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Student's Manual



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Welcome to Church 201: Experiencing Spiritual Maturity

This course—CHURCH 201: Experiencing Spiritual Maturity—focuses on the basic habits that are essential in growing in your spiritual walk with Christ. When a person receives Christ into their life as their personal Savior it is just the first step in the spiritual growth journey. The Bible refers to the new believer as a "babe in Christ." For a baby nourishment and nurture are essential for health and growth. So it is with our spiritual lives.

God's desire for your life is that you would grow into a spiritually mature, fully devoted follower of Christ. This is a life-long process. It is a journey not a destination.

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." — Ephesians 4:14-15

"However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." — 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

The Goal Of This Seminar Is

That I will commit to the four spiritual habits that will help me experience God and grow in spiritual maturity.

"In the past you voluntarily gave your bodies to the service of vice and...the purposes of evil. So now **give yourselves to the service of righteousness**-for the purpose of becoming truly good." — Romans 6:19 (Phillips)

The prerequisite to CHURCH 201: Experiencing Spiritual Maturity is CHURCH 101: Discovering Church Membership.

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APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

We first want to express great appreciation to Pastor Rick Warren and the Saddleback Valley Community Church for their development of the purpose Driven Church model of ministry and a model of this course. We would encourage all Church leaders to read *The Purpose Driven Church* by Rick Warren (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995.)

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Spiritual Maturity Defined

Spiritual	i waturity Defined
	with our spirit and by God's grace in harmony with the principles of His Word.
Spiritual maturity is demonstrated by have the right time, for the right reason, with the	ving the power and the wisdom to do the right thing, at he right spirit.
Our Goal: To be	to the image of Christ
	predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, ong many brothers." — Romans 8:29
	en of God, and what we will be has not yet been made he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as
	es all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." — 2 Corinthians 3:18
Our Challenge: To	and discipline ourselves
godly. For physical training is of	myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be some value, but godliness has value for all things, ent life and the life to come."—1 Timothy 4:7,8
"A student is not above his teacher." — Luke 6:40	er, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." — 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

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Characteristics of Spiritual Maturity

St	aying to Christ is the challenge of the fully
de	evoted follower of Christ.
	"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." — John 15:5
	sus said that three things would characterize the life of the cliever who lives in Him.
1.	The Believer lives in to Christ.
	"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" — Luke 6:46
	"If you love me, you will obey what I command."— John 14:15
2.	The Believer God and others.
	"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Lov your neighbor as yourself.'" — Matthew 22:37-39
3.	The Believer's life is effective and
	"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." — John 15:8
	"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that

will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." — John 15:16

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Understanding Spiritual Maturity

1.	It is a process not an instantaneous event!
	"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." — 2 Peter 3:18
	"continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling," — Philippians 2:12
2.	It is a not a destination!
	"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him," — Colossians 2:6
	"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it," — 2 Timothy 3:14
	"And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming." — 1 John 2:28
<i>3</i> .	It involves practicing not spectator sports!
	"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." — 1 Corinthians 9:25
	"Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly." — 1 Timothy 4:7
4.	It requires our with God not passive involvement!
	"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." — John 15:4

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. It requires	not winning without running the race!
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"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." — Hebrews 12:1

"At a time when you should be teaching others, you need teachers yourselves to repeat to you the 'ABC' of God's revelation to men. You have become people who need a milk diet and cannot face solid food! For anyone who continues to live on 'milk' is unable to digest what is right—he simply has not grown up. 'Solid food' is only for the adult, that is, for the man who has developed by experience his power to discriminate between what is good and what is evil." — Hebrew 5:12-14 (Phillips)

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How Can I Experience God And Become A Mature Christian?

By Developing	in My Life
	with its habits. Each of you is now a new person. our Creator, and you will understand him better."
• The Habit of Experiencing God th	arough His
"If you keep on obeying what I have sa truth, and the truth will set you free." — .	aid, you truly are my disciples. You will know the John 8:31-32 (CEV)
• The Habit of Experiencing God th	arough and the
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	nain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, bu become my disciples." John 15:7-8 (Good News)
• The Habit of Experiencing God th	erough
"Simply put, if you're not willing to take kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple	what is dearest you, whether plans or people, and e." – Luke 14:33 (The Message)
"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to	o always put God first in your lives." — Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)
• The Habit of Experiencing God th	rough with Others
"Love each other just as much as I love y	you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the

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UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL HABITS

Spiritual Habits Defined

A spiritual habit is any activity that I	condition myself to
do that helps me become or do what I	have not yet achieved in becoming Christ-
like and accomplishing His purpose for	or my life.

- Spiritual habits give me the power and the wisdom to do the right thing, at the right time, for the right reason and with the right spirit. They are the activities that build up my spiritual strength to live my life as Jesus taught and modeled it. They position me on the road that Christ travels so I can experience God and His grace.
- Spiritual habits are God ordained exercises for us to use in our pursuit to know and please God. They are the channels through which God's grace flows into our lives. Spiritual habits shape our life as does the lack of spiritual habits.
- Practicing spiritual habits is not a barometer of spirituality nor is it a way to earn favor with God. I am not trying harder to please God but training wisely.
- Spiritual habits are not necessarily unpleasant. But the lack of spiritual habits leads to disaster. The habits are not developed quickly. It takes time and training. But freedom is the reward of the disciplined life. I am most free when I am disciplined.¹

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Facts About the Habits of Discipleship

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." — Colossians 3:9-10

•	Bad habits are break.	to form; difficult to live with; and hard to
•	Good habits are	to form; easy to live with; and easy to break.
•		habits of a disciple, for they provide the which God's grace flows helping me grow

Dallas Willard in his book *The Spirit of the Disciplines* says: "My central claim is that we can become like Christ by doing one thing—by following him in the overall style of life he chose for himself. If we have faith in Christ, we must believe that he knew how to live. We can, through faith and grace, become like Christ by practicing the types of activities he engaged in, by arranging our whole lives around the activities he himself practiced in order to remain constantly at home in the fellowship of his Father."²

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Why Spiritual Habits are Important

• Spiritual habits promote spiritual
"But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." — Hebrews 5:14
• Spiritual habits develop spiritual
"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." — Acts 4:13
• Spiritual habits produce spiritual
"Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess." — Deuteronomy 5:33
• Spiritual habits lead to personal and spiritual
"I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts." — Psalms 119:45

"We have not advanced very far in our spiritual lives if we have not encountered the basic paradox of freedom...that we are most free when we are bound. But not just any way of being bound will suffice; what matters is the character of our binding. The one who would be an athlete, but who is unwilling to discipline his body by regular exercise and abstinence, is not free to excel on the field or the track. His failure to train rigorously denies him the freedom to run with the desired speed and endurance. With one concerted voice, the giants of the devotional life apply the same principle to the whole of life: Discipline is the price of freedom."

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Session Two: The Habit of Experiencing God Through His Word

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SESSION TWO: THE HABIT OF EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

Understanding the Bible

Strategie God's W	ord is His Special	to Us.	
-	oture is God-breathed and is useful for to ness," — 2 Timothy 3:16	eaching, rebuking, correcting and to	raining in
❖ God's W	ord is Our Moral Compass To _	and Protect U	Js.
Christian's resoractice. His V Every persor	al revelation by which man is to cleanse source book, his manual for living, the Word gives us instruction on how to liv n needs a Biblical moral compass to gui f the non-negotiable values of We Build	light to his path, and the index for the a life of true success and signification and protect him or her throughout	faith and ance.
"How can	a young man keep his way pure? By li	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	lms 119:9
"Your wo	rd is a lamp to my feet and a light for m	ny path." — Psalms 119:105	

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Why Study God's Word?

