



Read the Word

The Lamp of Life

Why read His word?

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” *Heb 4:12 KJV*

“Blessed are they that keep His testimonies [Word], and that seek Him with a whole heart.” *Psalm 119:2*

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

A. Why Read the Word Every Day? *Psalm 119*

1. It lights my way through life. :105; *2 Peter 1:19*
2. It is my only source of truth :89, 140, 160
3. It sustains me through life. :133, 25, 28 169
4. It provides my foundation for life. :16, 42, 57, 81, 162, 161
5. It keeps me from sin. :11, 147, 148
6. It cleanses me when I sin. :9; *Eph 5:25-27*

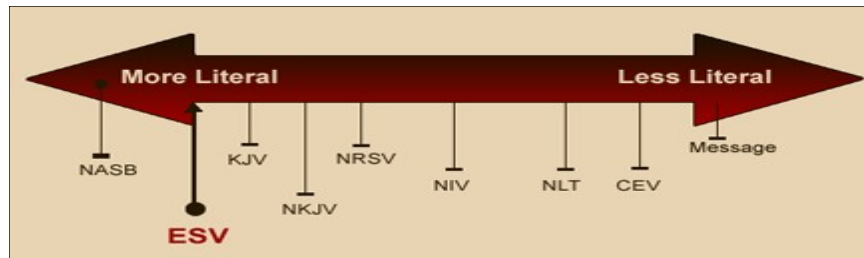
B. How to Read the Word Every Day?

1. Pick a plan

Victory Bible Reading	YWAM
Back of Bible	NT/OT/ALL/John/Psalms

2. Pick a Bible

a. Translation



b. Study/Readers Bible

Study Bible — Outlines, notes, commentary
 Readers Bible — Cross references

c. Form factors

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Bible size	Red/Black letter
Thumb index	Yap
Paragraph/Verse	Cost

3. Pick a place

A place to meet God (free from interruptions)

4. Pick a time

Psalm 119:147-148 seems to suggest a morning and evening reading plan. However, what ever time works best for you—is the best. Consider time as an ‘appointment’ that can’t be broken.

The Word from Psalm 119 (KJV)

1-The Word is a Lamp and a Light

¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
 And a light unto my path.

2-The Word is True

⁸⁹ Thy word is settled in heaven.
¹⁴⁰ Thy word *is* very pure:
¹⁶⁰ Thy word is true *from* the beginning:

3-The Word at Work in Me

¹³³ Order my steps in thy word:
²⁵ Quicken thou me according to thy word.
²⁸ Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
¹⁶⁹ Give me understanding according to thy word.

4-I Stand on the Word

¹⁶ I will not forget thy word.
⁴² I trust in thy word.
⁵⁷ I have said that I would keep thy words.
⁸¹ I hope in thy word.
¹⁶² I rejoice at thy word
¹⁶¹ I standeth in awe of thy word.

5-I Will Study and Meditate on the Word

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
 That I might not sin against thee.
¹⁴⁷ I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried:
 I hoped in thy word.
¹⁴⁸ Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches,
 That I might meditate in thy word.

6-The Cleansing Word

⁹ Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
 By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

Bible Translations and the History of the English Bible

Best Bible Translations: Word for word—formal equivalence—literal meaning

- NASB New American Standard — Updated in 1995 the most literal rendition of the best Greek/Heb manuscripts.
- ESV English Standard Version — 2001 updated 2007 Best of Tyndale’s work and best Greek/Heb manuscripts.
- KJV King James Version — 1611 updated 1901 Authorized Version, the standard in Biblical translation
- NKJV New King James Version — 1975 Similar to the KJV but for many, easier to read and understand.

Easy to Understand Translations: Thought for thought—dynamic equivalence—phrase meaning

- NRSV New Revised Standard Version — 1989 easy-to-read revision of the 1971 Revised Standard Version
- NIV New International Version — 1965 A multi-denomination collaborative effort. A complete new translation.
- NLT New Living Translation — 2004 Entire thoughts rather than specific words.
- CEV Contemporary English Version — Written for simplicity of language, 4th grade reading ability.
- MSG Message Bible — Eugene Peterson’s personal transliteration. (Not a translation of the Bible)

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