

Be Always Ready to give an answer

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This outline suggestion for learning our Bibles consists of three parts:

- 1) Coloring our Bibles
- 2) Chain referencing our Bibles
- 3) Memorizing our Bibles by chapters

Mr. Armstrong suggested a similar procedure in our freshman Bible class in 1952 for the thorough Bible acquaintance and usage. I have found this to be invaluable in my ministry over the past 11 years.

Coloring our Bibles includes both marking by subject colors and titling paragraphs by topics writing. I mean by this, coloring every passage on prayer, green, for example. Titling paragraphs would be like writing WINE across the page in blue pencil for verses on this subject. The reason for not having a color for every subject is that you would need too many different colors to do so, and short words are just as easily written out with wide letters like TITHE, DANCE, etc.

My topic colors are as follows:

- 1) PRAYER - Green
- 2) SABBATH - Red
- 3) SATAN - DEMONS - Yellow
- 4) PREDESTINATION - Orange
- 5) HEALING - Brown
- 6) ISRAEL - Purple
- 7) HOLY DAYS - Blue
- 8) DIVORCE - Violet
- 9) SCIENCE, CREATION - Black  
Psm. 139:13-15; Psm. 104:2-13, 16-18, 20-32
- 10) UNCLEAN MEATS - Light blue

The verses dealing with these subjects should be outlined in these colors, and not colored solidly.

TITLES WRITTEN ACROSS THE PAGE IN THE LETTERS OF THE WORDS ARE:

- 1) WINE -- Gen. 19:32-38, Matt. 9:14-17, Prov. 31:6, 23:20, 29-35, Hos. 4:11, Amos 9:14, Mic. 2:11, Zech. 9:17, 10:7, Eph. 5:18, 1 Tim. 3:3, 5:23.

- 2) HOLY SPIRIT (H.S.) -- Acts 1:8, John 6:63, John 14:26, John 16:13-14, Acts 2:38, 5:32, Rom. 8:2, Psm. 51:11,12, I Sam. 10:6,10
- 3) OLD TESTAMENT (O.T.) quoted or used in the Old Testament. Luke 20:17, 37, 42, Luke 4:17-21,23,25,26
- 4) IMMORTAL SOUL (I.S.) -- I Tim. 6:16, II Tim. 1:10, I Cor. 15:53, Rom. 2:7, II Tim. 2:18, I John 1:2, 2:25, Jude 21, Eccl. 3:19, 8
- 5) SUN WORSHIP (SUN) (BAAL or ASTAROTH) -- Acts 7:42, Mic. 6:16, Amos 5:26, Hos. 2:8,13,16,17, 9:10, 11:2, 13:1
- 6) \$ (verses on finances and money) -- Mark 12:41-44, Matt. 6:19-21, 25, III John 2, Acts 20:35, Prov. 28:13, II Cor. 9, Eph 4:14-19, I Tim. 5:4, 8, I Tim. 6:7-10.
- 7) MILLENNIUM (1000) -- I Pet. 3:8, Psm. 149:6-9, Amos 9:11-15, Isa. 30:18-26, Zech 14, Isa. 2:11, Mic. 4, Rev. 20, Hos. 14:4-9
- 8) GOVERNMENT (GOVN) (church government) -- Acts 7:35, I Thes. 4:1-2, Gal. 2:12, I Cor. 10:1,2,8-18, 13:5-10, Eph, 4:11-14, I Cor. 4, I Cor. 5:1-5, I Cor. 12:18-31, I Cor. 16, II Thes. 3:6-16
- 9) SEX -- I Cor. 6:9, Prov. 5:15-20, I Thes. 4:3-7, Gen 19:32-38, I Sam. 11:13
- 10) TITHES -- I Cor. 9:1-10, II Tim. 2:6, Heb. 7:1-10, Gen 14:20, Deut. 12 & 14, Matt. 23:23
- 11) GOD'S WORK ( WORK ) -- I Cor. 15:58, Hos. 5:9, 7:12, Hab. 1:5, Psm. 69:9, 48:8
- 12) FASTING (FAST) Joel 1:14, 2:12,15, II Sam. 12, Psm. 69:10, Acts 23:12, Isa. 58:1-12, Matt. 4:2, 9:14-16
- 13) LABOR UNIONS (UNIONS) -- Amos 4:1, Eph. 6:5, Col. 3:22, James 5:4, Prov. 27:18.
- 14) CHILD DISCIPLINING ( KIDS ) -- Eccl. 8:11, Prov. 30:17, Prov. 20:30, 22:6, 13:24, 19:13,18, Gen. 18:19
- 15) DANCING ( DANCE ) -- I Sam. 18:6, 21:11, II Sam. 6:14-16, Psm. 150:4, 149:3, Matt. 11:17, Eccl. 3:4, Ex. 15:20

