

Thirty Days Through the New Testament

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A MONTH: DAY ONE

My New Testament is 248 pages long. Reading 8 pages per day will get me through in 31 days. I read the first 8 pages this evening, which got me to Matthew 9:17, so I finished that chapter (which was another half page). Reading time: 21 minutes, 28 seconds (including time to drink coffee along the way). I am assuming that reading only 20 minutes per day will complete the New Testament every month, but will keep you posted as some texts won't be as easy to read as the gospels and Acts (uhh, Romans, anyone?)

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY THREE...

I read Matthew 10-16 this morning. Read time - 24 minutes.

I read Matthew 17-24 this evening. Read time - 22 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY SIX...

I read Mark 10-16 this evening. Read time - 23 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY SEVEN...

I read Luke 1-6 this evening. Read time - 22 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY NINE...

I read Luke 12-18 this morning. Reading time - 23 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TEN...

I read Luke 19-24 during lunch. Reading time - 24 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY ELEVEN...

I read John 1-6. Reading time - 24 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWELVE...

I read John 7-13 this morning. Reading time - 24 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY THIRTEEN...

Lunch with John 14-21 this afternoon. Reading time - 22 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY FOURTEEN...

Closed the day with the beloved physician - Acts 1-7. Read time - 23 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY FIFTEEN...

Started the day with the beloved physician - Acts 8-14. Read time - 25 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAYS SIXTEEN & SEVENTEEN:

I read Acts 15-28 today in two segments.

Acts 15-21 Read time - 25 minutes. Acts 22-28 Read time - 20 minutes.

I also read Acts 21 by itself, taking a little more than 3 minutes. Acts 22 is a strict continuation of chapter 21, so for the sake of continuity of thought, I suggest reading Acts 15-20 (21 minutes) on Day 16, then on Day 17 read Acts 21-28 (23 minutes).

Progress to date (with reading time rounded up to next full minute) :

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY EIGHTEEN

Rastlin' with Romans this morning. As I expected, reading time was a bit longer for the number of chapters I read while attempting to stay under 25 minutes. I was only able to read Romans 1-8 this morning and stay within the time limit I created for this reading schedule. Reading time was just over 23 minutes, but will appear below rounded up to the next whole minute.

The good news is that the latter half of Romans isn't nearly as difficult to read as the first, especially once we get to chapter 12. Chapters 9 and 11 can be a bit difficult, but chapter 10 is a nice breath between them.

REMEMBER! This is a Bible READING schedule. Bible STUDY is a much different animal. Both are needed, but I am convinced that Bible reading (keeping a notepad at hand to jot down passages to come back to later) leads to Bible study.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY NINETEEN

I read Romans 9 - 1 Corinthians 4 this evening. Read time - 25 minutes. I hope to finish 1 Corinthians in the next reading.

Ultimately I intend to publish this list for a broader audience. I pray people will be encouraged to spend more time reading the New Covenant, the one for which Jesus died to bring into effect.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY

I read 1 Corinthians 5-14 this morning. Read time - 25 minutes. My hope to finish 1 Corinthians in this reading fell far short. It was difficult for me to stay focused as there are so many doctrinal issues covered, and my mind wanted to ponder them instead of staying on task. This is why I said earlier that Bible reading is far different than Bible study. Remember! Paul told Timothy to READ (1 Tim 4:13), MEDITATE (1 Tim 4:15), and STUDY (2 Tim 2:15). All three are necessary, but all three are different.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY ONE

I read 1 Corinthians 15 - 2 Corinthians 9 this morning. Read time - 23 minutes. What an encouraging read this morning! The power and hope of the resurrection (1 Cor 15), and Paul's commendation of the Corinthian brethren in the matter of discipline (ch 2, 7) and their benevolent gift to the saints that was so abundant that it met the saints' needs and was also given

to others. Ready to face the day!

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY TWO

Lunchtime with Paul and 2 Corinthians 10 - Galatians 6. Read time - 23 minutes. O how I love Galatians!

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY THREE

An evening in Ephesus and Philippi. Read time - 23 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY FOUR

This morning's reading: Colossians - 2 Thessalonians. Read time - 24 minutes. I apologize for the error last night. I said Philippians at the outset and typed Colossians in the list. That aside, what a great follow up to last night's reading! Ephesians extols the church of Christ, and Colossians exalts the Christ of the church. Then, to follow with the Thessalonians epistles, which both have as their basic theme: Jesus is Coming! While reading in 2 Thessalonians 2, I couldn't help but recall my trips to Rome and Vatican City in particular.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY FIVE

Up early today, so I had time for a second morning reading: 1 Timothy - Philemon. Read time - 24 minutes.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY SIX

A morning with Hebrews. Read time - 25 minutes. Entering the home stretch!

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY SEVEN

Read James - 2 Peter this morning. From the practical to the persecuted. Read time - 26 minutes. Almost there!

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY EIGHT

Chased turkeys this morning. Read 1 John 1 - Revelation 3 this afternoon. From the testimony ABOUT Jesus to the testimony OF Jesus. Read time - 23 minutes. Hope to finish this project today.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY TWENTY NINE

Just read Revelation 4-13. This sure does sound a lot like Matthew 24 and Luke 21. Read time - 21 minutes. See you in 20 minutes or so to let you know how it ends.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE MONTH: DAY THIRTY

Just finished Revelation 14-22. No surprise or alternate endings... Those who overcome through the blood of the Lamb win. Read time - 21 minutes.