

# 2017 READING CHALLENGE

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Whether you are a light reader or completely obsessed, this 2017 Reading Challenge is designed to help you read more and to broaden the scope of your reading.

The Reading Challenge is composed of four lists, which you move through progressively.

Begin with the Light plan, which includes suggestions for 13 books. Choose those books and read them in any order, checking them off as you complete them. When you have finished those 13, advance to the Avid plan. Use the criteria there to choose another 13 books and read them in any order. Then it's time to move to the Committed plan with a further 26 books. When you have completed the Committed plan (that's 52 books so far!), you are ready to brave the Obsessed plan with its 104 books. Be sure to set your goal at the beginning of the year and pace yourself accordingly.

## IDEAS:

Take the challenge with your spouse and divide the list in two.

Take the challenge with your family and divide the books between the entire family.

Take the challenge with your youth group or small group and divide the books between all of you. Regularly report on your progress with short reviews.

Set your goal and read the books from all of your lists in any order (instead of progressing from Light to Avid to Committed).

Discard all the rules and choose books from any plan in any order. Use the 2017 Reading Challenge as a guide to diversifying your reading.

Have fun with it!

## REPORT:

Use [#vtReadingChallenge](#) to connect and keep track of others on social media.

**13 LIGHT**  
1 BOOK EVERY 4 WEEKS

**26 AVID**  
1 BOOK EVERY 2 WEEKS

**52 COMMITTED**  
1 BOOK EVERY WEEK

**104 OBSESSED**  
2 BOOKS EVERY WEEK

- A BIOGRAPHY
- A CLASSIC NOVEL
- A BOOK ABOUT HISTORY
- A BOOK TARGETED AT YOUR GENDER
- A BOOK ABOUT THEOLOGY
- A BOOK WITH AT LEAST 400 PAGES
- A BOOK YOUR PASTOR RECOMMENDS
- A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING
- A BOOK MORE THAN 100 YEARS OLD
- A BOOK PUBLISHED IN 2017
- A BOOK FOR CHILDREN OR TEENS
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK ABOUT A CURRENT ISSUE
- A BOOK WRITTEN BY A PURITAN
- A BOOK BY OR ABOUT A MISSIONARY
- A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING
- A COMMENTARY ON A BOOK OF THE BIBLE
- A BOOK ABOUT THE REFORMATION
- A BOOK ABOUT THEOLOGY
- A BOOK RECOMMENDED BY A FAMILY MEMBER
- A BOOK WITH A GREAT COVER
- A BOOK ON THE CURRENT NEW YORK TIMES LIST OF BESTSELLERS
- A BOOK ABOUT CHURCH HISTORY
- A BOOK OF 100 PAGES OR LESS
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK THAT WON A PRIZE
- A BOOK FROM A THEOLOGICAL VIEWPOINT YOU DISAGREE WITH
- A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING
- A BOOK ABOUT APOLOGETICS
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A HUMOROUS BOOK
- A BOOK BASED ON A TRUE STORY
- A BOOK ABOUT PRAYER
- A BOOK OF POETRY
- A BOOK WITH A ONE-WORD TITLE
- A BOOK BY SINCLAIR FERGUSON
- A NOVEL BY AN AUTHOR YOU HAVE NEVER READ BEFORE
- A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING
- A MEMOIR OR AUTOBIOGRAPHY
- A PLAY BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK WRITTEN BY AN AUTHOR WITH INITIALS IN THEIR NAME
- A BOOK BY A FEMALE AUTHOR
- A BOOK ABOUT THEOLOGY
- A BOOK PUBLISHED BY CROSSWAY
- A SELF-IMPROVEMENT BOOK
- A GRAPHIC NOVEL
- A BOOK YOU OWN BUT HAVE NEVER READ
- A BOOK TARGETED AT THE OTHER GENDER
- A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK ABOUT RACE OR RACIAL ISSUES
- A BOOK YOU HAVE STARTED BUT NEVER FINISHED
- A BOOK ABOUT CHURCH HISTORY
- A BOOK ABOUT HOLINESS OR SANCTIFICATION
- A BOOK ABOUT SCIENCE
- A BOOK USED AS A SEMINARY TEXTBOOK
- A BOOK ON THE ECPA BESTSELLER LIST
- A BOOK ABOUT PRODUCTIVITY OR TIME MANAGEMENT
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK ABOUT SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES
- A BOOK ABOUT PARENTING
- A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING
- A BOOK BY IAIN MURRAY
- A BOOK ABOUT BUSINESS
- A BOOK ABOUT THEOLOGY
- A BOOK ABOUT MARRIAGE
- A PHOTO ESSAY BOOK
- A BOOK OF COMICS
- A BOOK ABOUT THE SECOND WORLD WAR
- A BOOK BY A PURITAN
- A BOOK ABOUT PREACHING OR PUBLIC SPEAKING
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK ABOUT SUFFERING
- A BOOK ABOUT EVANGELISM
- A BOOK BY YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR
- A BOOK YOU HAVE READ BEFORE
- A CHRISTIAN NOVEL
- A BIOGRAPHY OF A CHRISTIAN
- A BOOK ABOUT THE NATURAL WORLD
- A NOVEL FOR YOUNG ADULTS
- A NOVEL LONGER THAN 400 PAGES
- A BOOK ABOUT HISTORY
- A BOOK ABOUT THE BIBLE
- A BOOK RECOMMENDED BY A FRIEND
- A BOOK PUBLISHED BY P&R PUBLICATIONS
- A BOOK WITH AN UGLY COVER
- A BOOK BY OR ABOUT A MARTYR
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING
- A BOOK ABOUT CHURCH HISTORY
- A BOOK ABOUT MONEY OR FINANCE
- A BOOK ABOUT LEADERSHIP
- A BOOK BY JOHN PIPER
- A BOOK ABOUT THEOLOGY
- A BOOK FOR CHILDREN OR TEENS
- A BOOK ABOUT SEXUALITY
- A BOOK ABOUT WRITING
- A BOOK ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS
- A BIOGRAPHY OF A WORLD LEADER
- A BOOK ABOUT THE CHURCH
- A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
- A BOOK ABOUT A HOBBY
- A BOOK WRITTEN IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

