

# Daily Bible Reading

## Introduction

1. **Communication throughout history has depended on writing.**
  - A. **The written word is more enduring than the spoken word.**
    - 1) **However, writing is of no value if it is not read.**
2. **While one may not be able to read they do need to know what is written in the Bible to go to heaven.**
3. **Parents are responsible for teaching children to read the Bible.**
4. **The strength of a local church depends on Bible reading.**
5. **Lost souls are saved and saved souls are strengthened by reading the Bible every day – and making application of it in ones life.**

## Israel Required to Read God's Law

1. The law of Moses was written and read.  
**Exodus 19:1-6**  
**Exodus 24:3-7**
2. It was necessary for the faith and righteous conduct of Israel.
3. This was continued in New Testament times.  
**Acts 13:14-15, 27**  
**Acts 15:21**  
**Luke 4:16-21**  
**2 Corinthians 3:12-15**

## Israel's Strength Depended on "reading" God's Law

1. Kings should read it.  
**Deuteronomy 17:14-20**
2. Regular reading was commanded.  
**Deuteronomy 31:9-13**
3. After Joshua defeated Jericho and Ai.  
**Joshua 8:30-35**
4. Israel and Judah became captives as a result of not reading and making application of God's Word as they should.
5. Israel was revived under Ezra and Nehemiah with the reading of God's holy word.  
**Nehemiah 8:1-13, 18**

## **Jesus Repeatedly Encouraged “reading”.**

**1. Various Bible passages:**

**Matthew 12:3-5**

**Matthew 19:4**

**Matthew 21:16, 42**

**Matthew 22:31**

**2. At the temptation of Jesus we can read very clearly what Jesus said in response to the Devil’s temptations.**

**Matthew 4:4, 7, 10**

**A. “It is written” implies “reading”.**

**3. Jesus taught a lawyer by the reading of the word.**

**Luke 10:25-28**

## **The Apostles and Prophets Incorporated "Reading"**

### **1. By the rereading the Old Testament prophecies (Acts 2, 7; Hebrews)**

Acts 17:10-11 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. (11) These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

### **2. We can clearly see the instructions of the apostle Paul:**

Ephesians 3:4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

Colossians 4:16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

1 Thessalonians 5:27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.

### **3. I believe we can see that reading the Bible is necessary for all.**

## Salvation and Defending the Doctrine of Christ Depends on “Reading”

### 1. In regards to salvation:

**1 Timothy 4:12-15**

**Romans 1:15-17**

**John 20:30-31**

**Romans 10:17**

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

### 2. In the saving of our children. (Deut. 6)

2 Timothy 1:3-5 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, (4) greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, (5) when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

2 Timothy 3:14-15 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, (15) and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

### 3. Defending the gospel of Christ:

**2 Timothy 3:10-17**

**2 Timothy 2:14-18**

## **Conclusion**

- 1. Is reading the Bible a TOP priority in our life?**
  - A. Remember – God emphasizes it.**
- 2. Do we read it and study it regularly?**
  - A. Perhaps we may find ourselves reading it when in trouble or saying within ourselves “I have to read it.”**
- 3. Do we read and study it regularly with our young children?**
  - A. Remember, they are the next generation in the church.**
- 4. Courage and STRONG faith depend on reading to know what is in God’s inspired word for man.**
- 5. Everything in life that we do must pass God’s test that is only found in His book – the book that He has given to man to learn.**

