OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
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1	☐	Philippians 1	1	☐	*Reflection*	1	☐	Revelation 2
2	☐	Philippians 2	2	☐	*Reflection*	2	☐	Revelation 3
3	☐	Philippians 3	3	☐	Hebrews 8	3	☐	Revelation 4
4	☐	*Reflection*	4	☐	Hebrews 9	4	☐	Revelation 5
5	☐	*Reflection*	5	☐	Hebrews 10	5	☐	Revelation 6
6	☐	Philippians 4	6	☐	Hebrews 11	6	☐	*Reflection*
7	☐	1 Timothy 1	7	☐	Hebrews 12	7	☐	*Reflection*
8	☐	1 Timothy 2	8	☐	*Reflection*	8	☐	Revelation 7
9	☐	1 Timothy 3	9	☐	*Reflection*	9	☐	Revelation 8
10	☐	1 Timothy 4	10	☐	Hebrews 13	10	☐	Revelation 9
11	☐	*Reflection*	11	☐	2 Timothy 1	11	☐	Revelation 10
12	☐	*Reflection*	12	☐	2 Timothy 2	12	☐	Revelation 11
13	☐	1 Timothy 5	13	☐	2 Timothy 3	13	☐	*Reflection*
14	☐	1 Timothy 6	14	☐	2 Timothy 4	14	☐	*Reflection*
15	☐	Titus	15	☐	*Reflection*	15	☐	Revelation 12
16	☐	1 Peter 1	16	☐	*Reflection*	16	☐	Revelation 13
17	☐	1 Peter 2	17	☐	2 Peter	17	☐	Revelation 14
18	☐	*Reflection*	18	☐	Jude	18	☐	Revelation 15
19	☐	*Reflection*	19	☐	1 John 1	19	☐	Revelation 16
20	☐	1 Peter 3	20	☐	1 John 2	20	☐	*Reflection*
21	☐	1 Peter 4	21	☐	1 John 3	21	☐	*Reflection*
22	☐	1 Peter 5	22	☐	*Reflection*	22	☐	Revelation 17
23	☐	Hebrews 1	23	☐	*Reflection*	23	☐	Revelation 18
24	☐	Hebrews 2	24	☐	1 John 4	24	☐	Revelation 19
25	☐	*Reflection*	25	☐	1 John 5	25	☐	Revelation 20
26	☐	*Reflection*	26	☐	2 John	26	☐	Revelation 21
27	☐	Hebrews 3	27	☐	3 John	27	☐	*Reflection*
28	☐	Hebrews 4	28	☐	Revelation 1	28	☐	*Reflection*
29	☐	Hebrews 5	29	☐	*Reflection*	29	☐	Revelation 22
30	☐	Hebrews 6	30	☐	*Reflection*	30	☐	*Fill-in*
31	☐	Hebrews 7				31	☐	*Fill-in*

When we spend time with God reading His Word, we grow in our relationship with Him. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, *"All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (NIV).*

Scripture also says that God's Word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), it accomplishes the purposes for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:11), and it always finishes the work it starts (Philippians l:6). God repeatedly promises to grow us spiritually and draw us nearer to Him through His Word. With these promises in mind, we offer this 2014 New Testament Challenge Reading Plan.

If followed all the way through, this plan will take you through the entire New Testament during the 2014 calendar year.

The plan is straight forward: specific chronological readings throughout the month with reflection days mixed in. Each reading is one chapter, and the reflection days offer an opportunity to stop and think about what God has been speaking to you through His Word. The number of monthly readings is intentionally limited to allow some wiggle room each month. You will have 5-6 flex days to either continue reflection, read ahead, and/or catch up on missed readings.

A quick word of encouragement: if you're like most of us, you'll probably fall behind at some point. Don't give up! You can use week ends, school breaks, and the extra flex days to catch up. Also, the goal of this plan is not to cause guilt for falling behind or pride for over completion. It is designed to serve you. In the midst of our busy lives, this plan can help by providing a structured reading plan to guide your devotional life and establish a daily habit of reading your Bible.

We offer this plan to you humbly. God alone is the source of all spiritual growth, and He promises to use His Word to grow us. Our prayer is that this plan helps you spend more time with God, and that He uses that time to draw you nearer to Himself.

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The New Testament Challenge

2014 Bible Reading Plan

5x5x5

5 minutes a day ✦ Take the challenge to read the New Testament part of the Bible for 5 minutes a day. This reading plan will take you through all 260 chapters of the New Testament, one chapter per day.