- 16) MUSIC -- Psm. 146:2, 147:1, Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16, Psm. 66:1, 2, 4  
Psm. 68:3-4, 25
- 17) CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR (C.O.) -- John 18:36, Psm. 68:30,  
Prov. 21:31, I Sam. 23:10, 11, 12, 18:28-31, Zech 4:6, 9:10,  
II Tim. 2:3-4
- 18) PREACHER -- Zech 11:15-17, II Cor. 11:13-15, Jer. 23, Ezek. 34,  
Tit. 1:10-16
- 19) FOOD -- Heb. 13:9, Prov. 27:2, Lev. 2:4-7, Gen. 18:6-8,  
Lev. 3:17
- 20) WIVES -- I Pet. 3:1-6, Prov. 31, 12:4, Eph. 5:22-24, I Sam. 1  
Ruth 1:1 6-17
- 21) BAPTISM (BAPT.) -- Acts 2:38, Heb. 6:2, John 3:5, Matt. 3:11,  
28:19
- 22) LAYING ON OF HANDS (HANDS) -- Acts 6:6, Heb. 6:2, I Tim. 1:6,  
5:22, 4:1
- 23) BIRTHDAY -- Mark 6, Matt. 14, Gen. 40:20
- 24) XMAS -- Jer. 10:1-5, Matt. 1:18-25, Matt. 2, Luke 1:2
- 25) JEWELRY -- Ezek. 16, Isa. 3
- 26) WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (100) -- Matt 11:20-24, Psm 49:14,  
Isa. 65:20
- 27) TARES (Parable of wheat and tares) Matt. 13:24-32, 36, 43  
Do other parables likewise such as: PENNY, SOWER, TALENTS,  
POUNDS

The second part, chain referencing, would be done by listing the subject in a blank page in the back of your Bible, such as dance. Then beside this put the first scripture, Ex. 15:20. Then when you turn to Ex. 15:20, put the next scripture in your margin, such as Ex. 32:19. Continue this right on through all the verses on that one subject. This chain referencing, which is the system used in the center margin of your Bible enables you to go right through studying a subject in an outline form, and can be used on any and all subjects.

3) Memorize your Bible

- Dividing the Nations (Shem, Ham, and Japheth) Nimrod Gen 10
- Blessing of the 12 Tribes of Israel -- Gen. 49
  - Reuben -- France
  - Ephraim -- Great Britain
  - Asher -- Belgium - Luxembourg
  - Dan -- Denmark, Ireland
  - Issachar -- Finland
  - Naphtali -- Sweden
  - Zebulon -- Holland
  - Gad -- Switzerland
  - Manasseh -- U.S.A.
  - Simeon -- Scattered
  - Levi -- Scattered
  - Judah -- Scattered & Jerusalem
  - Benjamin -- Norway
- Institution of Passover & Days of Unleavened Bread - Ex. 12 & 13
- Healing covenant - Ex. 15
- Sabbath, Prepare the day before, Manna from heaven - Ex. 16
- Ten Commandments - Ex. 20, Deut. 5
- Three times in the year offering & appearing before the Lord - Ex. 23, also Ex. 34, Deut 16 (taking away sickness)
- Sabbaths: My Sabbaths - A Sign - Ex. 31
- Meats, Clean and Unclean - Lev. 11
- Feast Days - All annual Holy Days - Lev. 23
- Jubilee Year: Sabbatical Year - Lev. 25
- Blessings & Cursings; 4 times - 7 year punishment - Lev. 26 ; also Deut. 28
- Redemption of Tithes - Lev. 27
- Vow of all - Num. 30
- Dreamer of Dreams - Deut. 13
- Meats, Clean and unclean & Third Tithe - Deut. 14
- Poor people - Deut. 15
- Passover, first after coming out of wilderness - Josh. 5

