

10 TIPS FOR JUMP-STARTING YOUR BIBLE READING

1. Pray. Ask God to give you a desire for His Word.
2. Start reading, but not in Genesis. If you know the stories in Genesis, try starting in I Samuel.
3. Enjoy a mocha . . . or whatever drink suits you . . . as a reading companion to help make your reading a time you look forward to on more than one level.
4. Use a pencil and your table of contents as a simple way to track your progress.
5. Dump the perfectionism. Don't stop because you don't understand everything. Each time you read, you'll learn and understand a little more.
6. Get accountable. Find a friend who will check up on your progress.
7. Take your Bible with you and read it whenever you have a few spare minutes.
8. Talk about what you're reading with others. Sure, it might feel weird at first, but you'll remember more of what you read and you'll have some interesting conversations along the way.
9. Reward yourself when you finish a long or difficult book. Shallow? Maybe. Effective? Definitely!
10. Act on what you read. Ask God to help you put into practice the truths that He is teaching you through His Word.

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