

## **GROWING IN THE BIBLE MEANS...**

**A. Pray for God's enlightenment as you read! He welcomes you!**

**B. Vary your reading styles** - (a) half or a whole chapter a day (in depth), or  
(b) 3-4 chapters a day (overview)

Vary your diet too; **not** Genesis to Malachi in that order! Maybe try this ...

1. Gen	1 Sam	Matt	Prov 1-9	Psas 1-20	Isa	Rom
THEN!						
2. Ex	2 Sam	Mark	Job	Psas 21-41	Jer/Lam	1 & 2 Cor
THEN						
3. Lev	1 Kings	Acts 1-12	Provs 10-17	Psas 42-72	Ezk	Gal-Phil
4. Num	2 Kings	John	Eccles	Psas 73-89	Dan	Col-2 Thes
5. Deut	1 Chron	Acts 13-28	Provs 18-24	Psas 90-106	Hosea-Obad	1 Tim-Philemon
6. Jos	2 Chron	Luke	Song of Sol	Psas 107-119	Jonah-Hab	Heb/James
7. Juds/Ruth	Ezra-Esther	Rev	Provs 25-31	Psas 120-150	Zeph-Mal	1 Peter-Jude

*(Better still, use that schedule **but** do one old testament segment for every two new testament ones)*

**C. Ask questions:**

- Why is this passage in the Bible? What's its main point?
- How do you respond/feel as you read this?
- Is there anything difficult to write down and ask friends about?

And maybe:

- What does this teach me about... God?
- ... people?
- ... how we're saved and how we grow?
- Is there an example or command or warning to follow?
- ... a sin to avoid or confess?
- ... a promise to claim?
- What difference will believing this make to my life today? How does God want me to change because of what I've read today?

Or, very simply!:

*What is there in this passage that I can respond to, in (a) worship and (b) prayer, as I finish reading it right now?*

**D. Write down your discoveries - and file them for reuse, next time you read the passage or when you lead a Bible study on it...**

**E. Share them** - with Christian friends and non-...

**F. Obey what God gives you to discover!**

**G. Go on exploring (2 Tim 3:16)!**

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