1.	It is how we get to God.
	"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." — 2 Peter $3:18$
	"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him." — Colossians 2:6
2.	It is essential for growth.
	"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation," — 1 Peter 2:2
	"man does not live by bread only, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." — Deuteronomy 8:3
	"rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." — Colossians 2:7
3.	It us for life.
	"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." — Psalms 119:11
	"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." — Acts 20:32
	"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." — Romans 15:4
4.	It us for ministry.
	"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."
	— Ephesians 4:15-16

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Quick Facts about the Bible

- * It has 66 individual books but is really one Book.
- ❖ It was written by more than 30 people inspired by God.
- Among the authors were a tax collector, a herdsman, a doctor, some fishermen, a philosopher, a preacher, some prophets, a statesman, a king and a rabbi.
- ❖ It was written over a period of 1,500 years.
- * It has a single subject; Jesus Christ is the answer to ALL human need.

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You may want to turn to the contents page of your Bible.

	Overview of the	e Old Testament	
LAW Pentateuch Tells of creation and God's interaction with Israel. Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	HISTORY Historical Books Tells of the establishment of the kingdom of Israel and their relationship with God. Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles	POETRY Wisdom Literature Puts truth in poetic form with Psalms known as the Hebrew hymn book. Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs	PROPHECY Major/Minor Prophets These books deal with warnings of things to come in the future of Israel, the coming of the Messiah and the end of time. Major Prophets Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Minor Prophets Hosea
	EzraNehemiahEsther		 Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

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	Overviev	v of the New T	estament	
GOSPELS Tells the story of Christ's life and ministry.	Describes the history of the early church.	LETTERS Paul's letters written primarily to churches in these locations.	OTHER LETTERS General letters named after the authors.	PROPHECY Describes the end times and the triumph of Christ.
MatthewMarkLukeJohn	• Acts	 Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon 	 Hebrews (author uncertain) James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude 	• Revelation

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Six Ways to Experience God Through His Word

Plant God's Word in your Heart and Apply it to Your Life (Psalms 1)

God's Word needs to be planted deep in our heart and expressed through our life. Discover these six ways to put God's Word in your H.E.A.R.T. and life.

Hear (listen) Mark 4:23; Romans 10:17 Examine (read) Revelation 1:3 Analyze (study) Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15 Remember (memorize) Psalms 119:9,11; Deuteronomy 6:6 Think (meditate) Psalms 1:2-3; Joshua 1:8

Apply (respond) Luke 6:46-49

The more H.E.A.R.T ways that we experience God through His Word the more we will experience the joy of knowing and growing in Christ.

How to Hear God's Word —	
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"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." — Mark 4:23

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." — Romans 10:17

We can hear God's Word through:

- Preaching
- Teaching
- Conversation
- Audio and Video Tapes
- Radio and TV Ministries

We need to listen to God. He has chosen to use human instruments to communicate with us. It would be well for each of us to take to heart Paul's praise to the believers in Thessalonica:

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."— 1 Thessalonians 2:13

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How to	Examine	God's	Word –	

"Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near." — Revelation 1:3

"Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" — Matthew 4:4

How Often Should We Read the Bible?

"Surely we only have to be realistic and honest with ourselves to know how regularly we need to turn to the Bible. How often do we face problems, temptations and pressure? Every day! Then how often do we need instruction, guidance and greater encouragement? Every day! To catch all these felt needs up into an even greater issue, how often do we need to see God's face, hear his voice, feel his touch, know his power? The answer to all these questions is the same: every day!"

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How to Get the Most out of Reading God's Word

*	Take the
	• It is good to set aside 10-20 minutes each day to read and meditate on the Word.
	• You may find it helpful to read with the Bible on tape. (You can read through the entire Bible in 72 hours.)
	• It is possible in 5 minutes each day to read the entire Bible in 3 years.
*	Find a you like.
	Look for a contemporary version of the Bible. They are easier to read and understand. Suggestions: ◆ NIV: The New International Version, (Zondervan) ◆ CEV: The Contemporary English Version (Thomas Nelson) ◆ NLT: The New Living Translation (Tyndale House) ◆ The Message (NavPress)
*	Have a .

- You could read 3 chapters each day and 5 each Sunday and finish the Bible in a year.
- You could read 3 chapters in the Old Testament and 3 in the New Testament and you will read the Old Testament through once and the New Testament 4 times in a year.
- You could read an equal number of chapters starting in three places: Genesis, Job, and Matthew.
- You could read the chapter in Proverbs that correlates to the day of the month and five chapters in Psalms starting with the chapter that correlates with the day of the month then add 30 and read that chapter, then add 30 again and read that chapter. For example, on the 1st of the month read Proverbs 1 and Psalms 1, 31, 61, 91, & 121.
- Consider reading between one and five chapters per day. This keeps you from feeling pressure to read speedily and helps you to allow the Word to penetrate your thoughts and life.

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"The goal is not get through the scriptures but for the scriptures to get through us."

- John Ortberg

SEE

Appendix A: Through the New Testament in 30 days Appendix B: Reading Through the Bible in a Year

Appendix C: Reading at Your own Pace Appendix D: Devotional Time Worksheet

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How to Have a Devotional Time with God

Having a devotional time is an essential part of the Christian Life. Devotion means "strong love and attachment." For the believer our love for God should lead us to seek to know and please God in all that we do. A devotional time is simply the practice of reading God's Word, meditating on it and praying humbly and earnestly to God.

1.	Determine to in God.
	"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation," — 1 Peter 2:2
	"Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart." — Psalms 119:2
2.	Establish atime.
	"At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place" — Luke 4:42
	"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." — Psalms 5:3
3.	Choose aplace.
	"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went of to a solitary place, where he prayed." — Mark 1:35
	"After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone," — Matthew 14:23
4.	Maintain anpace.
	"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD." — Psalms 27:14

"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." — Isaiah 40:31

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<i>5</i> .	Establish a to seek.
	"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." — Matthew $6:33$
	"When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;" — Psalms 77:2
	"I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." — Psalms 34:4
6.	Have a to follow.
	"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice." — Psalms 55:17
	"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." — Psalms 1:1-2
<i>7</i> .	Keep a to remember.
	"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." — Deuteronomy 6:7-9
	mple Journal Entry
Da	y: Monday June 5, 2000 Scripture: Psalms 1
	flect: What God said to me: am blessed and will succeed in ALL that I do if I will meditate on God's word.
	yone who does not know the Lord or meditate on His Word WILL FAIL! The
Lo	rd will watch over all my life when I meditate on and walk according to His Word.
	cord: What I am going to do about it: vill memorize Psalms chapter one this week.

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My Devotional Time Journal

Take a few minutes and practice on this passage. Be prepared to share your responses with others in the class.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will." – Romans 12:1-2

DATE: Today	SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-2		
Reflect: What God said to me:			
Record : What I am going to do about it:			

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A Benediction

Jesus died for your sins, so be forgiven! You are loved by the Father, so be healed of your self-despising! You are accompanied everywhere by the Holy Spirit, so be helped and guided and empowered to live beyond yourself, above yourself, for the greater glory of God. You have been given God's Word to direct and protect you throughout life, so read it and cherish it for in it you have life! Amen.