- Adultery (David & Bathsheba, Fasting) - II Sam. 12 -
- Fornication (Tamar & Amnon; sister & brother) - II Sam. 13
- Ten Tribes Revolt -- II Kings 12
- Ahaziah - Sick & Dies (called for doctor) - II Kings 1 -
- Elijah taken up by a whirlwind - II Kings 2
- Hezekiah, sick, prayed, wept sore, healed (15yrs. added) - II Kings 20
- Asa, sick and sought physicians (rather than God) & died - II Chron. 16
- Second Passover instituted (if unable to take the first) - II Chron. 30 & 31
- Feast Days (Josiah & Passover) - II Chron. 35
- Feast of Tabernacles - Neh. 10 - (also Neh. 8)
- Sabbath; Buying & Selling (also Jer. 17:21,22) Neh. 13:15
- Healing; Forgiveth All Your Sins, Healeth All Your Diseases - Psm. 103
- Virtuous Woman - Prov. 31
- The Whole Man - Fear God & keep his commandments - Eccl. 12
- Your Feast Days (pagan or churches of this world) - Isa. 1  
Isa. 5
- Millennium (teach of His ways) - Isa. 2
- Modern women - children ruling parents - Isa. 3
- To the law & the Testimony - if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is (absolutely) no light in them - Isa. 8
- Millennium (children with wild animals) - Isa. 11
- Fall of Satan - Isa. 14 (also Ezek. 28)
- Precept upon Precept . . . with stammering lips - Isa. 28
- Daughter of Babylon - False Church - Isa. 47 (also Rev. 17)

- Sabbath a delight; Fasting (purpose of & how) - Isa. 58
- Eating Swine's Flesh: The child shall die a hundred years - Isa. 65
- Eating Swine's Flesh & the Mouse: Sabbath kept in the Millennium - Isa. 66
- No Sacrifices on Feast Days originally - Jer. 7
- Christmas Tree -- Jer. 10
- False Prophets - Jer. 23 (also Ezek. 34)
- No Healing Medicines - Jer. 30:13 (also Jer. 46:11)
- Each Day - 1 year in prophecy fulfilled - Ezek. 4 (also Num. 14)
- Prophecy by 3rds (Pestilence, Famine, Sword and Scattered) - Ezek. 5
- Easter Sunrise Service - Ezek. 8
- Given Statutes that were not good, Sabbath a sign -- Ezek. 20
- Fall of Lucifer (Satan) - Ezek. 28
- False Prophets -- Ezek. 34 (also Jer. 23)
- Valley of Dry Bones -- Ezek. 37
- Gog and Magog -- Ezek. 38 & 39
- Restoration of Israel (12 Tribes) after Christ comes - Ezek. 40 & 48
- Great Image Vision of Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 2
- Nebuchadnezzar's Image of Gold (90 ft.) - fiery furnace - Dan. 3
- Great Tree - seven times punishment - Dan. 4
- Handwriting on the wall - Dan. 5
- Lion's Den - Dan. 6
- Four Beasts - Dan. 7
- Ram & He Goat - Dan. 8
- 70-week Prophecy, crucifixion on Wednesday - Dan. 9

- Kings of the North & South (prophecy) -- Dan. 11
- Resurrection of many that sleep into eternal life Or Everlasting Contempt - Dan. 12 Words Closed up til the time of the end also - same
- Day of Ballim - Hosea 2
- My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge - Hosea 4:6
- God's army (of locusts) - Joel 2
- Surely the Lord will do nothing, but He reveals His secret unto His servants the Prophets - Amos 3
- Behold the day comes, saith the Lord God, that I will send a Famine in the land, not a famine of bread, not athirst for water, but of Hearing the words of the Lord - Amos 8
- Millennium, keeping the Feast of Tabernacles - Zech. 14
- Jesus tempted (also Luke 4) - Matt. 4
- Sermon on the Mount - Matt. 5 & 6
- Parable of the Ten Virgins - Matt. 25
- Passover - Matt. 26
- Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world, - Matt. 28
- Sabbath: Preach Kingdom of God & Christ - Mark 1 (also Luke 4)
- Divorce and Remarriage: Blessing of Children - Mark 10
- And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature - Mark 16
- Confirming the work with signs and Healing - Mark 16
- Baptism: Count the cost: Marriage Supper - Luke 14
- Lazarus - Luke 16
- Parable of the pounds (authority over cities) - Luke 19:11-27

