# How to study the Bible for yourself

### **Disclaimer**

I do not agree with a lot of the doctrines described in this book, but there is a lot of wisdom on how to study which we can apply in our own studies.

### Introduction

This is a summary of all the information presented in the book by Tim LaHaye, How to study the Bible for yourself. But without most of the fluf and 'bad' doctrine

#### How to read the Bible

- Read daily,
- · Read on a set time.
- · Read in the same spot,
- · Read with pencil in hand, ready to write things down,
- · Read with dedication,
- · Keep a daily spiritual journal containing
  - Date
  - 2. Which part of the Bible you were reading
  - 3. Gods message for you today
  - 4. A promise of God
  - 5. A commandment to keep
  - 6. A timeless principle
  - 7. How can you apply the things written above

# Methods of reading the Bible

- 1. Read whole books
- 2. Read a book multiple times
- 3. Read according to your needs
- 4. Read the bible as a whole

A formula for teaching yourself self discipline

- 1. Read when you want to, read when you don't want to
- 2. Make a promise to God (don't recommend)
- 3. Don't make exceptions

## What do you have to read in the Bible

#### 3 year plan

#### First year

- 1. Read 1 John, seven times
- 2. Read John, twice
- 3. Read Marc, twice
- 4. Read the short letters of Paul (Galatians, Ephesians, Filippenzen, Kolossenzen, 1 and 2 Thessalonicenzen, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus and Filemon
- 5. Read Luke
- 6. Read Acts
- 7. Read Romans
- 8. Read the New Testament, twice

#### Second year

- Read the wisdom books of the Old Testament
  - 1. In 4 months read Proverbs, Psalms, Job and Songs of Solomo
  - 2. Read a chapter of Proverbs each day (completing it 4 times in 4 months)
  - 3. After 3,5 months you complete the other books, and for the rest of the days you can read Psalms you liked to read.
- 2. Read the following parts a month each
  - 1. 1 John
  - 2. Ephesians
  - 3. Filippenzen
  - 4. 1 Thessalonicenzen
  - 5. lakobus
  - 6. Romeinen 5-8
  - 7. John 14-17

Third year This year you read the whole Bible in a year

- 1. 1 chapter NT daily (completed after 313 days)
- 2. 2 chapters OT daily
- 3. 5 chapters OT on Sunday (or Shabbat of-course)

## Study the Bible per book

#### Fundamental questions

- 1. Writer?
- 2. What were his circomstances, when writing the book?
- 3. For whom did he write the book?
- 4. Write something about the writer
- 5. Where did the writer write this book?
- 6. Why did the writer write this book?
- 7. What were the most important problems?

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