

# EVERLASTING LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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Below are some helpful hints for profitable reading through God's Word in 365 days.

1. Select a place that will provide you with uninterrupted reading. Think of this location as a place where you keep an appointment with your Creator-Savior. Meeting with Him is the most important meeting any human being can have.
2. Before you begin reading, seek the Lord in prayer for understanding or illumination. Remember, the Bible is a God-breathed book (**2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21**). Its spiritual message eludes us without divine assistance gained through prayer (**Psalm 119:18, 34**).
3. Have pen or pencil ready to take notes, underline, or write questions about the text(s) you are reading. At a later time, use the *MacArthur Study Bible* footnotes to answer your questions about what you've read and did not understand.
4. As you read, be engaged mentally. Refuse to allow your mind to wander and lose concentration.
5. Scripture reading joined with time of meditation will help to internalize the Scripture (**Psalm 1**) and enable you to obey the Lord (**Psalm 119:1**).
6. To read the Bible in its entirety in a year's time requires discipline, daily discipline. This means you must have a steadfast commitment to your set time to read the assigned verses. Do not rush your time in Bible reading to get through the Scripture in a year. The point is to read through it, even if it takes more than a year. Also, let Scripture get through you.
7. Do not permit the more difficult portions of Scripture, such as the genealogies, to conquer you in your reading quest. Keep in mind that those portions of divine revelation are spiritually profitable too (**2 Timothy 3:16**). Refer to point number three for handling tough texts.
8. Because unforeseen circumstances can arise and interrupt your reading for a day or two, resume your reading as soon as possible. Refuse to allow circumstances to deny you from your objective.