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Session Three: Experiencing God Through the Habits of Prayer and Spirit-Filled Living

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SESSION THREE: EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH THE HABITS OF PRAYER AND SPIRIT-FILLED LIVING

Why Should We Pray?

Jesus set the of prayer.
"After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone." — Matthew 14:23
Jesus taught the of prayer.
"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." — Luke 18:1
Jesus taught His to pray.
"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." — Luke 11:1
tells us to pray.
"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." — Colossians 4:2

"To read the Bible and not to meditate was seen as an unfruitful exercise: better to read one chapter and meditate afterward than to read several chapters and not to meditate. Likewise to meditate and not to pray was like preparing to run a race and never leaving the starting line. The three duties of reading Scripture, meditation, and prayer belonged together, and though each could be done occasionally on its own, as formal duties to God they were best done together."

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How Do We Learn To Pray?

**	<i>By</i>
	"About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray." — Luke 9:28
*	By and meditating on Scripture
	"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." — Psalms 19:14
*	By praying with
	"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one placeThey devoted themselves to prayer." — Acts 2:1, 42
*	By about prayer
	"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." — Proverbs 13:20

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you're to receive." — C. H. Spurgeon⁷

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Principles of Effective Prayer

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."— Romans 8:26-29

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." — John 14:26

1.	The Holy Spirit	us pray (Romans 8:26). for us (Romans 8:26; John 14:26). more than our words when we pray	
2.	The Holy Spirit		
3.	God hears our(Romans 8:27).		
4.	God answers prayer (Romans 8:28-29).		
	• Sometimes it is I'v	re got a better plan (Matthew 26:36-39)	
	• Sometimes it is wait,	not right now (John 11)	
	 Sometimes it is I want to work in you because of Selfishness - (James 4:3) Unconfessed sin - (Psalms 66:18) Unforgiveness - (Matthew 6:14-15) 		
	• Sometimes it is yes	s, just as you asked (John 16:24)	
	• Sometimes it is yes	s, and I have so much more (Ephesians 3:20)	
	you did not intend to gratify. It were and then when they hold out their h were a cruel addition to the miseries	izing your child by exciting in him a desire that e a very ungenerous thing to offer alms to the poor, and for it, to mock their poverty with a denial. It is of the sick if they were taken to the hospital and ed for. Where God leads you to pray. He means	

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Types of Prayer

One of the best ways to get to know someone is to talk with that person. Prayer is the way that God has established for us to communicate with Him. Prayer is not a monologue but a conversation with God that includes our speaking to God and hearing from God.

Of the various types of prayer, prayers of praise and thanksgiving are particularly important in nurturing our personal and corporate relationship with God. Not only do they bring us into God's holy presence, they prepare our hearts to bring before the Lord other types of prayer. Here are four types of prayer you can remember with the acrostic A.C.T.S.

*	- This is praise focusing upon who God is, His nature and
	character.
	"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom." — Psalms 145:3
	"Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!" — Psalms 147:1
	"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit." — Psalms 147:5

Write down what the above verses say about God:

Read Psalms 100 and 150 and use it to pray back to God in praise.

(Also see: Habakkuk 3:17-19; Revelation 4:1-11; Matthew 6:9-13; Romans 8:28)

SEE: Appendix E: Praise for the Character Traits of God

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*		- This is acknowledging my sins before God and asking for His
	forgiveness.	

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." — 1 John 1:8-9

Unconfessed sin hinders my daily relationship with God. Psalms 66:18 says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

When you sin:

- 1) Confess the sin to God (1 John 1:9a).
- 2) Receive his promise of forgiveness and cleansing (1 John 1:9b).
- 3) Claim victory over temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). (Also see: Psalms 51:1-12, 16-17; Ezra 9:5-15; Matthew 18:21-35)

**		- This is expressing	gratitude to	God for	specific
	acts.				

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

List the things in the following categories that you can give thanks to God for:

- Physical Blessings
- Spiritual Blessings
- Material Blessings
- □ People
- Situations

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*	- This is expressing our desires and making specific requests to God.
	requests to Gou.
	"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." — John 15:7
	"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:6-7
	is includes praying for our own needs (petitions) and praying for the needs of others tercession).
Lis	st three personal requests and present them to God in prayer:
	1)
	2)
	3)

List people you know with specific needs in their lives and pray for them:

Try to keep your own personal prayer journal noting the your request and date requested and the date and type of answer. You will be surprised to see how faithful God is.

SEE: Appendix G: People and Situations I am Praying For **SEE:** Appendix H: My Personal Prayer Journal *Also see: Matthew 7:7-11; 21:18-22; Luke 18:1-8; Ephesians 6:18-20*

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Energize Prayer By Being Filled With The Holy Spirit

God calls us to live a higher quality of life as a believer. He wants us to increasingly grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit helps the believer to live up to God's standard and expectations. The Holy Spirit helps us to live beyond our natural human ability and potential.

The Greek Word for Holy Spirit is *parakletos*, meaning "one who supports, helps, encourages, and strengthens." The role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life is to be a Helper, Counselor, and an Encourager.

Before Jesus went to the cross He prayed that the Holy Spirit would come as our "helper" (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7).

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." — John 14:16

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." — John 14:26

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me." — John 15:26

"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." — John 16:7

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How Being Filled with the Holy Spirit Helps Us

He h	elps us
	"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." — Romans 8:26-27
Не _	our spiritual experience.
	"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself," — 1 Corinthians 14:4
He h	elps us to be an effective
	"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." — Acts 1:8

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— Acts 2:1-4, 11

How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

.	God's best.
	"They all joined together constantly in prayer"— Acts 1:14
. _	in God's faithfulness.
	"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." — Luke 11:9-10
* _	, trusting God's goodness.
	"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" — Luke 11:11-13
. _	God's power.
	"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to

"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God..." — Acts 10:44-46a

rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.... (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans

and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

"When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied." — Acts 19:6

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A Simple Prayer for the Fullness of the Spirit

Dear Jesus,

I thank you and praise you for your great love and faithfulness to me.

Whenever I think of how you saved me and how much you love me, my heart is full of joy. I glorify you for your forgiveness and that you accept me just as I am.

I come now in obedience to your call. I want to receive the fullness of the Spirit as you promised. I do not come because I am worthy, I come because you have invited me to do so.

Because of the blood of Christ and the forgiveness you have given me, I thank you that you have made me a vessel that is ready to receive a gift so wonderful as the infilling of your Spirit.

I want to know you; I want to please you; I want to serve you; I want to overflow with your love, your life, your kindness, your words, and your power. I desire to have the presence of Christ flow out of my life to everyone I know.

With childlike faith that is simple and pure, I ask you to fill me with your Spirit. I open all of myself to you, to receive all of yourself in me. I love you Lord. I worship you and magnify you. I welcome your miracles and your might into my life. May they be evident in my life to your glory and honor.

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Why Should We Give?

