

Secrets to Success

- Read one chapter from each list each day; in one sitting or two. At the end of a book; go to the next book. At the end of the list; start it again. Do it in the order given above.
- Read quickly (without “speed-reading”) in order to get the overall sense. Read as fast as you comfortably can with moderate retention. You’re not studying deeply or memorizing; shoot for 5-6 minutes per chapter. At the end of a chapter, move immediately to the next list.
- GET THROUGH THE TEXT – no dawdling, back reading, looking up cross-references!
- There are different ‘kinds’ of reading: super-quick skimming, careful moderate-paced, studying the text, deep meditation. You should be between the first and second kind.
- Most people decrease their time spent and increase their retention after just two-three weeks! I now read and retain the entire text of Matthew in 35 minutes, Romans in 20, Genesis in one hour!
- Don’t look up anything you ‘don’t get’ – real understanding will come through contextualizing by reading a LOT of scripture over time. Get through the text!
- If you miss a day or two – ok, get over it, then keep going. Don’t cover yourself in sackcloth and ashes and quit! Move the bookmarks along, to find your place(s) quickly next day. Heb 4:12&5:11-14; Eph 5:26&6:17; Col 3:16; 2 Tim 3:16; Ps 119; Ezra 8; Prov 3: 1-2, 10:14; Dan 1
- If you are wondering why you should read Acts (or Proverbs) all the way through every single month, then -- you've just shown that you NEED to read them that often!
- The goal of this system is simple, and twofold: To know scripture, and to love and obey God more!

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PROFESSOR GRANT HORNER BIBLE READING SYSTEM

A quote by Adrian Rogers is presented on a rectangular background with a soft, cloudy sky pattern. The text is in a dark red, serif font. The quote reads: "LIFE IS TOO SHORT. ETERNITY IS TOO LONG. SOULS ARE TOO PRECIOUS. THE GOSPEL IS TOO WONDERFUL FOR US TO SLEEP THROUGH IT ALL." followed by "— ADRIAN ROGERS" in a smaller font.

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CBC Bible Reading Plan

Professor Grant Horner's unusual, challenging, and life-changing Bible-Reading System is unlike any other you have ever seen. Try it for ONE MONTH and find out for yourself! You will never be the same.

"I have more wisdom than all my teachers, for thy testimonies are my meditation." Psalm 119:99, right-hand page, left-hand column, dead center of page.

Many people ask me how it is that I know precisely where virtually everything is in my Bible. The answer: **this system.**

I began in 1983 (adapting and tweaking the basic design of another system) as a brand-new convert; within 3 years I knew the text of my Bible very well. Twenty-five years later it is essentially imprinted on my mind and heart. I have been all over the country and have taught this system in many churches. I have done open-microphone Q&As on Bible and theology -- with 1200 people in the audience -- as well as cultural-analysis live radio shows where you have to think fast -- and it has been the "imprinting" value of this system that has helped me provide quick, clear, heavily contextualized scriptural answers.

I have no Seminary degrees, no Bible-college or Christian school education -- hey, I never even went to Sunday school. All I did have was a chair, a lamp ... and my Bible.

This is not merely a speed-reading program, nor is it a 'study' system. Read the description provided here to see how it works.

DO NOT be intimidated! I was a college dropout, ex-heavy-druggie when I started it. If I can do it -- so can you!

TRY IT FOR A MONTH. Then tell me what is happening! You can join the Facebook group I created for this system at [There you can make posts about your struggles, the effects it is having on your biblical understanding and discernment, and to encourage others.](#)

But one more note before we start. I remember very clearly in 1983, when my soon-to-be father-in-law handed me his old but unused 1967 Scofield Study Bible as an off-the-cuff gift.. I was determined as a new believer to get to know the Bible. So I adapted the present system and have tweaked it many times since.

Its present form dates from the mid-1990s when I was in doctoral work at UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke and wanted to keep my head screwed on somewhat straight. That old Scofield was literally read to tatters by then -- covers absolutely gone, spine vanished away, glue-backing visible and all curled up, stitching coming apart, the prefatory material destroyed all the way up to Genesis 1 and the concordance vanished past the entry for "sin."

I have done the system sometimes doubling up (2 sets per day, or 20 chapters), and other times by alternating days (5 chapters per day). The key is to get into a habit for a month. Then you'll see you've probably been starving yourself.

The very best effect it has is rapid, broad-scale contextualizing across both testaments and all the different biblical genres.

Even an 'average' reader, if focusing on moving through the text, rather than trying to figure everything out, can usually do this in about an hour a day -- 5-6 minutes per chapter. Many people report moving confidently through the ten chapters in 35-40 minutes. If it is taking you longer, then you are 'reading wrong' -- stay relaxed, focus, and just keep it moving. Moderate but consistent speed is the key. After just a few days the reading gets much easier; in a month it will be a habit, and in six months you'll wonder how you ever survived before on such a slim diet of the WORD. And then -- you'll tell others to start the system!

You also need to get ONE Bible, keep it, and do all your reading in it, so you learn where everything is. If you keep switching Bibles, you 'lose' this intimacy with the text. Find a translation and format you like and stick with it.

THIS IS CRUCIAL!! Your Bible is the only thing on Earth that, as you wear it out, will actually work better and better.

The System

Each day you will read one chapter from each of ten lists. That's right -- ten chapters per day!!! Use ten bookmarks or sticky notes with the individual lists on them to keep track of your locations. On day one, you read Matthew 1, Genesis 1, Romans 1, and so forth. On day 2, read Matthew 2, Genesis 2, etc. On day 29, you will have just finished Matthew, so go to Mark 1 on the Gospel list; you'll also be almost to the end of 2nd Corinthians and Proverbs, you'll be reading Psalm 29 and Genesis 29, and so forth. When you reach the last chapter of the last book in a list -- start over again. Rotate all the way through all the Scriptures constantly.

Every year you'll read through all the Gospels four times, the Pentateuch twice, Paul's letters 4-5 times each, the OT wisdom literature six times, all the Psalms at least twice, all the Proverbs as well as Acts a dozen times, and all the way through the OT History and Prophetic books about 1 1/2 times.

The Ten Lists

- **List 1** (89 days) Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- **List 2** (187 days) Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- **List 3** (78 days) Romans, I&II Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, Hebrews
- **List 4** (65 days) I&II Thess, I&II Tim, Titus, Philemon, James, I&II Peter, I,II&III John, Jude, Revelation
- **List 5** (62 days) Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- **List 6** (150 days) Psalms
- **List 7** (31 days) Proverbs
- **List 8** (249 days) Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I&II Samuel, I&II Kings, I&II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- **List 9** (250 days) Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
- **List 10** (28 days) Acts