

Bible Reading

The ***Secrets***
to ***Sweetness*** in God's Word



Style of writing!

I love bullet points!

Don't talk me to death.

Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief.
That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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Intro – Overview

1. My Personal Story

May I share 8 points of the dramatic surprises that Jesus gave me?

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2. What about more In-Depth Bible Studies?

Absolutely! The more, the better!

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Chap. 1

My Personal Story

Over half a century, I have seen so many sincere Christians feel **intimidated, bored or confused** by **God's Word**. Even worse, I have seen many Christians study God's Word to **prove** their **personal emphasis** or to **show** how **smart** they are.

*Jn 6:63 The words that I
have spoken to you are
spirit and life*

- God's Word is **LIFE**!
- God's Word is **FOOD** for our **Spirits**!
- God's Word is **DIRECT ACCESS** to the **Heart & Mind** of God!

Yet, reading God's Word is like **eating** an **elephant**. It can be **overwhelming**.

May I share the **story** that may make your Daily Bible Reading very **consistent, easy, and rich in God's Heart**?

1. 1980's – The “*One Year Bible*” is Published.

I bought one of the first editions of the One Year Bible.

Having seen so many people get into spiritual **error** because they would **pick** and **choose** to read **only** their **favorite** Bible verses, I immediately saw the benefit of the One Year Bible.

I saw that reading through the **entire Bible every year** would keep my heart healthy and humble. My **goal** would always be to **know God's heart** instead of emphasizing my favorite subjects.

2. The **One Year Bible** allowed me to **always** be **refreshed** because of the **Mixture of Verses**.

Everyone gets sluggish and tired reading through the heavy chapters in the prophetic books.

Because every day I had 2 Old Testament chapters, 1 New Testament chapter, a Psalm and a small passage from Proverbs, I was guaranteed to always find at least **one verse** that **encouraged** me.

3. The **Dramatic Secret!**

EVERY Day I sought to **WRITE** one comment
on **one verse** about what that verse
Taught me about the **Heart of God!**

I call this a **SECRET** because:

- **EVERY** Christian I have ever met who does **NOT** write daily in their Bibles finds Bible reading to be **Hard** or a **Boring Struggle**.
- **EVERY** person who **writes daily** in their Bible finds their Bible time to be **refreshing, delicious** and **exciting**.

Our **brains, hearts** and **spirits HUNGER** to **LEARN!**

Our brains take in **9.5 million** bits of information every day. **99%** of that information is **forgotten**.

To **write** down an insight requires **10 times** more **brain engagement** than simply listening to a point. Writing down an insight literally **releases creativity** and **cognitive processing** at the **highest** level.

Writing puts your insight **deeply** into your **long-term memory**.

Rereading that insight the **following year**, brings the insight into both **long-term** and **short-term** memory.

I learned early that the **ONLY** way the Bible would be **alive** for me is if I **WRITE** down at least one comment. Once I made it my goal to write down one insight each day, my daily reading became very **consistent, rewarding** and **short**.

Once I wrote down an **insight**, I knew that I was **done** for that day, and I felt **spiritually full** and **well fed**.

4. **Each day** when I **read**, I get to read the **previous year's insights**.

I quickly discovered how **encouraging** it is to read **comments** on verses I wrote from previous insights. The previous year's comments inspired and encouraged me to **find** a **new** verse that might come alive to me in Jesus.

5. After 3 years, I had an Amazing Gift for a Friend.

This bonus surprised and overwhelmed me.

Usually after 3 or 4 years, I needed a **new** One Year Bible because **my** Bible was **filled** with many **notes**.

I discovered that my One Year Bible with my personal written notes was the **BEST GIFT** I could ever give to a **Seeker**.

So many people are hungry to know more about Jesus. When I gave them the gift of my **Personal** Bible with my **Personal Notes**, they were **deeply touched**.

I was **confident** that they would **always** be able to **grab some point of insight**, just by **reading my notes** and that those notes would **keep** them reading the **Bible regularly**.

I discovered that the **MORE** they read **my** brief notes, the **MORE** they learned to **LOOK** for insights **themselves**.

6. Writing **IN** my **One Year Bible** is so much **Better** than a **Journal**.

Some people are deeply committed to their Journals. Journals are OK and I don't discourage them.

However, it is **always better** to start with writing in your actual Bible for three reasons.

- i. Notes in a Bible **connect directly** to an underlined **verse**. Notes in a journal have no direct connection to scripture.
- ii. Notes in a Bible tend to be more **concise, clearer** and **shorter**.
- iii. Notes in a Bible **produce** a **Bible** that you can **give away** to a child, grandchild, friend, or co-worker every 3-4 years.

