



LIGHT TO
LIVE BY

A DAILY BIBLE
READING AID

**Book 3 of 24: Acts, Galatians
(& Proverbs 11-12)**

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A daily structure for time with God

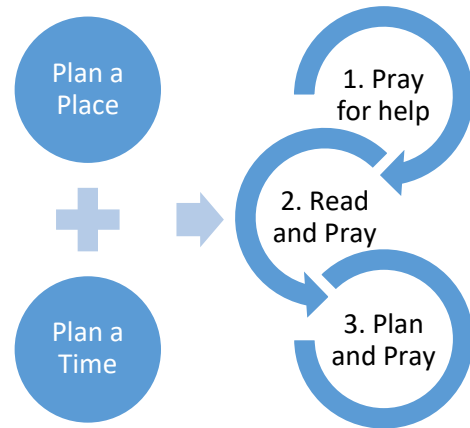
Try to follow this structure each day to help you grow and be challenged as you read God's word. Try to get into a habit of doing it in this way and it will help you to be consistent. Plan and pray for discipline in this area and try to figure out what works best for you.

Plan a place

Find a place that is free of distraction, quiet, private and that works for you. Jesus often withdrew to a desolate place to pray (Luke 5:16).

Plan a time

Plan a time (try to aim for 1 hour) in the day that works for you, is quiet, free of distractions and is a time when your mind is clear. Set alarms to remind you to do it. Jesus would withdraw in the early morning (Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12).



And then each time you spend time with God, do the following steps:

1. **PRAY for God's help** to understand and apply what you are going to read. Seek for God's Spirit and Word to convict you and that Satan wouldn't snatch the word from you. Pray the prayers found in Psalm 119, like Psalm 119: 10, 17-18, 27, 29, 33-34, 36-37, etc.
2. **READ AND PRAY the passage.** Pray that the things in the passage would be true for yourself and others. Pray that God would pierce you with His Word in the things you need challenging in. Pray for understanding as you read and praise God for what you read.

Also, as you read and pray, be sure to do it in the following ways:

- a. **Slowly:** Take your time! The slower you go the more you can grow! Now you won't have time to do this with everything, so pick certain passages or verses to read slowly and study.
- b. **Carefully:** Read verse by verse and word by word (even letter by letter and stroke by stroke for it is all God inspired as Matthew 5:18 shows).

- c. Thoughtfully: Mediate on God's word! Think about the verses, words and structure. What is the authors purpose and main point? What comes before and after this passage? How does this passage relate to other parts of the bible? What is repeated or emphasised in the passage? What does it challenge in your life?
- d. Vocally (out loud): This can really help you concentrate and think through what you are reading. Also, most books of the bible were written and designed to be read out loud.
- e. Humbly and Honestly: Accept the truth of God's word for what it says and let it pierce your life. Don't diminish God's truth in any way. Repent when rebuked by the passage and seek God's forgiveness and strength to change.
- f. Asking Questions: Ask questions about everything and pray them to God. Read the passage as though you are a five-year-old, asking why, why, why about everything? Write down the questions you have and seek answers from the passage, context, other parts of the bible or other resources. Ask what does the passage teach you about God, humanity, sin, the gospel story, how God desires for you to live, etc.

3. PLAN AND PRAY to apply it:

What attitudes, actions, emotions or thoughts has the passage challenged in you today. Plan who you need to talk to, what you need to do today to apply this and pray for God's help to do it. Be sure to make plans of how to apply it. If we don't plan things, they don't happen. Be sure that you are not just a hearer, but a doer of the word.

Also have a focused time of prayer to ask God for what you have read to be true for yourself, family, friends, those at church and others you know. There is a prayer section at the end of this booklet which allows you to have a list of prayer points and people you pray for. Also use this time to praise God for how he is growing you, confess sin, repent, pray for your spiritual walk, ask for opportunity to share the gospel, etc.

