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Public Reading of Scripture

**Give ear and hear my voice,
Listen and hear my speech.**

Isaiah 28:23 (NKJV)

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV)

Public Reading of Scripture

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What is Public Reading of Scripture (PRS)?

PRS is the Biblical Practice of Listening to (Reading) the Bible Together.

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

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Five Pillars of PRS

In Community

1 Timothy 4:13

Listening

Revelation 1:3

Whole Bible

Matthew 4:4

Regularly

Psalm 1:2

High Quality

Nehemiah 8:8

In Community

1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV)

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Listening

Revelation 1:3 (ESV)

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who **hear**, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Whole Bible

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Jesus quoting Deut 8:3)

Regularly

Psalm 1:2 (NKJV)

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates **day and night**.

High Quality

Nehemiah 8:8 (NKJV)

So they **read distinctly** from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.

PRS Examples in the Old Testament

Exodus 17:14a (ESV)
Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua,…

Exodus 24:7a (ESV)
Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people.

Deuteronomy 31:11b (ESV)
You shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

Jeremiah 36:6b (NIV)
Read to the people from the scroll the words of the Lord that you wrote as I dictated.

PRS Examples in the New Testament

Luke 4:16b (NKJV)
And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Acts 15:21 (NIV)
For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.

Colossians 4:16a (ESV)
And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans;…

1 Thessalonians 5:27 (ESV)
I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

How Long Does It Take to Listen to the Whole Bible?

English:	**98 hrs**
Arabic:	**90 hrs**
French:	**98 hrs**
Japanese:	**118 hrs**
Korean:	**85 hrs**
Mandarin:	**100 hrs**
Russian:	**98 hrs**
Spanish:	**106 hrs**

Listening to Audio Drama Bibles in the PRS App

Listening Time for Each of 66 Books of the Bible

Old Testament			
Genesis	4h 49m	Ecclesiastes	42m
Exodus	4h 1m	Song of Songs	23m
Leviticus	2h 43m	Isaiah	4h 32m
Numbers	3h 48m	Jeremiah	5h 3m
Deuteronomy	4h 38m	Lamentations	31m
Joshua	2h 21m	Ezekiel	4h 57m
Judges	2h 17m	Daniel	1h 30m
Ruth	17m	Hosea	41m
1 Samuel	2h 59m	Joel	14m
2 Samuel	2h 29m	Amos	32m
1 Kings	2h 58m	Obadiah	4m
2 Kings	2h 45m	Jonah	12m
1 Chronicles	2h 47m	Micah	28m
2 Chronicles	3h 8m	Nahum	9m
Ezra	54m	Habakkuk	11m
Nehemiah	1h 12m	Zephaniah	12m
Esther	43m	Haggai	8m
Job	2h 19m	Zechariah	45m
Psalms	6h 2m	Malachi	13m
Proverbs	2h 4m	39 Books Total	76h 58m

New Testament			
Matthew	2h 49m	**1 Timothy**	16m
Mark	1h 43m	**2 Timothy**	12m
Luke	2h 54m	**Titus**	7m
John	2h 14m	**Philemon**	3m
Acts	2h 45m	**Hebrews**	53m
Romans	1h 9m	**James**	15m
1 Corinthians	1h 2m	**1 Peter**	16m
2 Corinthians	40m	**2 Peter**	10m
Galatians	21m	**1 John**	17m
Ephesians	21m	**2 John**	2m
Philippians	15m	**3 John**	2m
Colossians	14m	**Jude**	4m
1 Thessalonians	13m	**Revelation**	1h 16m
2 Thessalonians	7m	**27 Books Total**	20h 50m

In English (NKJV)
The Word of Promise Audio Bible

How Much Bible to Listen to (Read) in One to Two Years?

Our Recommendation for **Public and Private** Bible Listening (Reading) Goals

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Old (OT) Testament 77 hrs	–	New (NT) Testament 21 hrs	–	(Psalms) 6 hrs		Hours Per Week 12 - 24 Months
1	–	1	–	2	Times	2h00m ☐ - 1h00m ☐
1	–	2	–	3	Times	2h30m ☐ - 1h15m ☐
1	–	3	–	4	Times	3h00m ☐ - 1h30m ☐
2	–	3	–	4	Times	4h30m ☐ - 2h15m ☐
2	–	4	–	6	Times	5h00m ☐ - 2h30m ☐
2	–	6	–	8	Times	6h00m ☐ - 3h00m ☐

Hours are approximate, using English (NKJV) Audio Drama Bible in the PRS App.