1.	To be free from the of money
	"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." — Matthew 6:24
2.	To receive God's
	"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." — Luke 6:38
<i>3</i> .	To the work of God's Kingdom
	"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." — Malachi 3:10
<i>4</i> .	To express our to Jesus
	"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." — Matthew 6:19-21
<i>5</i> .	To and please the Lord
	"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:7-9

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Tithing Is an Expression of at Least Six Important Things

1.	It is the acknowledgment of God as the	of everything.
	thing expresses our belief that everything on this earth came from God, a sponsible for all we earn or receive as increase (Psalms 24:1).	and that He is
2.	It is a believer's expression of faith in God's	·
	thing is a statement of our faith and worship toward God. It is for believe :19-20; Philippians 4:19).	ers only (Genesis
<i>3</i> .	It is a test of our continued and to God and His Word.	
Tit	thing is an expression of faithfulness to His Word and stewardship over I printhians 4:2; Malachi 3:10).	His possessions (1
4.	It is an act of wisely in the future.	
	od promises to bless the faithful tither and provide him with increased ret Ialachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:6).	turn to meet his needs
5.	It is a continual reminder of God's universal law of	and
Vi	rtually everything that the Lord does is based on these same divine princ	iples (Galatians 6:7).
6.	It demonstrates our belief that God has established theaccomplish His purposes in the World.	to
	thing is the means by which God has chosen to meet the expenses of His d ministry (Malachi 3:10).	Church in its mission

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How to Develop the Habit of Tithing

•	Determine to give
	"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money" — 1 Corinthians 16:2a
•	Determine to give
	"Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made." — 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
•	Determine to give
	"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." — 2 Corinthians 9:10-11
	■ Tithe = the tenth that automatically belongs to God
	• Offerings = gifts given above the tithe to advance God's mission and ministry
	■ Alms = gifts given to help those in need
•	Determine to give
	"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

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•	 Determine to give 	·	
	"And my God will meet all yo	ur needs according to his glorious riche	es in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:19
•	• Determine to	and prove God.	— Т ширрішіз 4.17

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me." But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

— Malachi 3:8-10

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." — Luke 6:38

Learning to Give to God: The Six-Month Challenge

During the next month keep a record of all income that you receive. Add it all up and give a percentage back to God through the local church (10% is a good start). Then look for other opportunities where you can give to people or charities that are needy.

At the end of six months see if God has not blessed you and your needs have not been met.

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The Habit of Experiencing God Through Study with Others

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

— Acts 2:42-47

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers...."

— 1 John 3:14

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

— Hebrews 10:25

Four Elements of Studying With Others

- 1. Fellowship
- 2. Growth
- 3. Accountability
- 4. Support and Encouragement

God has chosen to reveal Himself most clearly in and through the Church, His family.

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Three Things God Wants From His People

"...in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." — Romans 12.5

1.	To demonstrate true
	"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." — Ephesians 4:3
	"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent meI in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." — John 17:20,21,23
2.	To be and
	"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy."" — 1 Peter 1:14-16
	"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing." — Philippians 2:14-16
3.	To each other.
	"This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one anotherDear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truthAnd this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us." — 1 John 3:11,18,23

The most powerful demonstration of God's love and power is a local body of believers who display character, love, and unity.

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Why Should I be Committed to Study with Other Believers?

"Spiritual fellowship is not a luxury, but a necessity, vital to our spiritual growth and health."8

- I demonstrate my love for God through loving fellowship with His family. (Ephesians 1:23; 4:12,15-16; 1 John 4:7-8,19-21)
- I find that my deepest need for belonging and significance comes from true fellowship. (Galatians 1:10; Ephesians 2:19; Romans 12:5)
- I need support and encouragement to grow. (Hebrews 10:24; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12; 1 John 3:14)
- I need loving accountability to help practice spiritual habits and grow. (Hebrews 3:13; Galatians 6:1-2)
- I am better able to achieve balance in my Christian life. (Ephesians 4:14)
- I discover that God answers prayer when believers pray together. (James 5:14-16; Matthew 18:19)
- I experience God using the Spiritual gifts of others to help me grow. (1 Corinthians 14:26-31)
- I contribute to the most powerful witness to the world: true community. (John 13:35)
- I have opportunity to love and care for other believers by (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:15-16).
 - giving honor to one another
 - admonishing one another
 - demonstrating equal care for one another
 - bearing burdens of each other
 - building up each other
 - doing good to one another
 - being subject to each other
 - confessing to and praying for each other

- living harmoniously with one another
- waiting for each other
- serving one another
- giving comfort to one another
- maintaining peace with each other
- lovingly bearing with each other
- forgiving one another
- exhibiting hospitality to each other

"The fellowship of sharing with one another what we have received from the Lord is a spiritual necessity. For God has not made us self-sufficient. We are not made so we can keep going on our own."

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Seven Steps To Start And Maintain Good Habits¹⁰

Step	One:
d • If	You must start with a strong desire. You must be internally motivated. External motivations on't last. If you start only half-heartedly, you will never make it to the success point. You want to have the motivation because you know this is a good and desirable thing, but ack motivation, ask God to give it to you. He will!
Step	Two:
tŀ	regin right now! Don't wait. Don't procrastinate. You don't slide into a new habit. "One of nese days" never arrives. You must have a starting point. It is easier to break a bad habit oday than it will be tomorrow!
co	Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap." — Ecclesiastes 11:
Step	Three:
	announce your intentions to someone. Make a covenant or resolution. The power of a vow is wesome. It is particularly powerful if you put your commitment in writing.
	Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all the neighboring lands bring gifts to be feared." — Psalm 76:11
Step	Four:
• N	lever allow an exception until the new habit is securely rooted in your life. Each lapse will et you back. Continuity and success at the start is essential. Never be swayed by "just this nce" thinking. The act of yielding weakens the will and reinforces our lack of control. It alkes three weeks to become comfortable with a new habit and it takes another three to four reeks (doing it daily) for it to become a natural part of our life routine.
• It	takes seven to twenty-one renetitions to learn something!

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Si	tep Five:
•	Whenever you feel the slightest urge or prompting to practice this new habit, DO IT THEN! Don't wait. Seize every opportunity to reinforce your habit. Those feelings will not last, so whenever you feel inclined to perform your habit, do so!
Si	tep Six:
•	Get a partner who will support you and encourage you. Find someone who is willing to hold you accountable and check up on you especially in the early days before the habit is firmly rooted in your life.
	"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" — Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
Si	tep Seven:

- Rely on God's power to help you establish the habit. Remember that Satan does not want you to develop habits that help you grow spiritually and help you become like Jesus. Therefore, Satan will do all he can to tempt you, cause you to slip, or discourage you. Pray, pray!
 - "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power and love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7
 - "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Philippians 2:12-13

What an awesome promise, that God is at work in us through his Holy Spirit to enable us to become like Christ!

WHAT NOW?

After completing CHURCH 201, you should plan to participate in the next offering of CHURCH 301 when you feel ready.