MEMORISE a verse or key challenge: You can then use this during the day to MEDITATE on it and allow it to continually grow you. This will also allow you to share the good things God is teaching you with others and be equipped for the moments we must speak God's word into the lives of others. You won't be able to remember the whole passage, so just pick one idea, phrase or verse for each day.

Resources

See the separate “preface and overview booklet” (on oneaimallgod.org) for articles on why I have written this booklet, why you should commit to reading God’s Word and an overview of the reading plan.

Resources for further study:

- Use the helpful hints and questions in this book to help you dig at God’s word. Try not to read these or look at these questions until AFTER you have done your own thinking and reading.
- ‘How to read the bible book by book’ by Fee & Stuart.
- The ESV Study Bible.
- The ESV background introductions which are all available online.
- The Gospel Coalition online courses on books of the bible.
- Good Sermon websites (Desiring God, Grace to you, Ligonier, Truth for life etc)
- Bible.org, Bible Hub, Bible study tools, Bible web app.
- The PrayerMate app to enrich your prayer life and for devotional resources.
- Bible project overview videos (though it is helpful to be aware of the following things the article called “Review: The bible project – brilliant but flawed” on the Gospel Coalition website.
- Buy a simple commentary. See the background section of each book for recommendations.
- Also, throughout this booklet there will be recommended resources for further study.

Tips to help you memorise God’s Word:

1. Read the verse out loud 8-10 times and then say it from memory several times. It’s amazing how quickly you can remember things just doing this.
2. Then do this with another verse and add them together. Say it through a few times.
3. Keep reviewing them every spare moment you have. Use the tear page at the back of this book to write the verse down and put it in your pocket to review it during the day. And keep reviewing them later down the track even after they have been learnt.
4. Know, understand and apply the verse you are trying to learn. When you see why the verse is important, it will help you learnt it!

5. Structure the verses and concepts in your mind. Connect it with images, stories or other things to help you remember.
6. If you're creative, then form the verse into a drawing, story or song.
7. Listen to "If my words abide in you" on the Desiring God website to see the importance of memorising scripture.

Extra tips for reading God's Word:

1. Come to God's word hungry to know Him and eager to see the beauty in Christ and wonder of God's wisdom. Pray that God would make His Word your delight.
2. Seek accountability with others as you read. You could also meet once a week or message daily to share what you're reading.
3. This plan isn't enough, so try to soak yourself in God's word. Ideally on top of this reading plan, you should try to pick a book of the New Testament and then read, study and memorise it for the month or more. Try to set aside another time later in the day or night to do this and to read other Christian books and do your own further studies.
4. Journal out your thoughts, prayers and how you plan to apply what you have learnt. Writing things out can help you think through things. However, be sure to focus on your relationship with God and focus on remembering things so you can keep thinking on them. (You may need to use your own journal as there isn't a lot of space in this booklet).
5. Don't stop reading and praying until God has blessed you with something and encouraged you. Plead with Him for this!
6. Which Translation? For accuracy and ease of reading, I recommend using the English Standard Version (ESV). For further study, you can then compare it with the NIV, NASB, NKJV or NLT.
7. In the end you need to do what works for you, but here is a pattern you could follow for your devotional time with God:
 - Morning: read and pray (20-40 min), memorise (5 min), further study (5 min).
 - Night: review the mornings readings and pray (10 min), focused study of a passage, read Christian books/devotions (20 min).
8. Be intimate with your God. Be someone who walks with God. To effectively grow in your relationship with God, you need hear from Him in His word, and also speak much to Him. "Praying in the closet and in the Spirit" on Desiring God is a great sermon to help grow your prayer life.



Day 1: Background of Acts

OPTIONAL: Quickly read through/listen to the entire book of Acts to get a feel for its flow, structure and key themes. Record your observations below. *(Use a spare day if you need extra time to do this)*

Read Luke 1:1-4. How does this background help us to understand Acts?

