
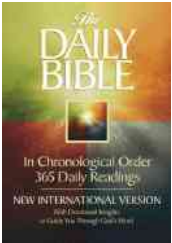


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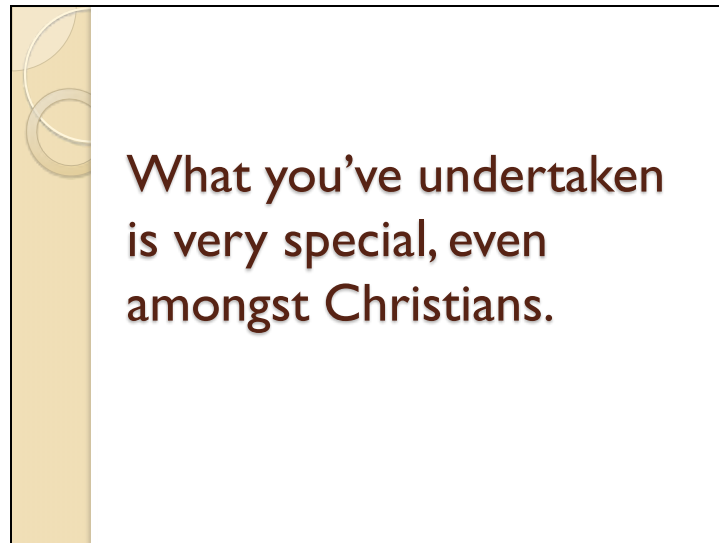


The Bible in a Year

Wednesday Evenings 2007





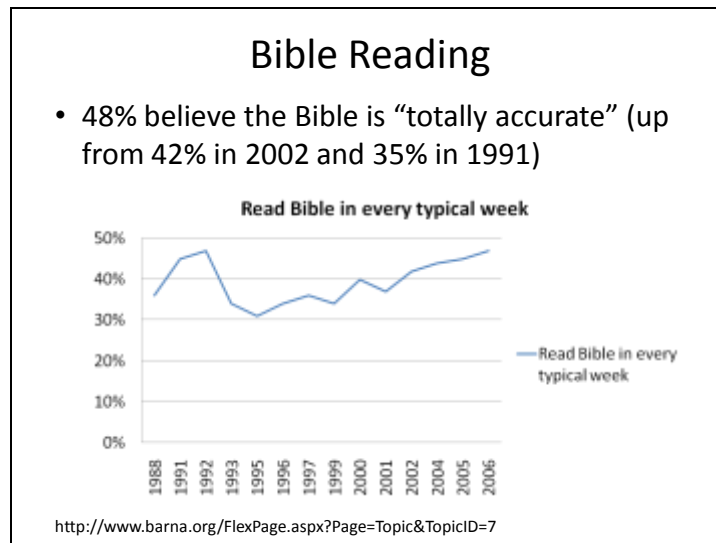


I'm going to start with some very sad news....

Statistics from Barna group: all across the board. Some say 50s had the best Bible reading. Some trends indicate today's just as good. Raise your hand if you've read all the way thru the Bible...

If you live in the Southeast, you're 20-30% more likely to be a "regular Bible reader" than a northeasterner. If you're a female, you're probably reading your Bible 10% more than your male friends. African Americans read their Bibles more than Whites, typically.

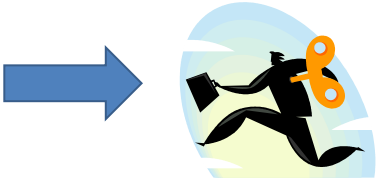
Even at Burns, this is something incredible.



It looks like more people are realizing the need for reading the Bible...

It's enjoyable to read the Bible!