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My Personal Spiritual Growth Covenant¹¹

It is my desire to please God and grow in spiritual maturity. I will do this through:

- A Daily Time with God in His Word
- A Daily Time of Prayer
- A Weekly Tithe To God Giving the first 10% of my income
- A Weekly Study Time with Other Believers

(Sign and Date)			

My Spiritual Growth Theme is:

"...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

— 1 Timothy 4:7-8

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Appendices

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Through The New Testament In 30 Days			
□ 1. Matthew 1-9	□ 16. Acts 15-21		
□ 2. Matthew 10-15	□ 17. Acts 22-28		
□ 3. Matthew 16-22	□ 18. Romans 1-8		
□ 4. Matthew 23-28	□ 19. Romans 9-16		
□ 5. Mark 1-8	□ 20. 1 Corinthians 1-9		
□ 6. Mark 9-16	□ 21. 1 Corinthians 10-16		
□ 7. Luke 1-6	□ 22. 2 Corinthians 1-13		
□ 8. Luke 7-11	 23. Galatians—Ephesians 		
□ 9. Luke 12-18	□ 24. Philippians—2 Thessalonians		
□ 10. Luke 19-24	□ 25. 1 Timothy—Philemon		
□ 11. John 1-7	□ 26. Hebrews		
□ 12. John 8-13	□ 27. James—2 Peter		
□ 13. John 14-22	□ 28. 1 John—Jude		
□ 14. Acts 1-7	□ 29. Revelation 1-11		
□ 15. Acts 8-14	□ 30. Revelation 12-22		

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Reading through the Bible in a Year

	JAN	UARY	
OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT	
Genesis 1:1-3:24	1	Matthew 1:1-25	1
Genesis 4:1-6:8	2	Matthew 2:1-23	2
Genesis 6:9-8:22	3	Matthew 3:1-17	3
Genesis 9:1-11:26	4	Matthew 4:1-17	4
Job 1:1-3:26	5	Matthew 4:28-5:16	5
Job 4:1-7:21	6	Matthew 5:17-37	6
Job 8:1-10:22	7	Matthew 5:38-6:18	7
Job 11:1-14:22	8	Matthew 6:19-34	8
Job 15:1-17:16	9	Matthew 7:1-23	9
Job 18:1-19:29	10	Matthew 7:24-8:17	10
Job 10:1-21:34	11	Matthew 8:18-9:8	11
Job 22:1-24:25	12	Matthew 9:9-34	12
Job 25:1-28:28	13	Matthew 9:35-10:15	13
Job 29:1-31:40	14	Matthew 10:16-11:1	14
Job 32:1-34:37	15	Matthew 11:2-24	15
Job 35:1-37:24	16	Matthew 11:25-12:21	16
Job 38:1-39:30	17	Matthew 12:22-37	17
Job 40:1-42:17	18	Matthew 12:38-50	18
Genesis 11:27-14:24	19	Matthew 13:1-23	19
Genesis 15:1-17:27	20	Matthew 13:24-35	20
Genesis 18:1-19:38	21	Matthew 13:36-58	21
Genesis 20:1-22:24	22	Matthew 14:1-21	22
Genesis 23:1-24:27	23	Matthew 14:22-15:11	23
Genesis 24:28-25:18	24	Matthew 15:12-39	24
Genesis 25:19-27:29	25	Matthew 16:1-20	25
Genesis 27:30-29:35	26	Matthew 16:21-17:13	26
Genesis 30:1-31:18	27	Matthew 17:14-27	27
Genesis 31:19-32:32	28	Matthew 18:1-20	28
Genesis 33:1-35:29	29	Matthew 18:21-19:12	29
Genesis 36:1-37:36	30	Matthew 19:13-26	30
Genesis 38:1-40:23	31	Matthew 19:27-20:16	31

FEBRUARY							
OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT					
Genesis 41:1-42:17	1	Matthew 20:17-34	1				
Genesis 42:18-44:17	2	Matthew 21:1-22	2				
Genesis 44:18-46:27	3	Matthew 21:23-46	3				
Genesis 46:28-48:22	4	Matthew 22:1-22	4				
Genesis 49:1-50:26	5	Matthew 22:23-46	5				
Exodus 1:1-2:25	6	Matthew 23:1-22	6				
Exodus 3:1-4:31	7	Matthew 23:23-39	7				
Exodus 5:1-7:13	8	Matthew 24:1-31	8				
Exodus 7:14-9:35	9	Matthew 24:32-51	9				
Exodus 10:1-12:20	10	Matthew 25:1-23	10				
Exodus 12:21-14:14	11	Matthew 25:24-46	11				
Exodus 14:15-15:27	12	Matthew 26:1-35	12				
Exodus 16:1-18:27	13	Matthew 26:36-56	13				
Exodus 19:1-21:27	14	Matthew 26:57-75	14				
Exodus 21:28-24:18	15	Matthew 27:1-26	15				
Exodus 25:1-26:37	16	Matthew 27:27-56	16				
Exodus 27:1-28:43	17	Matthew 27:57-28:20	17				
Exodus 29:1-30:21	18	Mark 1:1-20	18				
Exodus 30:22-33:6	19	Mark 1:21-45	19				
Exodus 33:7-34:26	20	Mark 2:1-22	20				
Exodus 34:27-36:7	21	Mark 2:23-3:19	21				
Exodus 36:8-38:31	22	Mark 3:20-4:9	22				
Exodus 39:1-40:38	23	Mark 4:10-34	23				
Leviticus 1:1-4:21	24	Mark 4:35-5:20	24				
Leviticus 4:22-6:30	25	Mark 5:21-43	25				
Leviticus 7:1-8:36	26	Mark 6:1-29	26				
Leviticus 9:1-10:20	27	Mark 6:30-56	27				
Leviticus 11:1-12:8	28	Mark 7:1-23	28				

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OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT						
Leviticus 13:1-59	1	Mark 7:24-8:10	1					
Leviticus 14:1-57	2	Mark 8:11-30	2					
Leviticus 15:1-16:34	3	Mark 8:31-9:13	3					
Leviticus 17:1-19:37	4	Mark 9:14-32	4					
Leviticus 20:1-22:16	5	Mark 9:33-10:12	5					
Leviticus 22:17-24:9	6	Mark 10:13-31	6					
Leviticus 24:10-25:55	7	Mark 10:32-52	7					
Leviticus 26:1-27:34	8	Mark 11:1-26	8					
Numbers 1:1-2:34	9	Mark 11:27-12:17	9					
Numbers 3:1-4:20	10	Mark 12:18-37	10					
Numbers 4:21-5:31	11	Mark 12:28-13:13	11					
Numbers 6:1-7:53	12	Mark 13:14-37	12					
Numbers 7:54-9:23	13	Mark 14:1-26	13					
Numbers 10:1-11:35	14	Mark 14:27-52	14					
Numbers 12:1-14:25	15	Mark 14:53-72	15					
Numbers 14:26-15:41	16	Mark 15:1-20	16					
Numbers 16:1-17:13	17	Mark 15:21-47	17					
Numbers 18:1-20:13	18	Mark 16:1-20	18					
Numbers 20:14-22:1	19	John 1:1-28	19					
Numbers 22:2-23:26	20	John 1:29-51	20					
Numbers 23:27-26:18	21	John 2:1-25	21					
Numbers 26:19-27:23	22	John 3:1-21	22					
Numbers 28:1-29:40	23	John 3:22-36	23					
Numbers 30:1-31:54	24	John 4:1-26	24					
Numbers 32:1-33:49	25	John 4:27-54	25					
Numbers 33:50-36:13	26	John 5:1-30	26					
Deuteronomy 1:1-2:37	27	John 5:31-6:13	27					
Deuteronomy 3:1-4:49	28	John 6:14-40	28					
Deuteronomy 5:1-7:11	29	John 6:41-71	29					
Deuteronomy 7:12-9:29	30	John 7:1-24	30					
Deuteronomy 10:1-11:32	31	John 7:25-52	31					

