

HOW TO

Read
the
Bible

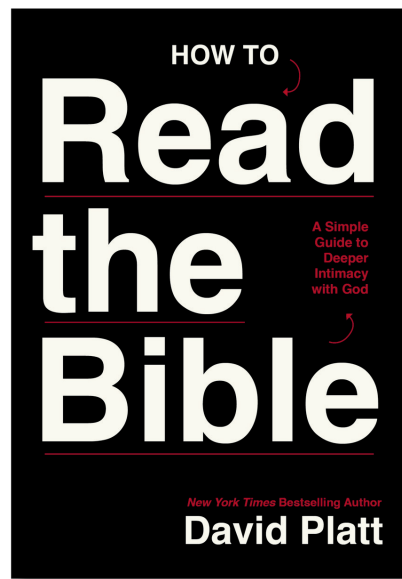
A Simple
Guide to
Deeper
Intimacy
with God

BIBLE JOURNAL AND
READING TRACKER

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Are you ready to experience God's Word in a way that transforms your life?



This simple and practical guide to studying and understanding Scripture will help you see the Bible as a priceless treasure that reveals God's love for you and His relentless pursuit of a deeper relationship.

How to Read the Bible is not just a book; it's an invitation to experience God's Word in a way that transforms your life. Whether you're new to reading the Bible or seeking a fresh approach to study and apply it, this guide provides the tools and insights you need to explore Scripture with greater clarity and purpose.

David Platt, author of the bestseller *Radical* and host of Secret Church (an annual event streamed to participants around the world), shows you how to read, study, and understand the Bible in such a way that you fall deeper in love with its Author. His four-step guide to studying God's Word rightly is set up with the acrostic MAPS:

- *Meditate* on and *memorize* God's Word, storing it in your heart and mind so that you walk closer with Jesus each day.
- *Apply* the Bible's truths to every layer of your life, allowing the Holy Spirit to transform you and revolutionize your ultimate purpose for living.
- *Pray* boldly, confident that God will answer and align your heart with His Word.
- *Share* God's Word with others, letting it flow through you to your neighbor as well as to others around the world.

Each chapter includes interactive questions for self-reflection or group discussion, and an appendix that offers practical tips for reading different parts of the Bible (Law, Poetry, Gospels, Revelation, etc.).

As you dive into the richness of the Bible using this proven, step-by-step approach, you will learn to avoid common pitfalls in interpretation, savor scriptures through meditation and prayer, and apply timeless truths to every area of your life. *How to Read the Bible* equips you to better understand not only the Word of God but also the love of God and His plan for the world.

READING journal

PASSAGE:

DATE:

MEDITATE:

What does this passage teach us about who God is and how God works?

What does this passage teach about who I am and how I should live?

What does this passage teach about who Jesus is, why I need Him, and what it means to follow Him?

MEMORIZE:

Verse/passage for memorization

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APPLY:

HEART: How does this passage change my heart?

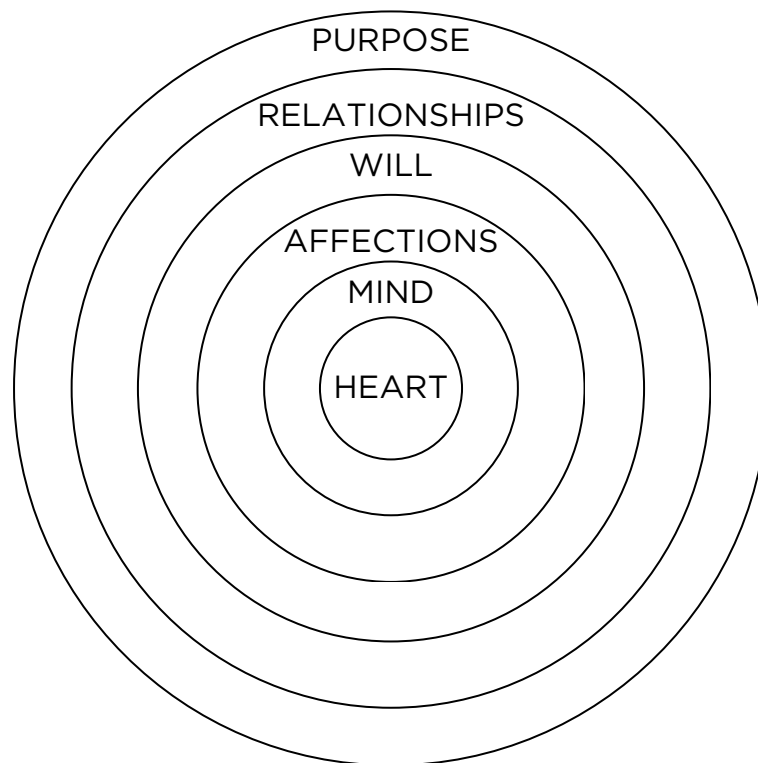
MIND: How does this passage change what I think?

AFFECTIONS: How does this passage change what I desire?

WILL: How does this passage change what I do?

RELATIONSHIPS: How does this passage change the way I interact with others?

PURPOSE: How does this passage change my life to be more in line with God's purpose?



SHARE:

Who will you share this with today?

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JUDE

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