compiled a thorough history of Jesus' birth, life, and ministry. As you read, note Christ's messages and ministries.

His teachings were radical in His day...and still are today. His miracles, death, burial, and resurrection are key proofs of His Lordship. **First, read all of Luke.**

## 2 Acts of the Apostles ABOUT CHRISTIANS

**Luke** also wrote this continuation of his Gospel. This book highlights the adventures of two main leaders: Peter in the first half...and Paul in the second half. It also shows us many dramatic original conversions.

Consider what they preached, what they experienced, and how the Early Church grew supernaturally in their world. **Next, read Acts entirely.**

## 3 Letters of Peter & Paul ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

**Peter** wrote primarily to Jewish Christians who were experiencing persecution. **Now, read: 1 & 2 Peter.**

**Paul** wrote primarily to non-Jewish (Gentile) Christians, new to faith in Jesus. **Read: 1 & 2 Thessalonians.**

Both apostles shared practical aspects of being a Christ-follower that remain relevant for us today!