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Deuteronomy 12:1-14:21	1	John 7:53-8:20	1				
Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17	2	John 8:21-38	2				
Deuteronomy 16:18-19:21	3	John 8:39-59	3				
Deuteronomy 20:1-22:5	4	John 9:1-23	4				
Deuteronomy 22:6-24:22	5	John 9:24-41	5				
Deuteronomy 25:1-27:26	6	John 10:1-21	6				
Deuteronomy 28:1-68	7	John 10:22-42	7				
Deuteronomy 29:1-31:13	8	John 11:1-29	8				
Deuteronomy 31:14-32:47	9	John 11:30-53	9				
Deuteronomy 32:48-34:12	10	John 11:54-12:19	10				
Joshua 1:1-3:17	11	John 12:20-36a	11				
Joshua 4:1-6:27	12	John 12:36b-50	12				
Joshua 7:1-8:35	13	John 13:1-30	13				
Joshua 9:1-10:27	14	John 13:31-14:14	14				
Joshua 10:28-12:24	15	John 14:15-31	15				
Joshua 13:1-15:12	16	John 15:1-27	16				
Joshua 15:13-17:18	17	John 16:1-16	17				
Joshua 18:1-19:51	18	John 16:17-33	18				
Joshua 20:1-22:20	19	John 17:1-26	19				
Joshua 22:21-24:33	20	John 18:1-27	20				
Judges 1:1-3:11	21	John 18:28-40	21				
Judges 3:12-5:31	22	John 19:1-22	22				
Judges 6:1-7:25	23	John 19:23-42	23				
Judges 8:1-9:29	24	John 20:1-23	24				
Judges 9:30-11:11	25	John 20:24-21:14	25				
Judges 11:12-13:25	26	John 21:15-25	26				
Judges 14:1-16:22	27	Luke 1:1-25	27				
Judges 16:23-18:31	28	Luke 1:26-56	28				
Judges 19:1-20:23	29	Luke 1:57-80	29				
Judges 20:24-21:25	30	Luke 2:1-20	30				

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OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT						
1 Samuel 1:1-2:36	1	Luke 2:21-52	1					
1 Samuel 3:1-5:12	2	Luke 3:1-20	2					
1 Samuel 6:1-7:14	3	Luke 3:21-4:13	3					
1 Samuel 7:15-10:8	4	Luke 4:14-30	4					
1 Samuel 10:9-12:25	5	Luke 4:31-5:11	5					
1 Samuel 13:1-14:35	6	Luke 5:12-26	6					
1 Samuel 14:36-15:35	7	Luke 5:27-6:11	7					
Ruth 1:1-2:23	8	Luke 6:12-38	8					
Ruth 3:1-4:22, 1 Samuel 16:1-23	9	Luke 6:39-7:10	9					
1 Samuel 17:1-18:5	10	Luke 7:11-35	10					
1 Samuel 18:6-19:24	11	Luke 7:36-50	11					
1 Samuel 20:1-21:15	12	Luke 8:1-18	12					
1 Samuel 22:1-23:29	13	Luke 8:19-39	13					
1 Samuel 24:1-25:44	14	Luke 8:40-56	14					
1 Samuel 26:1-28:25	15	Luke 9:1-17	15					
1 Samuel 29:1-31:13, I	16	Luke 9:18-36	16					
Chronicles 10:1-14								
I Chronicles 1:1-2:41	17	Luke 9:37-56	17					
I Chronicles 2:42-5:10	18	Luke 9:57-10:16	18					
I Chronicles 5:11-6:81	19	Luke 10:17-37	19					
I Chronicles 7:1-9:9	20	Luke 10:38-11:13	20					
I Chronicles 9:10-44, 11:1-47	21	Luke 11:14-36	21					
I Chronicles 12:1-14:17	22	Luke 11:37-54	22					
I Chronicles 15:1-16:43	23	Luke 12:1-21	23					
I Chronicles 17:1-19:19	24	Luke 12:22-40	24					
I Chronicles 20:1-23:1	25	Luke 12:41-59	25					
2 Samuel 1:1-2:32	26	Luke 13:1-17	26					
2 Samuel 3:1-5:10	27	Luke 13:18-35	27					
2 Samuel 5:11-7:29	28	Luke 14:1-24	28					
2 Samuel 8:1-11:13	29	Luke 14:25-15:10	29					
2 Samuel 11:14-13:22	30	Luke 15:11-32	30					
2 Samuel 13:23-15:12	31	Luke 16:1-18	31					

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2 Samuel 15:13-17:14	1	Luke 16:19-17:10	1				
2 Samuel 17:15-19:8	2	Luke 17:11-37	2				
2 Samuel 19:9-20:26	3	Luke 18:1-30	3				
2 Samuel 21:1-22:51	4	Luke 18:31-19:10	4				
2 Samuel 23:1-24:25	5	Luke 19:11-28	5				
1 Kings 1:1-2:11	6	Luke 19:29-48	6				
I Chronicles 23:2-25:31	7	Luke 20:1-26	7				
I Chronicles 26:1-27:34	8	Luke 20:27-21:4	8				
I Chronicles 28:1-29:30	9	Luke 21:5-38	9				
Psalms 1:1-6:10	10	Luke 22:1-23	10				
Psalms 7:1-10:18	11	Luke 22:24-53	11				
Psalms 11:1-17:15	12	Luke 22:54-23:12	12				
Psalms 18:1-19:14	13	Luke 23:13-32	13				
Psalms 20:1-23:6	14	Luke 23:33-56	14				
Psalms 24:1-28:9	15	Luke 24:1-27	15				
Psalms 29:1-32:11	16	Luke 24:28-53	16				
Psalms 33:1-35:28	17	Acts 1:1-14	17				
Psalms 36:1-38:22	18	Acts 1:15-2:13	18				
Psalms 39:1-41:13	19	Acts 2:14-36	19				
Psalms 42:1-45:17	20	Acts 2:37-3:10	20				
Psalms 46:1-49:20	21	Acts 3:11-4:4	21				
Psalms 50:1-53:6	22	Acts 4:5-31	22				
Psalms 54:1-57:11	23	Acts 4:32-5:16	23				
Psalms 58:1-62:12	24	Acts 5:17-42	24				
Psalms 63:1-67:7	25	Acts 6:1-15	25				
Psalms 68:1-69:36	26	Acts 7:1-23	26				
Psalms 70:1-72:20	27	Acts 7:24-43	27				
Psalms 73:1-76:12	28	Acts 7:44-8:3	28				
Psalms 77:1-78:53	29	Acts 8:4-24	29				
Psalms 78:54-81:16	30	Acts 8:25-9:9	30				