Please hear me that I am NOT against journals. I think that prayer journals are wonderful and powerful. I simply suggest that your Bible reading notes should always **first** be written in your Bible.

7. Then **Covid Changed** my Life!

Churches were **shut down**. People were **isolated** and **afraid**.

God used this horrible time to bring something beautiful in my life. My brilliant wife suggested that I take these insights from 35 years of writing notes in the One Year Bible and **produce** a **daily 1-minute insight** into a **verse** from **that day's** passage of the One Year Bible.

Each video is **60** seconds or less.

These videos met a **deep need** in our people. Our overall **participation** in Bible reading **surged**. That energy has **remained** ever since Covid.

Each year, we produced 365 completely different one-minute videos tied to a verse from each day's reading in the One Year Bible.

In **EVERY** video, you feel filled because you **LEARN** something.

The **instant** you **learn** something that makes a **verse come alive**, your **faith surges** and you **feel spiritually fed**.

8. Our **Spiritual Growth Exploded**

These videos combined with learning to write in our Bibles has produced **deeper**, more **consistent** spiritual **growth** and spiritual **confidence** in our people than anything I have ever seen in almost 50 years of pastoring.

Everyone enjoys the short videos and most of our church quickly adopted the One Year Bible.

What to do Next

We **give** a **free** One Year Bible to any person in our church who desires one. We have given away thousands of One Year Bibles.

Our videos are called DDDs, which stands for Daily Devotional Dialogues.

They are available on every social media site connected to Liberty Church. They are also on our church app – Liberty Church, Marietta. (L/C)

What about more In-Depth Bible Studies?

When you use the one-minute videos and then write one insight, your morning Bible time is often **only 5- 10 minutes**.

Those 5-10 minutes are very **rewarding**, and you feel **spiritually fed**.

Each day you grow **more CONFIDENT** spiritually.

I tell people that this method is like **eating breakfast**. We eat breakfast because we are **HUNGRY** and we **stop** eating when we are no longer hungry.

I have seen hundreds of examples of how this habit makes people so **consistent** and **confident** in their Bible reading that they become **HUNGRY** for **MORE** of God's Word.

I have watched as they then join the many options of great **in-depth Bible studies** that are available in the Body of Christ.

A great breakfast makes you hungry for **more food later** in the day.

This is repeating myself, but it is worth repeating.

When a person's main daily Bible study is:

- i. **Rich,**
- ii. **Brief** and
- iii. very **Rewarding** with **written insights**,

their **CONFIDENCE** in Christ grows every month.

Their **CONSISTENCY** in their Bible study becomes **automatic**.

When this happens, people become hungry for **MORE** in-depth Bible studies.

HOORAY for **JESUS!** 😊

We also have 100+ booklet studies coming out.

Here is a sample list of 10 of our booklets.

1. Bible Reading:

The Secrets to Sweetness in God's Word!

This study shows how a One Year Bible enables you to cover the entire Bible in one year. In addition, it shows how hunger-based reading is so different from performance-based reading.

2. The Blood of Jesus:

The Most Powerful Words Ever Spoken

This study teaches us to daily live with a clean heart and to keep short accounts when we stumble.

3. Bosses - What They Wish You Knew

This study gives us a bigger picture of the pressures and responsibilities that are carried by every boss.

4. Christianity – the ONLY Logical Religion

This study compares Christianity to all other religions and shows why only Christianity answers the hard questions.

5. Conflicts – How to Remove All Strife from My Life!

The Bible teaches that truth is a belt, and our perspective is a belt loop.

6. The Cross – The Story of the Last 24 Hours

This study combines all four gospels to examine the last 24 hours and what happened on the cross.

7. Grace – the Power to WANT to do Right!

This study teaches us to release God's Grace constantly so that God can change our hearts and give us HIS desires.

8. Marriage – 3 Bottom Lines!

Six times the Bible says that the purpose of Marriage is for the two to become one.

9. Science & the Bible – How They Agree

Many modern scientific breakthroughs were predicted and practiced in the Bible thousands of years ago.

10. Test Yourself:

Do your Life Goals bring you LIFE?

Finish the sentence “*I Want ...*” and see what you get.

Our goal is to provide

Short Starter Studies on Sensitive Subjects

that **Stir & Stimulate** your **Bible study**
toward **Biblical, Practical Information**
that show that **Jesus** has **Great Answers**
to some of life's **Hardest Questions**

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