

CONSIDERATIONS ON LAYOUT

1. Determine a _____.
2. Determine a _____.
3. Determine a _____.
4. Consider a constant _____.
5. Develop a _____ ahead of time.
6. Make it _____!
7. Ensure it is _____ or change it up.

CONSIDERATIONS ON TACTICS/PLANS

1. "_____ for the Day"
2. Study book that includes Q&A
3. Accountability & Discussion _____
4. Who/What/When/Where/Why/What now for me?
5. Light Bulb (Big Idea), Question Mark (what do I need to study more), Arrow (What truth did I read that I need to live by).
6. S.O.A.P. (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer)
7. C.O.M.A. (Context, Observation, Meaning, Application)
8. App Based Reading Plans (YouVersion)

CONCLUSION

We need to make sure that this spiritual discipline in our lives is strong and is driving us toward daily meditation and application of God's word in our own hearts and lives.

God has blessings for you and He promises them to you if we will just follow His plan. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jer. 29:33



Motivations for Bible Reading Plans & Tactics

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INTRODUCTION

Have you grasped the importance and the opportunity of this spiritual discipline? Are you thriving, surviving or perhaps starving? No gifts can be compared to the gifts of God's word and His spirit that He left for us as guides as we seek to engage as worthy stewards in the Great Commission. How can we take better advantage of His word? It starts with a rightly informed mind that will inspire our motivations.

GOD'S WORD WARNS US ABOUT AN ENEMY _____ AND _____.

A. Our Enemies Without = _____ and _____.

- I Peter 5:8
- Eph. 6:12

B. Our Enemy Within = _____. (Rom. 7:15-23; Gal. 5:16-17)

GOD PROMISES _____ FROM _____ ON HIS WORD.

A. **Josh 1:8** "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE therein day and night, THAT thou mayest observe to do all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

a. Two Commands:

- i. Don't let God's Word depart out of your mouth.
- ii. Meditate on it day and night.

b. Two _____ Results

i. With KNOWING you have the potential of OBEYING.

ii. You can be PROSPEROUS and have GOOD SUCCESS (His goal)

B. *Psalm 1:1-2* "BLESSED is the man THAT walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he MEDITATE day and night."

GOD'S WORD GIVES US _____ THAT WE NEED.

- *Psalm 119:105* – _____ to our feet
- *James 1:5* – He provides _____ asked for
- *Psalm 25:9* – He leads and teaches the _____
- *Prov. 3:5-6* – Change the direction of your _____
- *Psalm 32:8* – He promises to _____ and _____
- *Jer. 33:3* – He will show us _____ things
- *Prov. 14:12* – Man's way leads to _____

GOD ANTICIPATES THAT WE _____ BY _____ ON HIS WORD.

II Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Numerous examples in the Bible of it as our spiritual nourishment:

John 4:34 - _____.

I Peter 2:2 - _____.

Deut 8:3 - _____.

Job 23:12 - _____.

Jer.15:16 - _____.

_____ HINDERS DEVOTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Psalm 32:3 – David's silence about his sin caused physical misery

Matt. 5:8 "Blessed are the _____."

Psalm 66:18 "If I regard _____ in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

GOD HONORS A HEART THAT DESIRES TO _____

Psalm 119:18 "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wonderful things out of thy law."

James 4:8 "Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you."

Phil. 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure:

- To Will
- To DO