Balancing OT & NT and Praying Psalms Often

My PRS Groups							
Day	Sun☐	Mon☐	Tue☐	Wed☐	Thu☐	Fri☐	Sat☐
Time							

Why Balance OT & NT and Pray Psalms Often?

Hebrews 1:1-2a (NIV)
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,...**

Luke 9:35 (NKJV)
And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **"This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"**

Psalm 55:17 (NKJV)
Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

Psalm 72:20 (NKJV)
The **prayers** of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Luke 21:36a (NKJV)
Watch therefore, and **pray always**...

Cautions When Listening to the Bible

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV)
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with **all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

John 5:39-40 (NIV)
You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet **you refuse to come to me to have life**.

Malachi 1:6a (ESV)
"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you."

Matthew 7:26 (ESV)
And everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not do them will be like a foolish man** who built his house on the sand.

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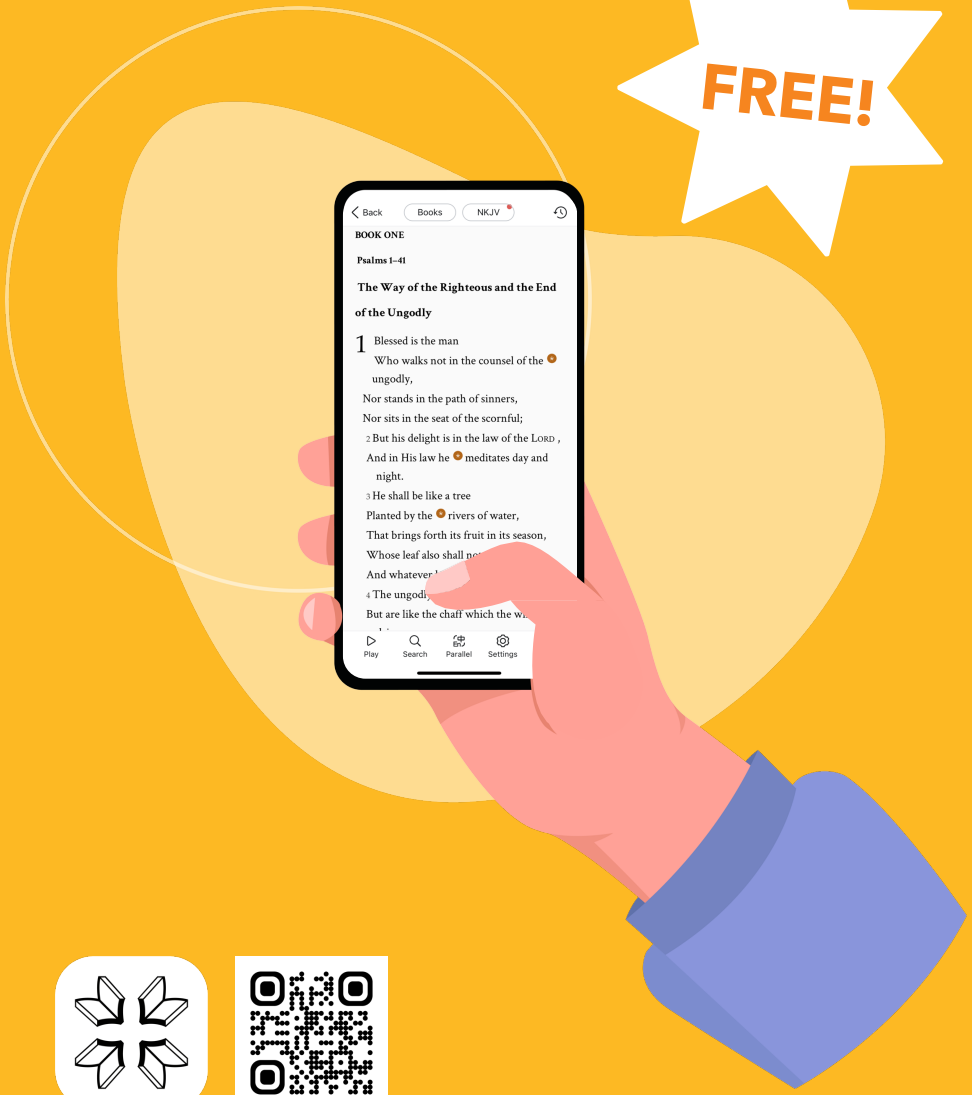