Read Acts 1:1-3. What is the background of this book and where does it fit in relation to the gospels?

Read Acts 1:8. How do you see this progressive spread of the gospel occur throughout Acts?

- 1:1-6:7 – The gospel goes to the Jews.
- 6:8-9:31 – The gospel spreads to Judea and Samaria.
- 9:32-28:30 – The gospel spreads to the Gentiles, Asia and Europe.

Helpful Hints

- Key Theme: The spread of the good news about Jesus to the ends of the earth.
- Title: The Acts of who? It is really the Acts of the risen Lord Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the apostles.
- The spread of the gospel is fulfilling what is expected in the Old Testament as it goes to the Gentiles.
- Tips to help you read Acts:
 - This really should be read as part 2 to the gospel of Luke. Acts is a continuation of the work that Christ has begun.
 - Try to see the connection between Jesus and the Spirit.
 - Keep a note throughout the book of how nothing can hinder the gospel and its spread because it is a work of God, by His Spirit.
 - Take note of the different churches and people that Paul and the other apostles visit. The information given in Acts will be helpful for later understanding the epistles and why they are written and what they are addressing.
 - A focus on caring for the poor and needy often comes up throughout Acts and is modelled by the early church.
 - At times Luke has written “we” in the book, suggesting his presence with Paul at these moments.

Recommended Resources

- F.F. Bruce’s commentary in the NICNT series.
- D. Bock’s commentary in the BECNT series.
- See the ESV online article “Introduction to Acts”.



Day 2: Acts 1-2

Rd Proverbs 11:1-6. Which characteristics do you need to grow in? How can you?

What purpose and power are the disciples going to be left with (1:8)?

What guided them in choosing the replacement apostle? What should guide our decisions in life?

What elements does Peter teach and include in his sermon? What can we learn from Peter in how he preaches the gospel?

What did the early believers do (2:42-47)? How should we reflect this?

Helpful Hints

- Acts 1:24 shows how God knows all and sees the heart. This should show us our need to seek His wisdom and guidance and this is why we must always depend on Him.
- Once people believe, they are baptised immediately. Why do we neglect baptism, rarely challenge people to do it and we often wait before we get baptised?
- How do we have salvation? See Acts 2:38-39 for a clear gospel summary and remember these promises are for those who God calls.

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Day 4: Acts 4:32-6:7

Rd Proverbs 11:11-13.

How can we have mouths that display wisdom?

How do the early believers live? How should we follow their example?

How do the apostles respond and deal with the persecution that they face (4:17-42)?

What does 6:1-7 show about what focus church leaders and pastors should have?

Helpful Hints

- Acts 5:3 says they have lied to the Holy Spirit, but then verse 5 says they have lied to God. That's because the Holy Spirit is God and He is a person who can be lied to.
- Acts 5:38-39 displays some great wisdom. May we never be people that fight against God.
- Pray that God will bring about in you the responses seen in 5:41-42 and that you keep preaching the gospel no matter what.

"We must obey God rather than men." - Acts 5:29

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Day 5: Acts 6:8-8:3

Rd Proverbs 11:14-15.

How do you need to seek advice in your life?

What can we learn from Stephen about how we should respond to persecution or mistreatment?

Stephen's speech is a wonderful summary of the Old Testament. What are the key elements that he includes and what can we learn from these stories?

How is Stephen's rebuke on the people in 7:51-53 relevant to you?

Helpful Hints

- The Jews are angry with Stephen for how he had said that Jesus will destroy the temple and because he speaks against the law (6:13-14). Yet Acts 7:51-53 shows they don't even keep the law. Are you a hypocrite in ways like this, where you rebuke others for something you do?
- Stephen is before angry men who have seized him and yet he is so bold. Acts 7:60 highlights the forgiveness and gentle spirit of Stephen amidst the persecution. This reminds us of Christ, who died and brought about forgiveness for the very ones who put him on the cross.
- Notice that Saul is one who is destroying the church but this will soon change.

