

EVERLASTING LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: ITS BENEFITS

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A new year brings a fresh opportunity for Christians to read through the entirety of Scripture in a year's time. A renewal takes place as more familiar texts are visited and less familiar ones as well. With both kinds of visits, one can gain new spiritual insights. These insights may be likened to a trip you have previously taken, and you see things you missed on your prior trip.

For the Bible reader desiring to know the mind and will of God through interaction with His Word, this is a delight to the regenerated soul. The born-again person should approach the reading of Scripture with humility, reverence, and anticipation, knowing that it is not the product of mere religious genius but is the breathed-out revelation from the Lord of all creation addressed to His creatures. Thus, it is unequalled in value among all the world's literature. Scripture itself testifies to its unique value and the benefits it confers on its readers. Those texts are scattered throughout the Divine corpus, and herewith are some of those statements that extol and elucidate its incomparable benedictions to those who read it.

Some Old Testament texts that promise spiritual benefits to its readers:

Joshua 1:8 (*blessing on spiritual effort*)

Psalms 19:7-10 (*its sufficiency for the believer's life*)

Psalms 119:1-176 (*Scripture's comprehensiveness*)

Scriptures of comprehensiveness drawn from **Psalms 119:1-176**:

Psalms 119:25 (*for reviving the soul*)

Psalms 119:103 (*satisfies the soul*)

Psalms 119:9,11 (*keeping your life pure*)

Psalms 119:105 (*spiritual and moral guidance*)

Jeremiah 15:16 (*produces internal joy*)

Job 23:12 (*spiritual food*)

Select New Testament texts that promise spiritual benefits to its readers:

Matthew 4:4-10 (*to counter and defeat temptation*)

John 10:35 (*Scripture's authority and accuracy*)

John 15:2 (*prunes believers*)

Romans 12:2 (*renews your mind*)

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (*works in the believer*)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (*a source of comfort*)

1 Timothy 4:6 (*nourishes spiritually and educates in sound doctrine*)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (*teaches and equips*)

1 Peter 2:1-2 (*spiritually matures the Christian*)

2 Peter 3:18 (*promotes growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*)

2 Peter 1:20-21 (*assures us of Scripture's origin*)

Revelation 1:3 (*promises blessing to the reader of Revelation*)