

# ENJOYING BIBLE STUDY

*How To study The Bible series*



## PRAYER

Bible study starts and ends with prayer. It is the essential tool we use to communicate with God. As we study his word, we go to him for understanding and ask him to develop a joy for scripture in us.

## ACCEPTANCE

Some books of the Bible will be harder to read than others. Some scripture will not provide you with an abundant joy like others will. Accept you may enjoy reading some scripture more than others but never only study the books you like. As you go through periods of study on every genre of scripture, try to find the joy in it, even if it's harder with some than others.

## TIME

Bible Study is a lifelong practice. God will develop a joy for scripture in you. It may take a few months, years, or decades, but it will happen. Through the passing of time, God changes us through his word. As we study and look at scripture differently at different points in our life, it changes our outlook and ability to find joy in Bible Study.

## LET GO

Let go of unrealistic expectations! You won't be a changed person after one hour of Bible Study. You can't do a deep study of the entire bible in a year. It may not come easily to you. It may require a lot of work. Everyone has different expectations around Bible Study but the key to finding joy in it, is letting go of those unrealistic expectations. Allow God to work through his word and let go.

## GRATITUDE

How often do you thank God for his word to us? Scripture wasn't written for God; it was written for us to know God. It's easy to get overwhelmed and frustrated at scripture but when we develop a deep and sincere gratitude for the Bible, we can find true joy in Bible Study.