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Day 6: Acts 8:4-9:31

Rd Proverbs 11:16-21.

What characteristics bring great benefits?

Simon believes and is baptised and then turns from God. What is Simon really seeking out of God?

Who brings about Saul's conversion?

What was this man like before he was converted? What does this show us about who God can save?

Helpful Hints

- Acts 8:4 shows a great method for evangelism. Preach the word wherever you are. How can we grow to do this in our lives?
- Simon just wants what he can get out of God (v19) and he desires freedom from judgement (v24). Is your repentance and belief in God like this? Do you only come to God when you're in need? A repentance and relationship with God like this is false.
- Saul is changed because of God and chosen for a purpose (see 9:15). We all are like this and have been chosen by God for a purpose.

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Day 7: Acts 9:32-10:48

Rd Proverbs 11:22-26.
 Why do we receive more when we freely give?

In Acts 9:36 and 10:2 we see some key traits of the early church. Are they in our lives?

What is the purpose of the story with Cornelius (see 10:34-35, 44-48)?

What does Acts 10:43 show the purpose of the prophets to be? How should this change how we read the bible?

“Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation ANYONE who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.”
 Acts 10:34-35

Helpful Hints

- Peters vision shows that God has made unclean animals clean to eat. It also shows that God is broadening His salvation plans to the Gentiles, which is then clearly display through Cornelius and those in his house who believe and receive the Holy Spirit.
- Doing good is something that our Lord modelled (10:38) and we should follow our Lord (9:36, 10:2).

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Day 8: Acts 11:1-12:24

Rd Proverbs 11:27-29.

What causes us to flourish or fall?

What characterises the ministry of Barnabas and Saul?

What brought about Peters escape from prison (see 12:5, 7, 12)?

What does Acts 12:23 show us about the seriousness of praising God?

Helpful Hints

- Despite everything that is happening, the key is that God's word is continuing to spread (Acts 12:24). This is what we must focus on even amidst great trouble and difficulty.
- May we never be people who stand in the way of God and His purposes (Acts 11:17). How at times could we be doing this?

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Day 9: Acts 12:25-13:52

Rd Proverbs 11:30-31.

Know that our actions have consequences.

What do we see the Holy Spirit do throughout this chapter? What does it teach us about the Spirit?

What do we learn about the purpose of the Old Testament in 13:16-41?

What prepares Saul and Barnabas to be sent off? (13:1-3)

Helpful Hints

- Acts 13:1-3 shows that it is while they are worshipping and fasting that the Holy Spirit speaks. We must seek the Lord with worship, prayer and fasting if we want His guidance and presence.
- Acts 13:48 says that “all who were appointed for eternal life believed.” God will save those He desires to. No one who he appoints to have eternal life will fail believe in him. How is this a comforting truth?
- Acts 13:52 shows why the disciples were able to preach and continue in such a difficult work.

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Day 10: Acts 14:1-16:5

Rd Proverbs 12:1. Pray you would see the necessity of discipline.

What do Paul and Barnabas tell the people to do when they start worshipping them (see 14:15-17)? How do we pursue and worship worthless things?

What do we learn about the Christian life in 14:21-23? How do we need to make these things our focus in life?

What issue are the Christians in chapter 15 discussing? What conclusion do they come to (see 15:7-11, 24-29)?

Helpful Hints

- The early Christians were quickly falling into works-based salvation. This is so often our tendency, and we must always be on guard against this.
- Strengthening people in the faith is a key work of Paul and the apostles (14:22, 15:32, 36, 41, 16:5). Preach the gospel, but also seek to encourage other believers because they desperately need it.

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Day 11: Acts 16:6-17:15

Rd Proverbs 12:2-3. Seek God's favour in your life.

How do Paul and Silas respond after being put in prison?

