

**The 52 Key Chapters of the Bible Fellowship**  
Using the **Devotional Bible Study** Method For the  
Purpose of **Personal Mastery** of the Content of God's Word

**Suggested Resources:**

1. A Bible you can mark up
2. The 52 Key Chapter Study Sheet
3. A personal journal (Moleskin or similar)
4. A MacArthur Study Bible (or similar)
5. A Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem (or similar)
6. A portable Audio Bible (NIV Dramatized or similar)
7. An electronic Bible Study Program (Logos or similar)

**The Devotional Bible Study Method:**

There are 12 normally recognized methods of Bible Study which are the: devotional; chapter; character quality; thematic; biographical; topical; word study; book background; book survey; chapter analysis; book synthesis; and verse-by-verse analysis methods. The devotional method is recognized as the basic, and most useful, life-long method for mastering God's Word.

**A Simple Pattern:**

1. First **pray** and ask God for the Psalm 119:18 (underlined or highlighted in your Bible) promised insight, before you study the Word.
2. Then read the passage (a verse, a few verses, or a chapter) looking for a simple summary of what that portion is about. Write that **summary** down in your journal.
3. Now go back through and find as many truths, insights, principles, **lessons**, or doctrines as you can find, briefly describing them and the verse reference for where you found them in your journal.
4. Finally, look over that list and pick the one or two most powerful lessons and apply that truth to your own life in the form of an **application** prayer that you write down. Frame your prayer as asking God to begin to unleash in your life the doctrine, insight, or lesson that you just found in that passage. Personal application is perhaps the most difficult part of any Bible Study.

**The Goal:**

God wants us as men to be constantly looking into the mirror of God's Word (James 1:21-25), and wanting to be doers and not merely hearers; and being changed (2 Cor. 3:18) more and more into His image. As we study, grow, and change, those closest to us will be drawn to the lessons we are learning as we talk about how God is at work changing our lives. Our wife will be drawn to want to know what we are doing and at times even want to be a part. Our children can hardly resist the personal insights we are finding God pointing out to us in His Word. As the Spirit convicts us about various areas, by faith we invite Christ to be changing areas of our life. Our co-workers will notice that we are talking about God's Word in such a personal, familiar way, they will often ask how we understand the Bible. The net result in every dimension of our lives is: that we grow in grace (what God does) and knowledge (what we do) more and more each day (2 Peter 3:18).

**Survey God's Word in a Year**  
**The Greatest Chapters in the Bible**

<b>Old Testament</b>		<b>Content</b>
1	Genesis 1-2	Creation of Universe
2	Genesis 3	The Fall into Sin & Satan's Temptations
3	Genesis 6-8	The Global Flood
4	Genesis 12	Abraham's Call
5	Exodus 12	Exodus/Passover
6	Exodus 20	Ten Commandments
7	1 Samuel 17	David & Goliath
8	2 Samuel 11	David & Bathsheba
9	1 Kings 18	Elijah & Fire from Heaven
10	Job 1-2	Job/God/Satan/Suffering
11	Psalms 1	Blessed Ones
12	Psalms 19	The Power of the Word
13	Psalms 22	Jesus on the Cross
14	Psalms 23	The Good Shepherd
15	Psalms 24	The Coming King
16	Psalms 51	David's Confession & Restoration
17	Psalms 119	The Word of God
18	Psalms 139	God Sees us Always & Everywhere
19	Proverbs 31	The Godly Husband & Wife
20	Isaiah 14	The Fall of Lucifer (also Ezk 28)
21	Isaiah 53	The Suffering Christ
22	Ezekiel 37-39	The Restoration Israel & Final Conflict
23	Daniel 9	Greatest Prophetic Passage
24	Zechariah 12-14	Israel's Role in the End Times
<b>New Testament</b>		<b>Content</b>
25	Matthew 1-2	Christ's Birth
26	Matthew 5-7	Sermon on the Mount
27	Matthew 28	Great Commission
28	Luke 10	Good Samaritan
29	Luke 15	Prodigal Son
30	John 1	Eternal Word is Christ
31	John 3	Born Again
32	John 10	Good Shepherd
33	John 19	Crucifixion
34	John 20	Resurrection
35	Acts 2	Birth of Church at Pentecost
36	Romans 1	Decline and Fall Human Race
37	Romans 5-8	Justification, Sanctification & Eternal Access to God
38	1 Corinthians 3	Rewards
39	1 Corinthians 7	Marriage Rules
40	1 Corinthians 13	Love Chapter
41	1 Corinthians 15	Gospel/Resurrection Bodies
42	2 Corinthians 5	Imputation/Bema Seat
43	Galatians 1-2	Justified by Faith not Law
44	Ephesians 6	Spiritual Warfare/Armor
45	Titus 2	Curriculum for every man, woman, child in Church
46	Hebrews 10	Christ died once for sins
47	Hebrews 11	Heroes of the Faith
48	James 1-3	Faith/Temptation/Tongue
49	1 Peter 2-4	Suffering/Sanctification/Marriage
50	2 Peter 3	New Universe, What Survives Forever & Why
51	1 John 1	Fellowship
52	Rev 1-3	Our Glorified Christ & His Mandate for the Church