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OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT						
Psalms 82:1-86:17	1	Acts 9:10-31	1					
Psalms 87:1-89:52	2	Acts 9:32-43	2					
Psalms 90:1-93:55	3	Acts 10:1-23a	3					
Psalms 94:1-98:9	4	Acts 10:23b-48	4					
Psalms 99:1-102:28	5	Acts 11:1-26	5					
Psalms 103:1-105:15	6	Acts 11:27-12:25	6					
Psalms 105:16-106:48	7	Acts 13:1-12	7					
Psalms 107:1-108:13	8	Acts 13:13-31	8					
Psalms 109:1-113:9	9	Acts 13:32-52	9					
Psalms 114:1-118:29	10	Acts 14:1-28	10					
Psalms 119:1-88	11	Acts 15:1-21	11					
Psalms 119:89-176	12	Acts 15:22-16:5	12					
Psalms 120:1-127:5	13	Acts 16:6-24	13					
Psalms 128:1-134:3	14	Acts 16:25-40	14					
Psalms 135:1-138:8	15	Acts 17:1-15	15					
Psalms 139:1-142:7	16	Acts 17:16-34	16					
Psalms 143:1-146:10	17	Acts 18:1-23	17					
Psalms 147:1-150:6	18	Acts 18:24-19:20	18					
1 Kings 2:12-3:28	19	Acts 19:21-41	19					
1 Kings 4:1-6:22	20	Acts 20:1-16	20					
1 Kings 6:23-7:51	21	Acts 20:17-38	21					
1 Kings 8:1-66	22	Acts 21:1-14	22					
1 Kings 9:1-11:13	23	Acts 21:15-36	23					
1 Kings 11:14-43, 2 Chronicles	24	Acts 21:37-22:21	24					
1:1-2:18								
2 Chronicles 3:1-6:11	25	Acts 22:22-23:11	25					
2 Chronicles 6:12-7:22	26	Acts 23:12-35	26					
2 Chronicles 8:1-9:31	27	Acts 24:1-27	27					
Proverbs 1:1-3:35	28	Acts 25:1-19	28					
Proverbs 4:1-6:35	29	Acts 25:20-26:11	29					
Proverbs 7:1-9:18	30	Acts 26:12-32	30					
Proverbs 10:1-12:28	31	Acts 27:1-26	31					

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Proverbs 13:1-15:33	1	Acts 27:27-44	1
Proverbs 16:1-18:24	2	Acts 28:1-16	2
Proverbs 19:1-21:31	3	Acts 28:17-31	3
Proverbs 22:1-24:9	4	Romans 1:1-17	4
Proverbs 24:10-26:28	5	Romans 1:18-32	5
Proverbs 27:1-29:27	6	Romans 2:1-16	6
Proverbs 30:1-31:31	7	Romans 2:17-3:8	7
Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22	8	Romans 3:9-31	8
Ecclesiastes 4:1-7:29	9	Romans 4:1-25	9
Ecclesiastes 8:1-12:14	10	Romans 5:1-21	10
Song of Solomon 1:1-3:11	11	Romans 6:1-23	11
Song of Solomon 4:1-5:16	12	Romans 7:1-25	12
Song of Solomon 6:1-8:14	13	Romans 8:1-25	13
1 Kings 12:1-13:34	14	Romans 8:26-39	14
1 Kings 14:1-31, 2 Chronicles	15	Romans 9:1-33	15
10:1-11:23			
2 Chronicles 12:1-13:22, 1 Kings	16	Romans 10:1-21	16
15:1-8			
1 Kings 15:9-17:7	17	Romans 11:1-12	17
1 Kings 17:8-18:46	18	Romans 11:13-36	18
1 Kings 19:1-20:43	19	Romans 12:1-21	19
1 Kings 21:1-22:40	20	Romans 13:1-14	20
2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14	21	Romans 14:1-15:6	21
1 Kings 22:41-53, 2 Kings 1:1-	22	Romans 15:7-33	22
2:25			
2 Kings 3:1-4:44	23	Romans 16:1-27	23
2 Kings 5:1-7:2	24	1 Corinthians 1:1-25	24
2 Kings 7:3-8:15, 2 Chronicles	25	1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16	25
17:1-18:11			
2 Chronicles 18:12-20:37	26	1 Corinthians 3:1-23	26
2 Chronicles 21:1-20, 2 Kings	27	1 Corinthians 4:1-21	27
8:16-24, Obadiah 1-21			
2 Kings 8:25-10:17	28	1 Corinthians 5:1-6:11	28
2 Chronicles 22:1-12, 2 Kings	29	1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7	29
10:18-12:16	<u> </u>		
2 Kings 12:17-13:25, 2	30	1 Corinthians 7:8-24	30
Chronicles 23:1-21	ļ		
2 Chronicles 24:1-27, Joel 1:1-20	31	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	31

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OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT						
Joel 2:1-3:21	1	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1					
2 Chronicles 25:1-28, 2 Kings	2	1 Corinthians 9:1-27	2					
14:1-29								
Jonah 1:1-4:11	3	1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1	3					
Amos 1:1-3:15	4	1 Corinthians 11:2-34	4					
Amos 4:1-6:14	5	1 Corinthians 12:1-31	5					
Amos 7:1-9:15	6	1 Corinthians 13:1-14:19	6					
Hosea 1:1-3:5	7	1 Corinthians 14:20-40	7					
Hosea 4:1-6:11	8	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	8					
Hosea 7:1-9:17	9	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	9					
Hosea 10:1-11:12	10	1 Corinthians 16:1-24	10					
Hosea 12:1-14:9	11	2 Corinthians 1:1-14	11					
2 Kings 15:1-38, 2 Chronicles	12	2 Corinthians 1:15-2:17	12					
26:1-27:9								
2 Kings 16:1-17:41	13	2 Corinthians 3:1-4:6	13					
2 Chronicles 28:1-29:36	14	2 Corinthians 4:7-5:10	14					
2 Chronicles 30:1-32:8	15	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:10	15					
2 Chronicles 32:9-33, 2 Kings	16	2 Corinthians 6:11-7:16	16					
18:1-37								
2 Kings 19:1-20:21	17	2 Corinthians 8:1-24	17					
Micah 1:1-2:13	18	2 Corinthians 9:1-15	18					
Micah 3:1-5:15	19	2 Corinthians 10:1-18	19					
Micah 6:1-7:20	20	2 Corinthians 11:1-15	20					
Isaiah 1:1-2:22	21	2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10	21					
Isaiah 3:1-5:30	22	2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14	22					
Isaiah 6:1-8:22	23	Galatians 1:1-24	23					
Isaiah 9:1-10:34	24	Galatians 2:1-21	24					
Isaiah 11:1-13:22	25	Galatians 3:1-22	25					
Isaiah 14:1-16:14	26	Galatians 3:23-4:20	26					
Isaiah 17:1-20:6	27	Galatians 4:21-5:12	27					
Isaiah 21:1-23:18	28	Galatians 5:13-6:18	28					
Isaiah 24:1-26:21	29	Ephesians 1:1-14	29					
Isaiah 27:1-28:29	30	Ephesians 1:15-2:10	30					