- Prophecy chapter - Luke 21 (also Matt. 24 & Mark 13)
- For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life - John 3:16
- Temporary Healing: Afterward Jesus findeth him in the Temple and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee. - John 5
- Day of Salvation: Marvel: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment - John 5
- Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He who believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and Greater Works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father - John 14
- Second Coming of Christ - Acts 1 (also Rev. 19)
- Pentecost: Coming of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2
- To Lie to the Holy Spirit: Shadow of Peter - Acts 5
- First Deacon ordained - Acts 6
- Martyrdom of Stephen - Acts 7
- Ethiopian Eunuch: How can I, except some man should Guide Me?  
Acts 8
- Saul's Conversion - Acts 9
- Peter's vision (sheets of animals let down) - Acts 10
- Baptism of Cornelius: the first-fruits of the Gentile world, Gospel door opened - Acts 11
- Easter mentioned - should be Passover - Acts 12
- Council at Jerusalem - Acts 15
- Be-Re-Ans received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures (O.T.) daily, whether those things be so - Acts 17
- Feast of Tabernacles: Apollos mighty in the scriptures - Acts 18
- Re-Baptism: Anointed Cloth - Acts 19:12
- Days of Unleavened Bread: Pentecost: House to House - Acts 20



- Resurrection chapter - Dead in Christ shall rise first - I Thess. 4
- Man of sin revealed - II Thess. 2
- There remains therefore a rest (keeping of a Sabbath) to the people of God - Heb. 4
- Doctrines of the church - Heb. 6
- Melchizedek - Heb. 7
- Faith chapter - Heb. 11
- Correction with love chapter - Heb. 12
- Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever - Heb. 13
- Faith without works chapter - James 2
- Bridling the tongue - James 3
- Cause of war - James 4
- Call for the elders (anointing) - James 5
- For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving an example that you should follow his steps - I Pet. 2
- Who his own self bare our sins in His Own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by his stripes are you healed. - I Pet. 2
- Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear - I Pet.
- No private interpretation of the scriptures - II Pet. 1
- He that saith, I know him, and keep not His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him - I John 2
- Whosoever committeth sin transgresses also the Law, for sin is the transgression of the law - I John 3:4
- For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous - I John 5:3
- If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed - II John

- Day of Atonement - Acts 27
- Paul bitten by a snake, and Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the Kingdom of God - Acts 28
- Baptism - about flesh - Rom. 8
- Gifts of the Spirit - Rom. 12 (also I Cor. 12)
- Is Christ divided - Division in the church condemned - I Cor. 1
- Feast of Unleavened Bread: Eat not with a fornicator - I Cor. 5
- Going to Court - Law - I Cor. 6
- Marriage chapter - I Cor. 7
- Meat offered to idols - I Cor. 8
- Now all these things happened to them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come - I Cor. 10
- Long Hair - Passover - I Cor. 11
- Gifts of the Spirit - I Cor. 12 (also Rom 12)
- Love chapter - I Cor. 13
- Tongue chapter - I Cor. 14
- Resurrection chapter: Feast of Trumpets - I Cor. 15
- Collection on first day of week <sup>(used by</sup> Protestants)
- Pentecost - I Cor. 16
- Satan himself Transformed into an angel of light and ministers, also ministers of Righteousness - II Cor. 11
- Third Heaven - II Cor. 12
- Works of the flesh: Fruits of the Spirit - Gal. 5
- Law of Commandments (not ten commandments) In ordinances (of men: tradition, custom, dictates of society) done away - Eph. 2
- Let no man judge you in eat or in drink or in this part of any Holy Day or of the new moon, or of the sabbaths which foreshadow things to come, but the Body of Christ (church) - Col. 2