How do Paul and Silas respond to the question of what must be done to be saved (see 16:31)?

What model do the Bereans give us for when we hear sermons and people teach God's word (see 17:10-12)?

Helpful Hints

- Acts 14:27 showed that God opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Now Acts 16:14 shows how God opens the heart, and all throughout Acts we see God as the one who brings about salvation in people.
- Keep recognising the role that prayer plays throughout Acts. Does it have this role in your life?

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'"

Acts 16:30b-31

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Day 12: Acts 17:16-18:23

Rd Proverbs 12:4. Why must you be wise about who you are close to?

How does Paul preach to the people in Athens? What can we learn from this?

What two things does Paul focus his time on (see 18:3-4, 23)?

How can we be certain that judgement is coming (17:31)? How can we be ready for it?

Helpful Hints

- Acts 17:24-25 shows that God doesn't need or gain anything by your service. God is the one who gives life to everything, so don't be so proud and think that you can give to God.
- Acts 17:28 shows that God allows us to live and He sustains us. Knowing that we are so dependent on God for everything should cause us to pray more and depend on Him.
- In Acts 18:6 we see that Paul doesn't persist too long with the hard hearted, but moves on to others. We also need to be wise with our time and who we invest into.

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Day 13: Acts 18:24-19:20

Rd Proverbs 12:5-6. Pray for words that deliver and just thoughts.

What does the baptism of John refer to (18:25, 19:1-7)?

Paul rarely argues and debates but he does in 18:28 and 19:9. Why? What is it over?

Helpful Hints

- Apollos was teaching the scriptures faithfully in human strength (18:25-19:6). We as Christians have God's Spirit with us, and there is no excuse why we should not boldly teach God's truth.
- In Acts 19:9, Paul doesn't let those who speak evil of God get away with it, but he refutes them. Pray God would help you to stand up for the truth.
- Acts 19:18-19 is a key example of repentance and how believers will give up their old ways of sin.
- Acts 19:20 shows how God's Word has power and that is why we just need to simply share it.

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Day 14: Acts 19:21-20:38

Rd Proverbs 12:7-8. How do you need to grow in having good sense?

What characterised Paul's ministry among the Ephesians (20:19-21) and how should this characterise us?

Why is Paul innocent of the blood of others (20:26-27)? Are you innocent in this way?

How does Acts 20:32-35 challenge how you live?

Try to remember Acts 20:24 and let it shape your life.

Helpful Hints

- Pray that you would never stop people turning to God because you pursue your own selfish gain (19:26-27)
- Try to remember Acts 20:18-35 and pray that these things would characterise your life and ministry.
- What do you see as valuable, precious and pursue no matter the cost? Things in your life? Or spreading the gospel (20:24)?
- Acts 20:28 shows how we need to realise that God has bought His people by Jesus blood, and so we must take good care of those under us. Then, v29-31 show the deep care that Paul had, as he warns about false teachers and admonishes with tears. Pray you would do the same!

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Day 15: Acts 21:1-22:29

Rd Proverbs 12:9. Be humble and accept when you need help.

Acts 22:3-21 is Paul's testimony. What are the key elements to his testimony and who does he attribute all these things to?

Paul's thoughts on the resurrection from the dead put him on trial. Why?

Why does Paul do these rituals to enter the temple (21:26)?

Helpful Hints

- In Acts 21:11-14, we see Paul go to Jerusalem even though he knows he will be caught. We would say it is foolish to do something like this, but Paul trusts God and just continues in his calling to preach the gospel.
- Acts 21:25 reflects 15:29 showing that the letter has gone out.
- Acts 22:18-21 shows that it is the hard hearts of people that stop them accepting the gospel, not us, our cleverness or our acceptability. Paul was a Jew and like them, but he is not accepted by them.

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Day 16: Acts 22:30-24:27

Rd Proverbs 12:10-12.

What should characterise the righteous?

