



## Reading Your Bible

Here are several suggestions for getting the most from studying your Bible.

1. Choose a good translation that is easy for you to read, such as the New International Version, the New American Standard Version, or The Message.
2. Study your Bible daily. There is no substitute for a regular and systematic study of Scripture. You will be surprised how much you gain from reading your Bible daily.
3. Find a time that works for you. Every one of us has a different rhythm or time of the day that is best for us to study the Bible. For example, my wife is a morning person and likes to read the Bible in the morning, while I am a night person and the evenings work best for me.
4. Take notes and underline in your Bible. This will help you remember what you have learned and help you go back and find important places you have marked in your Bible.
5. Allow yourself time to think about what the Bible is saying. People try to read the Bible like a novel, without allowing time to take it to heart. It doesn't have to be long; try to take twenty to thirty minutes to study each day.
6. Memorize Scripture. Make some note cards and memorize several Scriptures every week.
7. Share what you learn in the Bible with others. Teaching is one of the best ways to reinforce what you have learned.