Professor Grant Horner's

"The Ten Lists Bible Reading System"

Each day you will read one chapter from each of ten lists. That's right — *ten chapters per day!!!* Use ten bookmarks or sticky notes with the individual lists on them to keep track of your locations. (full-sized bookmarks available below)

On Day 1, read Matthew 1 (bookmark #1), Genesis 1 (bookmark #2), Romans 1 (bookmark #3), and so forth. On day 2, read Matthew 2 (bookmark #1), Genesis 2 (bookmark #2), etc. On Day 29, you will have just finished Matthew, so go to Mark 1 on the Gospel list; you'll also be almost to the end of 2nd Corinthians and Proverbs, you'll be reading Psalm 29 and Genesis 29, and so forth. When you reach the last chapter of the last book in a list — start over again. Rotate all the way through all the Scriptures constantly.

Since the lists vary in length, the readings begin interweaving in constantly changing ways. You will *never* read the same set of ten chapters together again! Every year you'll read through all the Gospels four times, the Pentateuch twice, Paul's letters 4–5 times each, the Old Testament wisdom literature six times, all the Psalms at least twice, all the Proverbs as well as Acts a dozen times, and all the way through the Old Testament History and Prophetic books about 1½ times. Since the interweaving is constantly changing, you will experience the Bible commenting *on itself* in constantly changing ways — the Reformer's principle of 'scriptura interpretans scripturam' — 'scripture interpreting scripture' *in action!*

After you've read any particular book once or twice, your speed in that book usually *doubles or triples* because you're familiar with it and can move quickly and confidently — because you are no longer merely decoding the text but thinking it through in the context of all of the scripture!

Even an 'average' reader, if focusing on moving through the text, rather than trying to figure everything out, can usually do this in about an hour a day — 5–6 minutes per chapter. Many people report moving confidently through the ten chapters in 35–40 minutes. If it is taking you longer, then you are 'reading wrong' — stay relaxed, focus, and just keep it moving. Moderate but consistent speed is the key. This is "gross anatomy" — looking at the whole body; you're **not** closely studying organs or systems or tissues or cells — it is **not** microbiology. *But* microbiology and the study of organs makes more sense when you know what the *whole* structure of the human body is like, and how all the parts, large and small, relate in perfect interdependence.

After just a few days the reading gets *much* easier; in a month it will be a habit, and in six months you'll wonder how you ever survived before on such a slim diet of the *Word*. And then — you'll tell others to start the system!

I began in 1983 as a new Christian and have now read (most of) the Bible hundreds and hundreds of times. You also need to get *one* Bible, keep it, and do all your reading in it, so you learn where everything is. I've had the same Bible since 1983 and I know it intimately. If you keep switching Bibles, you 'lose' this intimacy with the text. Find a translation and format you like and stick with it. *This is crucial!*

Your Bible is the only thing on Earth that, as you wear it out, will actually work better and better.

Please share this Bible-reading system with all the Christians you know, as well as anyone who is thinking about reading a Bible, even for the first time.

The Ten Lists

bookmark 1: Matthew; Mark; Luke; John (89 days)

bookmark 2: Genesis; Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers; Deuteronomy (187 days)

bookmark 3: Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; Hebrews (78 days)

bookmark 4: 1, 2 Thessalonians; 1, 2 Timothy; Titus; Philemon; James; 1, 2 Peter; 1, 2, 3 John; Jude; Revelation (65

days)

bookmark 5: Job; Ecclesiastes; Song of Solomon (62 days)

bookmark 6: Psalms (150 days) bookmark 7: Proverbs (31 days)

bookmark 8: Joshua; Judges; Ruth; 1, 2 Samuel; 1, 2 Kings; 1, 2 Chronicles; Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther (249 days)

bookmark 9: Isaiah; Jeremiah; Lamentations; Ezekiel; Daniel; Hosea; Joel; Amos; Obadiah; Jonah; Micah; Nahum;

Habakkuk; Zephaniah; Haggai; Zechariah; Malachi (250 days)

bookmark 10: Acts (28 days)

Secrets to Success

- Read one chapter from each list each day; in one sitting or two. At the end of a book; go to the next book. At the end of the list; start it again. Do it in the order given above.
- ❖ Read quickly (without "speed-reading") in order to get the overall sense. Read as fast as you comfortably can with moderate retention. You're not studying deeply or memorizing; shoot for 5–6 minutes per chapter. At the end of a chapter, move immediately to the next list.
- ❖ **Get through the text** no dawdling, back reading, looking up cross-references!
- ❖ There are different 'kinds' of reading: super-quick skimming, careful moderate-paced, studying the text, deep meditation. You should be between the first and second kind.
- ❖ Most people decrease their time spent and increase their retention after just two-three weeks! I now read and retain the entire text of Matthew in 35 minutes, Romans in 20, Genesis in *one hour*!
- Don't look up anything you 'don't get' real understanding will come through contextualizing by reading a *lot* of scripture over time. Get through the text!
- ❖ If you miss a day or two ok, get over it, then keep going. Don't cover yourself in sackcloth and ashes and quit! Move the bookmarks along, to find your place(s) quickly next day.
- ❖ If you are wondering why you should read Acts (or Proverbs) all the way through every single month, then you've just shown that you *need* to read them that often!
- The goal of this system is simple, and twofold: To know scripture, and to love and obey God more!

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Instructions for using the bookmarks:

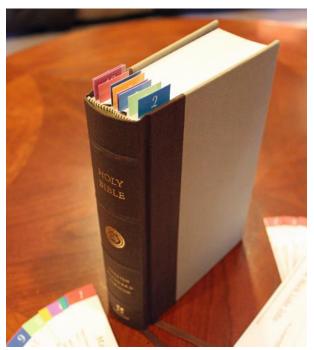
Choose **one** of the six bookmark **sets**. *Do not* print out all six sets. Print out the **one** color set you prefer.

- 1) Multi-colored
- 2) Red
- 3) Blue
- 4) Green
- 5) Purple
- 6) Gold



After printing out <u>one</u> set of bookmarks you prefer, take them to Mardel Christian Bookstore (laminating in my area store only cost .25¢ per foot) or any office store and get them laminated so they will last beyond only a couple weeks of reading.

Use your cutting board to cut all 10 bookmarks. If you don't own a small cutting board like I do (pictured above), use the one at Mardel, or have the bookmarks cut at whichever store you had them laminated.



Once you've printed, laminated and cut the bookmark set you desire, place them in your Bible in the order you'll be doing your daily reading (to start, bookmark #1 will be placed in Matthew chapter 1, bookmark #2 will be placed in Genesis chapter 1, etc.)

I chose the multi-colored bookmark set (pictured left) and put them in my ESV Reader's Bible to help me easily find the chapters I am reading from the 10 bookmarks.

I encourage you to follow Professor Grant Horner's "Secrets to Success" so that you'll be able to read the entire Bible in just 8 ½ months!

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