Acts 24:15 shows how there will be a resurrection of the just and unjust. How should this transform how we live and evangelise?

How does Paul respond and deal with all the hardship that he faces?

Why does Paul pick the topics he does in Acts 24:24-25 to share with a non-Christian?

Helpful Hints

- Aim to live your life in a good conscience before God. Aim to please him alone, not others.
- The Lord doesn't abandon Paul, but encourages him (23:11), and this is probably why he later appeals to Caesar
- In Acts 24:25 we see that Felix puts off responding even though he is alarmed. Don't ever do this! If you feel the weight of God's word, then respond immediately. And don't let money (24:26) or anything else stop you from responding.

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Day 17: Acts 25

Rd Proverbs 12:13-16.

What is needed to live a wise life?

How does Paul deal with the persecution that he faces? How does it remind you of Christ and what he did while on trial?

In Acts 25:21, Festus twists the story slightly to make himself look good. Do you do this at times? How?

Helpful Hints

- In Acts 25:11 we see how Paul has such a healthy mentality where he is willing to face the consequences if he has done wrong. When we do wrong, we shouldn't aim to avoid its consequences, but should face up for what we rightfully deserve.
- Clearly Paul is innocent, and yet he is often silent and doesn't put up a fight to get out of what he is receiving. He knows that persecution will come for those who follow in the footsteps of Christ, and doesn't try to avoid what he will face, just like his Saviour.

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Day 18: Acts 26:1-27:26

Rd Proverbs 12:17-19.

What should characterise our words?

How does Paul go about addressing Agrippa? What does he share?

How is salvation described in Acts 26:18? Is this our aim in evangelism?

Why are deeds important (26:20)? What is repentance and why are deeds to be in keeping with it?

“Repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.”
Acts 26:20b

Helpful Hints

- Acts 26:29 shows how Paul desires that all listening would be like him, because the salvation he has is the greatest of treasures. Do you desire for others to be like you and have the good news that you have been given or do you covet the worlds life?
- Acts 27:22-26 shows how Paul has great faith in God’s promises and what he has said. Do you trust God at His Word? What are some promises in the bible that give you comfort at this time?

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Day 19: Acts 27:27-28:31

Rd Proverbs 12:20-21.

How can you plan for peace in your life?

Why are the people described in Acts 28:25-27 unable to hear and understand? How can we be sure we're not like this?

How does Paul make the most of every opportunity God puts him in (see 28:30-31)? This was his life focus and they are things we see all through Acts.

What do you need to do to make 28:30-31 the focus of your life?

Helpful Hints

- Acts 27:34 shows the certainty of God's promises and precision to with which he keeps them. What a blessing to have a faithful God like this.
- Acts 28:15 shows the great encouragement that can be given when we care for each other.

Paul "welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." Acts 28:30b-31

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Day 20: Background of Galatians

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OPTIONAL: Quickly read through/listen to the entire book of Galatians to get a feel for its flow, structure and key themes. Record your observations below. *(Use a spare day if you need extra time to do this)*

What seem to be the main issues that Paul is addressing in these Churches?

Read the introduction in Galatians 1:1-5. What themes does it raise that will be key arguments throughout the letter?

What is the gospel and what is the role of the Law in the life of Christians? (Knowing this will help you understand this letter).

Helpful Hints

- The Galatian churches have had people among them who are insisting that people must be circumcised and keep certain works of the law to be saved through Christ. Paul aim in the letter is to argue against this and show that we are justified by faith alone. He uses himself as an example to show this, and refers to several other examples to make his point clear.
- Also, Paul grounds his message and teaching not on the authority of men, but on God. The gospel he teaches and his apostleship are directly from Christ. People had been attacking these things, and so immediately in the letter Paul makes a defence for the gospel and his apostleship.
- Christ has brought in the new covenant, where justification is by faith. This is something Jewish people struggled to come to grips with and would often require Christians to be circumcised or do certain works of the Law to be a Christian.
- Tips when reading:
 - Look out for the contrast between the law/flesh and faith/Spirit.
 - The work of Christ and the work of the Spirit are key themes throughout the letter.
 - The question being answered throughout is, who are the true children of Abraham and how have they become that?
 - It may be helpful to refresh your memory on the characters of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael in Genesis. Sarah gave birth to Isaac and he is the son that God has promised to keep his promises through. Hagar gave birth to Ishmael and he is not the heir of God's promises.