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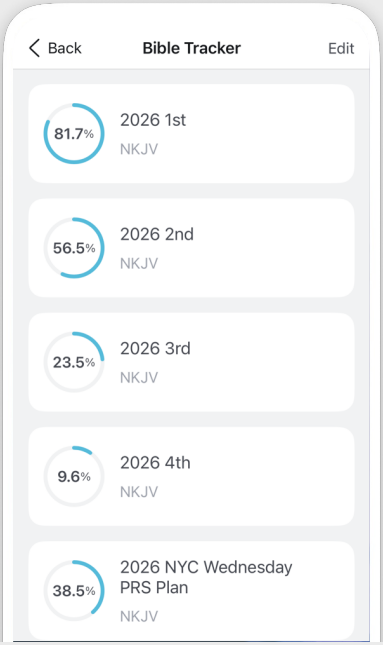
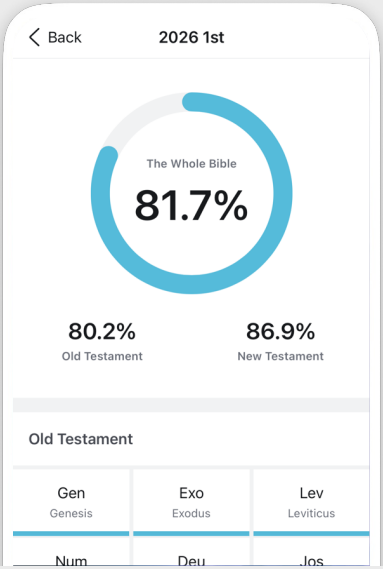
Track Bible Listening (Reading)!





Set a One to Two-Year Goal.

Use Bible Tracker in the app Home screen.

Bible Tracker

Create multiple trackers to track the goal.

Training Together, Not Trying Alone.

Luke 6:40 (ESV)

A **disciple** is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is **fully trained** will be like his **teacher**.

2 Timothy 2:2b-6 (NKJV)

Commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
You therefore must endure hardship as a **good soldier of Jesus Christ**.
No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a **soldier**. And also if anyone competes in **athletics**, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
The **hardworking farmer** must be first to partake of the crops.

Training Other Faithful Teachers

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NKJV)
You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV)
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.

3 Steps for Successful Bible Listening (Reading)

Belong to a PRS Group, Preferably with a Few Friends

Ecclesiastes 4:12
Luke 4:16

Set a One to Two-Year Goal

Deuteronomy 8:3
Matthew 4:4
1 Corinthians 9:26

Track and Share It

Proverbs 27:17
1 Timothy 4:15

Step 1. Belong to a PRS Group, Preferably with a Few Friends

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)
Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And **a threefold cord is not quickly broken**.

Luke 4:16 (NKJV)
So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And **as His custom was**, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Step 2. Set a One to Two-Year Goal

Deuteronomy 8:3 (NKJV)
So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that **man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD**.

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)
But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Step 3. Track and Share It

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)
As iron sharpens iron, so **one person sharpens another**.

1 Timothy 4:15 (ESV)
Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that **all may see your progress**.

Comprehensive
Judeo-Christian Learning

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV & NIV)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV)

Until I come, devote yourself to the **public reading of Scripture**, to **preaching** and to **teaching**.

- **Public Reading of Scripture:**
  Listening to Scripture Together
- **Preaching:**
  Hearing Biblical Preaching
- **Teaching:**
  Reading Books (JSU Book Club & Private) & Studying the Bible

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For more information, check out

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Public Reading of Scripture

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For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9a (NIV)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63 (NKJV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)