-Come back to the faith once delivered - Jude

-Example of eternal fire -- Jude

-Michael rebukes the Devil - Jude

Stages of Eras of God's Church

Ephesus (desirable) . . . Apostolic Church

Smyrna (death) Nazarene Ebionites

Pergamos (exalted) Paulicians & Bogomils, Bohemian brothers,  
Athynagani

Thyatira (sacrifice that which is closest) Waldensians

Sardis (remnant) Stanberry, Missouri

Philadelphia (judgment of the people) Worldwide Church of God

Laodicean (lukewarm) lax, self righteous, Hearers but  
not doers, Five foolish virgins

-Six seals - Rev. 6

-The 144,000 - Rev. 7 (also Rev. 14)

-Two witnesses - Rev. 11

-True Church: History - Rev. 12

-7 times= so many days & months: 1/2 times= 1260 days-42 months  
Rev. 12 & 13

-Mark and number of the Beast - Rev. 13

-Plagues - Rev. 15 & 16

-False Church - Rev. 17 (also Isa. 47)

-Second coming of Christ - Rev. 19 (also Acts 1 & I Thes.)

-Millennium - Rev. 20

-New Heaven & New Earth - Rev. 21 & 22

-Why John the Baptist was murdered or martyred: Herod couldn't  
marry his brother's wife. Divorce & Remarriage - Luke 3 & Mark 10

Unpardonable Sin

Matt. 12  
Mark 3  
Luke 9:62  
Acts 5  
Heb. 6 & 10:26  
II Pet. 2  
I John 1

First Day of Week

Matt. 28:1  
Mark 16:2,9  
Luke 24:1  
John 20:1,19  
Acts 20:7  
I Cor. 16:2

Christ was God of Old Testament

Mal. 3:1  
John 1  
I Cor. 10  
Heb. 13:8  
James 4:7

Sabbath

Ex. 16, 20, 31, 34, 35  
Lev. 23  
Neh. 13  
Jer. 17  
Isa. 58 & 66

Holy Days

Ex. 12,13,23,34  
Lev. 23  
Num. 9,10,28,29  
Deut. 16  
Joshua 5  
II Chron. 30,31,35  
Neh. 8 & 10  
Zech. 14  
John 6 & 7  
I Cor. 5,11 & 15

Bible - 7 fold

Law  
Prophets  
I Former (Sam.)  
II Latter

- A. Minor (12)
- B. Major (Jer., Isa., Ezek..) writings (including Ezra, Neh. & Dan.) Gospels (Matt., Mark, Luke, & John, Acts Epistles, Rev.)

Days of Creation

- 1 - Day & Night
- 2 - Heaven
- 3 - Parted land from water
- 4 - Heavenly Bodies
- 5 - Fish & Birds
- 6 - Man and domestic animals
- 7 - Rest

### General Information

Number of books Paul wrote - 14  
Who wrote Book of Acts - Luke  
Who wrote the book of Hebrews - Paul  
Oldest man in the Bible - Methusalah (969 years)  
Fasted 40 days - Moses, Elijah, Christ  
Years David ruled - 40  
Years between Old & New Testatment - Approx. 400  
Last King of Judah - Zedekiah  
next to last of Judah - Jehoikim  
Books of Bible - 66  
Old Testament - 39  
New Testament - 27  
66

Chapters in Old Testament - 929  
Chapters in New Testament - 260  
1,189

Verses in the Old Testament - 33,214  
Verses in the New Testament - 7,959  
41,173

Letters in the Old Testament - 2,728,100  
Letters in the New Testament - 838,380  
3,566,480

The shortest chapter in the Bible is psalms 117; this is also the middle chapter. The middle verse is Psalms 18:8

The shortest verse is John 11:35 "Jesus wept"

The longest verse is Esther 8:9

There is no word of more than six syllables in the Bible

The 36th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of II Kings are alike.

Psalms 14 and 53 are almost identical

In the 107th Psalm, verses 8,15,21 & 31 are exactly alike