5 days a week ✦ Determine a time and location to spend 5 minutes a day for 5 days a week. It is best to have a consistent time and a quiet place where you can regularly meet with the Lord.

5 ways to dig deeper ✦ We must pause in our reading to dig into the Bible. Below are 5 different ways to dig deeper each day.

1. **Underline or highlight** key words or phrases in the Bible passage.
2. **Rewrite the passage** in your own words.
3. **Ask & answer some questions** like who, what, when, why, where or how.
4. **Capture the big idea** in the sentence or chapter.
5. **Personalize the meaning** as God speaks through the passage.

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DATE	✓	READING	DATE	✓	READING	DATE	✓	READING
1	☐	Luke 1	1	☐	*Reflection*	1	☐	*Reflection*
2	☐	John 1:1-14	2	☐	*Reflection*	2	☐	*Reflection*
3	☐	Matthew 1	3	☐	Matthew 5	3	☐	Matthew 16
4	☐	*Reflection*	4	☐	Matthew 6	4	☐	Mark 8
5	☐	*Reflection*	5	☐	Matthew 7	5	☐	Lk. 9:18-27; Matt.17
6	☐	Luke 2:1-18	6	☐	Luke 7	6	☐	Mark 9
7	☐	Matthew 2	7	☐	Matthew 11	7	☐	Luke 9:28-62
8	☐	Luke 2:39-52	8	☐	*Reflection*	8	☐	*Reflection*
9	☐	Matthew 3	9	☐	*Reflection*	9	☐	*Reflection*
10	☐	Mark 1	10	☐	Matt. 12:22-50	10	☐	Matthew 18
11	☐	*Reflection*	11	☐	Luke 11:1-28	11	☐	John 7
12	☐	*Reflection*	12	☐	Matthew 13	12	☐	John 8
13	☐	Luke 3	13	☐	Luke 8	13	☐	John 9-10:21
14	☐	Matthew 4	14	☐	Matthew 24	14	☐	Luke 10
15	☐	Luke 4	15	☐	*Reflection*	15	☐	*Reflection*
16	☐	Luke 5	16	☐	*Reflection*	16	☐	*Reflection*
17	☐	John 1:15-51	17	☐	Mark 4	17	☐	Luke 11:29-53
18	☐	*Reflection*	18	☐	Mark 5:1-20	18	☐	John 10:22-42
19	☐	*Reflection*	19	☐	Mark 5:21-43	19	☐	Luke 12
20	☐	John 2	20	☐	Matthew 10	20	☐	Luke 13
21	☐	John 3	21	☐	Matthew 14	21	☐	Luke 14
22	☐	John 4	22	☐	*Reflection*	22	☐	*Reflection*
23	☐	Matthew 8	23	☐	*Reflection*	23	☐	*Reflection*
24	☐	Matthew 9	24	☐	Mark 6	24	☐	Luke 15
25	☐	*Reflection*	25	☐	Luke 9:1-17	25	☐	Luke 16-17:10
26	☐	*Reflection*	26	☐	John 6	26	☐	John 11
27	☐	Mark 2	27	☐	Matthew 15	27	☐	Luke 17:11-18:14
28	☐	John 5	28	☐	Mark 7	28	☐	Matthew 19
29	☐	Matt. 12:1-21				29	☐	*Reflection*
30	☐	Mark 3				30	☐	*Reflection*
31	☐	Luke 6				31	☐	Mark 10

