

# S.T.A.N.D.

## The reading plan

Devotional time at its best, is a conversation; we talk a little bit, and we listen a little bit, it is give and take.

With this in mind, the S.T.A.N.D. notebook encourages us to listen through the reading of the Bible, and speak through the blessing of prayer.

It is our opportunity to touch the heart of *God* each day and for that reason I think "devotion" is a good word. It is defined as: *deep love and commitment, great dedication and loyalty, strong enthusiasm and admiration for somebody or something.*

And, in practice, this time "devoted" to coming near the Lord each day will serve to give us focus, vision, purpose and strength to face the day.

The reading schedule on the following pages will take 20-30 minutes a day to complete if read with time for conversation. The idea is not to blast through the text but to allow the Lord to speak to your heart as you go.

Once you have "manna" for the day, a fresh word to take with you as you go off to work or school or the other busy activities of the day. But before you go, you are encouraged to take just a minute and jot down that thought so you will cement it into your mind and heart and have that Word to meditate on "day and night" as Psalm 1 directs us to do.

There is also a spot to note your prayer request. This prayer journal will be such an encouragement to you as you see the Lord's faithfulness to hear and answer your prayers.

(P<sup>3</sup>) Why is the schedule arranged as it is?

**The Proverbs** are full of over 1000 practical tidbits of wisdom. It isn't possible to retain the whole chapter each day, but if you can grab hold of at least a few while reading the whole chapter, eventually these words of wisdom begin to stick and they become part of our daily lives.

**Read one chapter:** corresponds with the day of the month (on the 6th read Proverbs 6)

**The Psalms** reveal the heart of worship and even some of the wrestling's of the hearts of David and the other Psalm writers. You will find them endlessly uplifting and will turn your heart towards the throne

**Read one Psalm:** One each day beginning wherever you like but then keep reading in order.

**The passage** will eventually take you through the New Testament. It is amazing how 'daily' the Word becomes as we move through. The Lord brings such amazing and wonderful applications out of the text... He truly meets us right where we are.

**The Passage:** You will need to pick a "change day" (any day will do) so that you know when to move to the next passage. The schedule is given on the next page.

The passage may be read at any pace, you may only get through a couple verses one day because the Lord is really speaking to you there; the next day you may complete the whole passage. It is more important that you hear a word from the Lord than that you blaze through. If you finish the passage before the end of the week just start though again and see if the Lord doesn't show you something different.

Session #1 Passages:

Wk 1	◇	Matthew 1-6
Wk 2	◇	Matthew 7-12
Wk 3	◇	Matthew 13-18
Wk 4	◇	Matthew 19-24
Wk 5	◇	Matthew 25-28
Wk 6	◇	Acts 1-7
Wk 7	◇	Acts 8-14
Wk 8	◇	Acts 15-21
Wk 9	◇	Acts 22-28
Wk 10	◇	Romans 1-3
Wk 11	◇	Romans 4-8
Wk 12	◇	Romans 9-11
Wk 13	◇	Romans 12-16

Session #2 Passages:

Wk 14	◇	Mark 1-8
Wk 15	◇	Mark 9-16
Wk 16	◇	I Corinthians 1-8
Wk 17	◇	I Corinthians 9-16
Wk 18	◇	II Corinthians 1-6
Wk 19	◇	II Corinthians 7-13
Wk 20	◇	Galatians
Wk 21	◇	Ephesians
Wk 22	◇	Philippians
Wk 23	◇	Colossians
Wk 24	◇	I Thessalonians
Wk 25	◇	II Thessalonians
Wk 26	◇	I Timothy

Session #3 Passages:

Wk 27	◇	II Timothy
Wk 28	◇	Titus/Philemon
Wk 29	◇	Luke 1-6
Wk 30	◇	Luke 7-12
Wk 31	◇	Luke 13-18
Wk 32	◇	Luke 19-24
Wk 33	◇	Hebrews 1-6
Wk 34	◇	Hebrews 7-13
Wk 35	◇	James
Wk 36	◇	I Peter
Wk 37	◇	II Peter
Wk 38	◇	I John
Wk 39	◇	II-III John/Jude

Session #4 Passages:

Wk 40	◇	John 1-7
Wk 41	◇	John 8-15
Wk 42	◇	John 16-21
Wk 43	◇	Revelation 1-7
Wk 44	◇	Revelation 8-15
Wk 45	◇	Revelation 16-22
Wk 46	◇	Genesis 1-7
Wk 47	◇	Genesis 8-14
Wk 48	◇	Genesis 15-21
Wk 49	◇	Genesis 22-28
Wk 50	◇	Genesis 29-35
Wk 51	◇	Genesis 36-42
Wk 52	◇	Genesis 43-50

If you would like to go a little further, following there are reading schedules that will take you through the Word from 1-4 times a year.

May the Lord bless you as you seek Him daily.