Recommended Resources

- See the ESV "Introduction to Galatians" online.
- See the Got Questions article online called "Book of Galatians".
- John Stott's Commentary in the Bible Speaks Today series.



Day 21: Galatians 1:1-2:10

Rd Proverbs 12:22. Why does God despise lying so much?

Why must we be on guard to ensure we always know, hear and teach the gospel (see 1:6-9)?

What did Paul do before he went into ministry? (1:16-24) Why is this important?

What are the dangers of departing from the true gospel? What characterises someone if they have? (1:6-10)

Helpful Hints

- Galatians 1:3-5 are a wonderful summary of the gospel and what we have received in Christ. Pray that God would keep you dependent on it and faithful to it in all your life.
- If you are aiming to please people, you are not a servant of Christ (1:10). You can't do both!
- In Galatians 1:13-17, Paul summarises how God set him apart, called him and revealed His Son, so that he would preach the gospel to the Gentiles. God has worked in great ways in all of our lives for His purposes.
- Galatians 2:10 shows a key aspect for us to be eager to do as Christians.

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Day 22: Galatians 2:11-3:14

Rd Proverbs 12:23. Why is it wise to conceal knowledge?

How are we justified and why is it important that this is the way we are saved (2:15-21)?

Why is it essential that a Christian fights sin (2:14, 17-21, 3:2-3)?

What role does faith and the law have in the life of Christians (3:1-14)?

Helpful Hints

- We need to address false teaching like Paul (2:11). Even in those we love, look up to and learn from, for it is serious.
- The law will not justify us before God, because we cannot keep it. If we rely on the law, then we are cursed, for we cannot keep them. Instead, because of the law we see our need to be justified by faith in Christ (3:10-14).
- Pray that God would grant you faith in Christ by His Spirit, and that you would now live in step with the truth of the gospel.

PLAN & PRAY



Day 23: Galatians 3:15-4:20

Rd Proverbs 12:24-25.
 Why does worry weigh us down?

How is Galatians 3:26-29 an encouragement and challenge to our lives?

Why is it so amazing to be a child of God (4:1-7)?

Look at the care and love Paul has for the Galatians (4:8-20). Do you have this sort of care for other believers?

Helpful Hints

- By faith we are children of God, heirs according to promise (3:29). What encouragement this gives us, and what a challenge to live as children of our King and show Him to be a good Father.
- How should knowing that as Christians, we are a family, heirs and one in Christ, impact how we treat each other?
- Paul is so desperate to see the Galatians be God's children. How can you grow to be like this in your life?

PLAN & PRAY



Day 24: Galatians 4:21-5:15

Rd Proverbs 12:26-27.

Why must you pursue righteousness?

How does the freedom we have in Christ and His promises encourage you?

How do we as Christians still submit to the yoke of slavery (5:1)?

How are we to respond knowing that Christ has set us free (see especially 5:13-15)?

Helpful Hints

- If we start thinking that works will save us, we are submitting to the yoke of slavery that Christ has set us free from. Also, every time we sin, we are submitting to what Christ has set us free from.
- Galatians 5:7-12 shows that the Galatians seem to have been going well, but then a little false teaching has crept in and ruined them. This is why we must always be on guard against the teaching that we hear, and what we teach to others.

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Spare Days

You can use these spare days each month for catching up, reflecting on what you have read or to study a passage you have read in detail and even memorise it.



