

Reasons to Engage in a Bible-Reading Plan

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Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. The Lord Jesus quoted those words of the LORD from Deuteronomy 8:3 (cf. Matt 4:4). This brief essay will provide some reasons as to why it would profit you to engage in a Bible-reading plan.

1. It allows you to work through the entire Bible so you get the full picture of God's redemptive plan from Creation to Fall to Redemption to Consummation.
2. It prevents you from picking only your favorite books to read (and reread) as it compels you to read the more unfamiliar territory in the Scriptures.
3. It prepares you to be a more well-rounded Christian since God gave a whole Bible to make a whole man.
4. It equips you to evangelize better since you will familiarize yourself with all of the Bible so you can bring pertinent Scriptures to bear when proclaiming Christ to the lost.
5. It prepares you to die well.
6. It comforts you when trying and uncertain times overwhelm you (that is to say, who knows what may invade our lives in 2015?).
7. It anchors our hearts to Christ every day since every part of Scripture leads to Christ and His work, man's desperate need, and the amazing brilliance of grace.
8. It models for your spouse and children the importance that the Word of God has in your personal life.
9. It promotes good conversations in the daily life and culture of the home as you talk about what you read from God's Word that particular day (this can benefit in a special way when a few people trek through the same plan together).
10. It gladdens your heart as you learn and remind yourself daily of God's work in redemptive history leading up to the cross, at the cross itself, and how the cross affects your life today.
11. It deepens your prayer life as you will seek God's face for illumination as you read the Word, for assistance in applying and implementing what you read, and for humility as the Word exposes your sins and evils.
12. It causes you to thank God (daily!) for His grace that He has lavished on you, an ill-deserving, sinner saved by matchless grace and adopted everlastingly into God's family!

With these twelve reasons, should not God's people be regularly and daily in the Word? By no means does one *have* to do a 'Bible-reading plan'. Of course not! But this plan can serve as a wonderful tool to keep you accountable, to feed your soul, to bless your heart, to reorient your heart each day, and to remind you of your great sin and your great Savior who rescued you!