

# 2016 READING CHALLENGE

## The Light Reader

- A book about Christian living
- A biography
- A classic novel
- A book someone tells you "changed my life"
- A commentary on a book of the Bible
- A book about theology
- A book with the word "gospel" in the title or subtitle
- A book your pastor recommends
- A book more than 100 years old
- A book for children
- A mystery or detective novel
- A book published in 2016
- A book about a current issue

## The Avid Reader

- A book written by a Puritan
- A book recommended by a family member
- A book by or about a missionary
- A novel that won the Pulitzer Prize
- A book written by an Anglican
- A book with at least 400 pages
- A book by C.S. Lewis or J.R.R. Tolkien
- A book that has a fruit of the Spirit in the title
- A book with a great cover
- A book on the current New York Times list of bestsellers
- A book about church history
- A graphic novel
- A book of poetry

## The Committed Reader

- A book from a theological viewpoint you disagree with
- A book written by an author with initials in their name
- A book that won a ECPA Christian Book Award
- A book about worldview
- A play by William Shakespeare
- A humorous book
- A book based on a true story
- A book written by Jane Austen
- A book by or about Martin Luther
- A book with 100 pages or less
- A book with a one-word title
- A book about money or finance
- A novel set in a country that is not your own
- A book about music
- A memoir
- A book about joy or happiness
- A book by a female author
- A book whose title comes from a Bible verse
- A book you have started but never finished
- A self-improvement book
- A book by David McCullough
- A book you own but have never read
- A book about abortion
- A book targeted at the other gender
- A book by a speaker at a conference you have attended
- A book written by someone of a different ethnicity than you

## The Obsessed Reader

- A book published by The Banner of Truth
- A book about the Reformation
- A book written by a first-time author
- A biography of a world leader
- A book used as a seminary textbook
- A book about food
- A book about productivity
- A book about or relationships or friendship
- A book about parenting
- A book about philosophy
- A book about art
- A book with magic
- A book about prayer
- A book about marriage
- A book about a hobby
- A book of comics
- A book about the Second World War
- A book about sports
- A book by or about a pastor's wife
- A book about suffering
- A book by your favorite author
- A book you have read before
- A book about homosexuality
- A Christian novel
- A book about psychology
- A book about the natural world
- A book by or about Charles Dickens
- A novel longer than 400 pages
- A historical book
- A book about the Bible
- A book about a country or city
- A book about astronomy
- A book with an ugly cover
- A book by or about a martyr
- A book by a woman conference speaker
- A book by or about the church fathers
- A book about language
- A book by or about a Russian
- A book about leadership
- A book about public speaking
- A book by Francis Schaeffer
- A book by a Presbyterian
- A book about science
- A book about revival
- A book about writing
- A book about evangelism
- A book about ancient history
- A book about preaching
- A book about the church
- A book about adoption
- A photo essay book
- A book written in the twentieth century

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