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1	☐	Matthew 20	1	☐	Mark 15	1	☐	*Reflection*
2	☐	Matthew 21	2	☐	Luke 23	2	☐	Acts 14
3	☐	Luke 18:15-43	3	☐	*Reflection*	3	☐	James 1
4	☐	Luke 19	4	☐	*Reflection*	4	☐	James 2
5	☐	*Reflection*	5	☐	John 18	5	☐	James 3
6	☐	*Reflection*	6	☐	John 19	6	☐	James 4
7	☐	Mark 11	7	☐	Matthew 28	7	☐	*Reflection*
8	☐	John 12	8	☐	Mark 16	8	☐	*Reflection*
9	☐	Matthew 22	9	☐	Luke 24	9	☐	James 5
10	☐	Mark 12	10	☐	*Reflection*	10	☐	Acts 15
11	☐	Matthew 23	11	☐	*Reflection*	11	☐	Acts 16
12	☐	*Reflection*	12	☐	John 20	12	☐	Galatians 1
13	☐	*Reflection*	13	☐	John 21	13	☐	Galatians 2
14	☐	Luke 20	14	☐	Acts 1	14	☐	*Reflection*
15	☐	Luke 21	15	☐	Acts 2	15	☐	*Reflection*
16	☐	Mark 13	16	☐	Acts 3	16	☐	Galatians 3
17	☐	Matthew 25	17	☐	*Reflection*	17	☐	Galatians 4
18	☐	Matthew 26	18	☐	*Reflection*	18	☐	Galatians 5
19	☐	*Reflection*	19	☐	Acts 4	19	☐	Galatians 6
20	☐	*Reflection*	20	☐	Acts 5	20	☐	Acts 17-18:18
21	☐	Mark 14	21	☐	Acts 6	21	☐	*Reflection*
22	☐	Luke 22	22	☐	Acts 7	22	☐	*Reflection*
23	☐	John 13	23	☐	Acts 8	23	☐	1 Thess. 1
24	☐	John 14	24	☐	*Reflection*	24	☐	1 Thess. 2
25	☐	John 15	25	☐	*Reflection*	25	☐	1 Thess. 3
26	☐	*Reflection*	26	☐	Acts 9	26	☐	1 Thess. 4
27	☐	*Reflection*	27	☐	Acts 10	27	☐	1 Thess. 5
28	☐	John 16	28	☐	Acts 11	28	☐	*Reflection*
29	☐	John 17	29	☐	Acts 12	29	☐	*Reflection*
30	☐	Matthew 27	30	☐	Acts 13	30	☐	2 Thess.
			31	☐	*Reflection*			

JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
DATE	✓	READING	DATE	✓	READING	DATE	✓	READING
1	☐	Acts 18:19;19	1	☐	2 Cor. 7	1	☐	Romans 15
2	☐	1 Cor. 1	2	☐	*Reflection*	2	☐	Romans 16
3	☐	1 Cor. 2	3	☐	*Reflection*	3	☐	Acts 20:4-38
4	☐	1 Cor. 3	4	☐	2 Cor. 8	4	☐	Acts 21
5	☐	*Reflection*	5	☐	2 Cor. 9	5	☐	Acts 22
6	☐	*Reflection*	6	☐	2 Cor. 10	6	☐	*Reflection*
7	☐	1 Cor. 4	7	☐	2 Cor. 11	7	☐	*Reflection*
8	☐	1 Cor. 5	8	☐	2 Cor. 12	8	☐	Acts 23
9	☐	1 Cor. 6	9	☐	*Reflection*	9	☐	Acts 24
10	☐	1 Cor. 7	10	☐	*Reflection*	10	☐	Acts 25
11	☐	1 Cor. 8	11	☐	2 Cor. 13	11	☐	Acts 26
12	☐	*Reflection*	12	☐	Acts 20:1-3;Rom.1	12	☐	Acts 27
13	☐	*Reflection*	13	☐	Romans 2	13	☐	*Reflection*
14	☐	1 Cor. 9	14	☐	Romans 3	14	☐	*Reflection*
15	☐	1 Cor. 10	15	☐	Romans 4	15	☐	Acts 28
16	☐	1 Cor. 11	16	☐	*Reflection*	16	☐	Colossians 1
17	☐	1 Cor. 12	17	☐	*Reflection*	17	☐	Colossians 2
18	☐	1 Cor. 13	18	☐	Romans 5	18	☐	Colossians 3
19	☐	*Reflection*	19	☐	Romans 6	19	☐	Colossians 4
20	☐	*Reflection*	20	☐	Romans 7	20	☐	*Reflection*
21	☐	1 Cor. 14	21	☐	Romans 8	21	☐	*Reflection*
22	☐	1 Cor. 15	22	☐	Romans 9	22	☐	Philemon
23	☐	1 Cor. 16	23	☐	*Reflection*	23	☐	Ephesians 1
24	☐	2 Cor. 1	24	☐	*Reflection*	24	☐	Ephesians 2
25	☐	2 Cor. 2	25	☐	Romans 10	25	☐	Ephesians 3
26	☐	*Reflection*	26	☐	Romans 11	26	☐	Ephesians 4
27	☐	*Reflection*	27	☐	Romans 12	27	☐	*Reflection*
28	☐	*2 Cor. 3*	28	☐	Romans 13	28	☐	*Reflection*
29	☐	2 Cor. 4	29	☐	Romans 14	29	☐	Ephesians 5
30	☐	2 Cor. 5	30	☐	*Reflection*	30	☐	Ephesians 6
31	☐	2 Cor. 6	31	☐	*Reflection*			