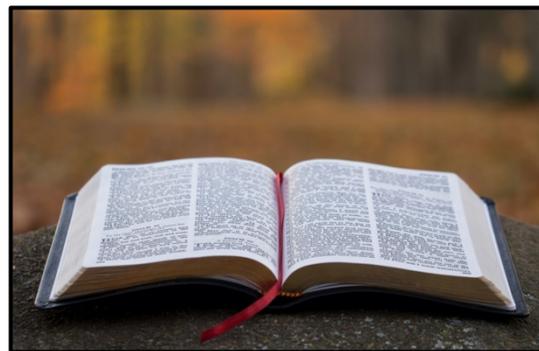


# How to Study the Bible

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For 2021, I encourage you to become a person who seeks God by studying his Word. A great pastor once said “The person who has a heart for God, but not a head for God is a danger to themselves and others.” Study God’s Word with the goal of seeking and knowing God personally.

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I encourage you to start by taking 15-20 minutes a week. Who among us does not have 15-20 minutes a week to know God? Spend that time with a good study Bible. If you don’t know where to start in your study Bible, I encourage you to:

- **Pick the book of Psalms and then also the gospel of Matthew.**
- **Then take 15-20 minutes to do the following:**
  1. Pray and ask God to teach you about himself
  2. Read one chapter of the Psalms. At first just read the Bible text -not the study notes
  3. Think about what you are reading – pay attention to what it is saying
  4. Then look at the study notes for what you just read
  5. Repeat steps 1-4 but do it with the book of Matthew
  6. Write down one thing you have learned – keep a journal
  7. Think through how you will live it and pass it onto others
  8. When you have more time page through your study Bible and read some of the extra information and articles they have given you.

Once you have gone through the Psalms, then go to the book of Proverbs. Once you have gone through Matthew then do the same with Mark, Luke, and John.

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## Pastor Dan’s Recommendations for a good Study Bible

If you are looking for a good study Bible, I highly recommend these:

1. **The CSB Study Bible** – Filled with excellent notes, maps, and articles, to explain the text you are reading.
2. **The Filament Study Bible** – This Bible is amazing. It is in the “easy to understand” New Living Translation (NLT). It comes as a thinline leather bound Bible but you also download the Filament app on your phone. Then as you read your Bible you take a picture of the page you are on with the app. Then on your phone you will see study notes, Bible Project videos, maps, and spiritual growth articles and exercises.
3. **Tony Evans Study Bible** – This is a CSB study Bible with notes written by trusted Pastor and Author Tony Evans. He has QR codes throughout the Bible that you scan with your phone for teaching videos to explain what you are reading.
4. **ESV Study Bible** – This Bible has fantastic study notes and articles to help you know God through understanding his Word. The articles are like a seminary library all in one volume. This Bible gives answers to your hardest questions. It also comes with free access to an online platform with many other great study tools.