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OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT	
Isaiah 29:1-30:33	1	Ephesians 2:11-3:21	1
Isaiah 31:1-33:24	2	Ephesians 4:1-24	2
Isaiah 34:1-37:7	3	Ephesians 4:25-5:14	3
Isaiah 37:8-39:8	4	Ephesians 5:15-6:9	4
Isaiah 40:1-41:20	5	Ephesians 6:10-24	5
Isaiah 41:21-43:13	6	Philippians 1:1-30	6
Isaiah 43:14-45:7	7	Philippians 2:1-30	7
Isaiah 45:8-47:15	8	Philippians 3:1-21	8
Isaiah 48:1-49:26	9	Philippians 4:1-23	9
Isaiah 50:1-52:12	10	Colossians 1:1-23	10
Isaiah 52:13-55:13	11	Colossians 1:24-2:19	11
Isaiah 56:1-58:14	12	Colossians 2:20-3:17	12
Isaiah 59:1-60:22	13	Colossians 3:18-4:18	13
Isaiah 61:1-64:12	14	1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12	14
Isaiah 65:1-66:24	15	1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:13	15
Nahum 1:1-3:19	16	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	16
2 Kings 21:1-18, 2 Chronicles	17	1 Thessalonians 5:1-28	17
33:1-20, Habakkuk 1:1-17			
Habakkuk 2:1-3:19	18	2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12	18
2 Kings 21:19-26, 2 Chronicles 33:21-35:15	19	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:18	19
2 Chronicles 35:16-27, 2 Kings 22:1-23:20	20	1 Timothy 1:1-20	20
2 Kings 23:21-30, Zephaniah 1:1- 2:15	21	1 Timothy 2:1-3:16	21
Zephaniah 3:1-20, Jeremiah 1:1- 2:8	22	1 Timothy 4:1-16	22
Jeremiah 2:9-3:18	23	1 Timothy 5:1-6:2	23
Jeremiah 3:19-5:9	24	1 Timothy 6:3-21	24
Jeremiah 5:10-6:26	25	2 Timothy 1:1-18	25
Jeremiah 6:27-8:13	26	2 Timothy 2:1-26	26
Jeremiah 8:14-10:16	27	2 Timothy 3:1-4:8	27
Jeremiah 10:17-12:17	28	2 Timothy 4:9-22	28
Jeremiah 13:1-14:22	29	Titus 1:1-2:10	29
Jeremiah 15:1-17:4	30	Titus 2:11-3:15	30
Jeremiah 17:5-19:13	31	Philemon 1-25	31

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OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT						
Jeremiah 19:14-22:23	1	Hebrews 1:1-2:4	1					
Jeremiah 22:24-24:10	2	Hebrews 2:5-18	2					
Jeremiah 25:1-26:24	3	Hebrews 3:1-4:2	3					
Jeremiah 27:1-29:23	4	Hebrews 4:3-16	4					
Jeremiah 29:24-31:26	5	Hebrews 5:1-6:8	5					
Jeremiah 31:27-32:44	6	Hebrews 6:9-7:10	6					
Jeremiah 33:1-34:22	7	Hebrews 7:11-28	7					
Jeremiah 35:1-37:10	8	Hebrews 8:1-13	8					
Jeremiah 37:11-40:12	9	Hebrews 9:1-22	9					
Jeremiah 40:13-43:13	10	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	10					
Jeremiah 44:1-46:28	11	Hebrews 10:19-39	11					
Jeremiah 47:1-48:47	12	Hebrews 11:1-16	12					
Jeremiah 49:1-39	13	Hebrews 11:17-40	13					
Jeremiah 50:1-46	14	Hebrews 12:1-29	14					
Jeremiah 51:1-58	15	Hebrews 13:1-25	15					
Jeremiah 51:59-52:34,	16	James 1:1-27	16					
Lamentations 1:1-22								
Lamentations 2:1-3:38	17	James 2:1-26	17					
Lamentations 3:39-5:22	18	James 3:1-18	18					
2 Chronicles 36:1-8, 2 Kings	19	James 4:1-5:6	19					
23:31-24:7, Daniel 1:1-2:24								
Daniel 2:25-3:30	20	James 5:7-20	20					
Daniel 4:1-5:16	21	1 Peter 1:1-21	21					
Daniel 5:17-7:14	22	1 Peter 1:22-2:17	22					
Daniel 7:15-9:19	23	1 Peter 2:18-3:12	23					
Daniel 9:20-11:35	24	1 Peter 3:13-4:11	24					
Daniel 11:36-12:13, 2 Chronicles	25	1 Peter 4:12-5:14	25					
36:9-21, 2 Kings 24:8-25:26								
Ezekiel 1:1-3:27	26	2 Peter 1:1-21	26					
Ezekiel 4:1-7:27	27	2 Peter 2:1-22	27					
Ezekiel 8:1-11:12	28	2 Peter 3:1-18	28					
Ezekiel 11:13-13:23	29	1 John 1:1-2:6	29					
Ezekiel 14:1-16:43	30	1 John 2:7-29	30					

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OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT					
Ezekiel 16:44-18:32	1	1 John 3:1-24	1				
Ezekiel 19:1-20:44	2	1 John 4:1-21	2				
Ezekiel 20:45-22:31	3	1 John 5:1-21	3				
Ezekiel 23:1-24:14	4	2 John 1-13	4				
Ezekiel 24:15-27:11	5	3 John 1-14	5				
Ezekiel 27:12-28:26	6	Jude 1-13	6				
Ezekiel 29:1-30:26	7	Jude 14-25	7				
Ezekiel 31:1-32:32	8	Revelation 1:1-20	8				
Ezekiel 33:1-34:31	9	Revelation 2:1-17	9				
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Mark	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
Luke	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24																
John	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21																			
Acts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28												
Romans	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
1 Corinthians	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
2 Corinthians	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
Galatians	1	2	3	4	5	6														
Ephesians	1	2	3	4	5	6														
Philippians	1	2	3	4																
Colossians	1	2	3	4																
1 Thessalonians	1	2	3	4	5															
2 Thessalonians	1	2	3																	
1 Timothy	1	2	3	4	5	6														
2 Timothy	1	2	3	4																
1 11113	1	2	3																	
Philemon	1																			
Hebrews	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
James	1	2	3	4	5															
1 Peter	1	2	3	4	5															
2 Peter	1	2	3																	
1 John	1	2	3	4	5															
2 John	1																			
3 John	1																			
Jude	1																			
Revelation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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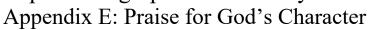
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Appendix D: My Devotional Time Journal

DATE:	SCRIPTURE:
Reflect: What God said to me:	
Record : What I am going to do about it:	
DATE:	SCRIPTURE:
Reflect: What God said to me:	
Record : What I am going to do about it:	
DATE:	SCRIPTURE:
Reflect: What God said to me:	
Record : What I am going to do about it:	

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Appendix E: Praise for the Character Traits of God

Praise for t	he Character Traits of God
Trait	Reference
Holy	Exodus 15:11
Merciful	Titus 3:5
Faithful	Exodus 34:6; 2 Corinthians 1:20
Righteous	1 Timothy 4:8
Light	John 8:12

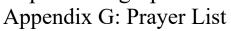
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Appendix F: My Praise and Thanksgiving List

Examples:					
I thank God for His love and forgiveness in my life. (Praise)					
I thank God for giving me a job and a home to live in. (Thanksgiving)					

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Appendix G: People and Situations I Am Praying For

People and Situations I Am Praying For
Family:
Christian Friends:
Friends I Would Like To See Become Christians:
Spiritual Leaders:
Civic Leaders:
Others:

Experiencing Spiritual Maturity Appendix H: Prayer Journal



Appendix H: My Personal Prayer Journal

Begin Date:	Request	Promise	
Answer Date:			
Begin Date:	Request	Promise	
Answer Date:			
Begin Date:	Request	Promise	
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