

A Plan for Studying the Bible Systematically

Each chapter in this book has a suggested assignment for that particular type of Bible study. In this appendix a long-range plan is suggested for studying the Bible systematically. Please use this plan loosely. Don't feel that you have to follow it rigidly. Feel free to change it, to substitute, to omit, to add, and to switch. The following plan is organized around 48 weeks per year (with 4 weeks off for vacation) for four years.

Year One

Weeks 1 – 4 *Devotional Method:*

Psalm 15

Psalm 34

Romans 12

1 John 4

Weeks 5 – 10 *Chapter Summary Method:*

1 John 1

2 Timothy 2

John 17

1 Corinthians 13

Ephesians 1

Haggai 1

Weeks 11 – 16 *Character Quality Method:*

Honesty

Humility

Servanthood

Selfishness

Faithfulness

Worry

Weeks 17 – 22 *Thematic Method:*

The Prayers of Paul

Obedience

Knowing God's Will

Praising the Lord in the Psalms

The Wise People

in Proverbs
Faithfulness in the New Testament

Weeks 23 – 28 *Biographical Method:*

Daniel
Stephen
Barnabas
Gideon
Ruth
Nehemiah

Weeks 29 – 32 *Topical Method:*

Money — Material Possessions
Prayer
The Family
The Lordship of Christ (doctrinal study)

Weeks 33 – 36 *Word Study Method:*

Witness
Disciple
Love
Redemption

Weeks 37 – 38 *Book Background Method:*

The Book of Colossians
The Book of Haggai

Weeks 39 – 45 *Book Survey, Chapter Analysis, Book Synthesis Methods:*

The Book of 1 Thessalonians
Week 39 — Survey
Weeks 40 – 44 — Chapter Analysis
Week 45 — Synthesis

Weeks 46 – 48 *Verse-by-Verse Analysis Method:*

Continue on the Book of 1 Timothy

Year Two

From the second year on, you will primarily study books of the Bible, with the other methods interlaced for a change of pace. You will note that every time a

Bible book is suggested, two more weeks are added to the number of chapters in that book — for the survey preceding it and the synthesis following it. Do these in whatever order you desire, interchanging and substituting freely according to your needs and interests!

The Book of 2 Timothy	6 weeks
The Gospel of Mark	18 weeks
The Book of Colossians	6 weeks
Four Topical Studies	4 weeks
Four Biographical Studies	4 weeks
Four Word Studies	4 weeks
Verse-by-Verse Chapter Analysis Study of Psalm 145	3 weeks
Three Studies of Your Choice	<u>+ 3 weeks</u>
Total	48 weeks

Year Three

The Book of Philippians	6 weeks
The Book of Romans	18 weeks
The Book of 1 John	7 weeks
Four Topical Studies	4 weeks
Four Biographical Studies	4 weeks
Four Word Studies	4 weeks
Verse-by-Verse Chapter Analysis Study of Psalm 139	3 weeks
Two Studies of Your Choice	<u>+ 2 weeks</u>
Total	48 weeks

Year Four

The Book of Ephesians	8 weeks
The Book of Acts	30 weeks
Two Topical Studies	2 weeks
Two Word Studies	2 weeks
Verse-by-Verse Chapter Analysis Study of 3 John	2 weeks
Two Studies of Your Choice	<u>+ 4 weeks</u>
Total	48 weeks

Year Five and Beyond

You are now on your own! Pick the books and types of studies that interest you and will help build you up. It is my prayer that these suggestions will motivate you to begin a lifetime of dynamic, personal Bible study.