Psalm 119:97
Psalm 119:105
Psalm 119:162

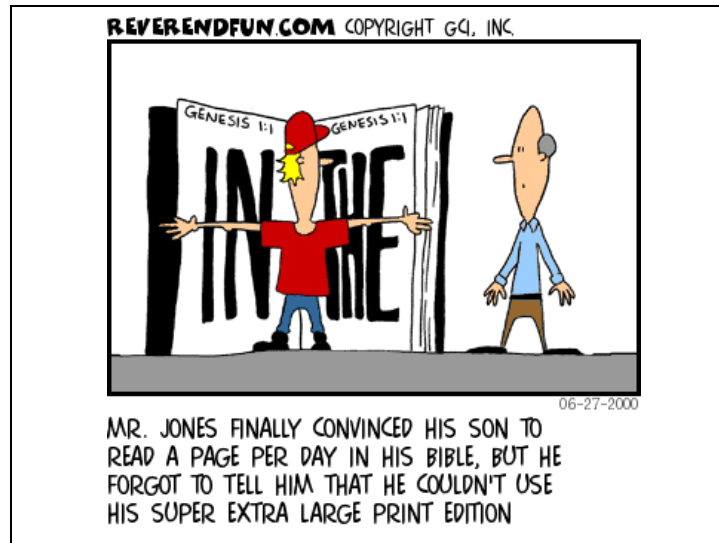


The illustration shows a black silhouette of a person running to the right, carrying a book under their arm. A pair of orange scissors is positioned as if cutting the runner. The scene is set against a light blue and green background with a circular glow.

BUT WHO CARES? This class isn't about the rest of the world. It's not even about Burns. It's about you and God. When you learn to love God's word, you'll find it coming out more often and more naturally. The evangelism you've been wanting to do...will just come out!

What matters is what you've decided to do with your study. I'm going to hand out a tract I found called 7 habits of effective Bible readers. If you're reading out of duty, you probably won't make it. Duty will help you when you're tired, but unless you actually want to, this study will fail.

You're undertaking to read 1,189 chapters in 366 days. (Ha, it's a leap year!) That's a lot more than many of you've done before.



Tools and Resources

- BIBLE (1 year is best...)
- Journal/Notebook
- Pen
- TIME

- <http://www.e-sword.net/>

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| Reading Topic / Date | |
| What happened? | Write questions, key words, and thoughts as they come to you. |
| What did this passage mean to its original audience? | Write scriptures that relate to this scripture. (by content (parallel stories), by subject (grace, hope, etc), by time, or by person.) |
| What does it mean to me? | |
| How can I apply the lessons of this scripture this week? | |

① What happened?

Genesis: “beginnings”

- The first creation story (twice)
- The first sin
- The first murder
- The first family album
- The first man who didn't die (Enoch)
- What words stood out?
 - Adam, Eve, “good”, God Spoke

What questions do we have?

Why did God create man?

What would have happened if man didn't fall...



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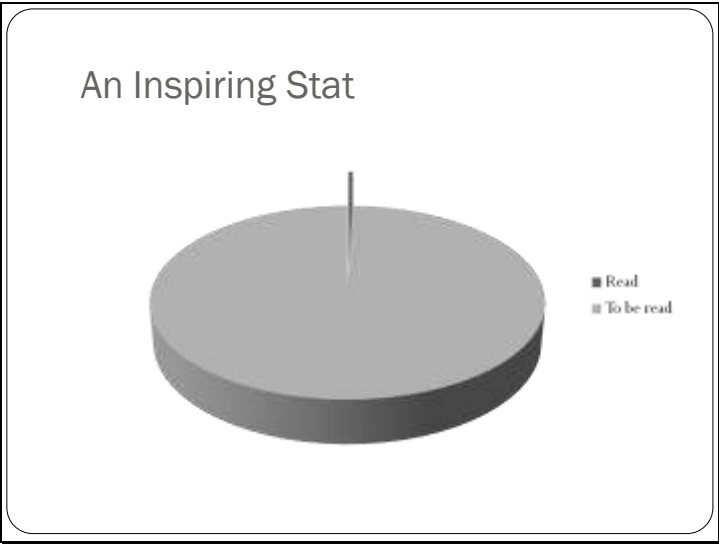
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③ What does this passage teach us?

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④ How can I apply this message this week?



- <http://www.nwcreation.net/presentations/>
- <http://www.creationwiki.org/Special:Search?search=powerpoint>
- <http://www.apologeticspress.com>