



Welcome to the Year of the Bible Daily Guide!

The first part of the year will focus on equipping and empowering you to engage the Bible personally. We will provide the scripture references; you will read and interact with them in your Bible using a corresponding activity provided. Grab your preferred notebook and pen (or note-taking device) and join us for a life-changing year!

If you have kids or students in your life, ages 18 and under, we have a resource just for you. Check out this week's [Parent Prompt](#).

The Bible is clear that memorizing God's Word is of incredible importance. Each week, we will encourage you to memorize scripture. Just 5 minutes a day reviewing it is often enough!

Week 1 Memory Verse | Hebrews 4:12

Monday, January 5

There are many different ways to engage the Bible. We will highlight several, providing opportunities to practice them one at a time. We will begin with one that may be familiar to you: **SOAP**.

SOAP is an acronym that stands for **S**cripture, **O**bservation, **A**pplication, and **P**rayer. You typically read scripture, make observations of key themes or commands, reflect on life applications, and pray to God for wisdom and empowerment to live out what you've learned.

Passage: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Activity: Read the passage slowly a few times. Write down 1 observation that stands out and 1 way it applies to your life right now. Pray and ask God to give you more passion for His Word this year.

Tuesday, January 6

Oftentimes, the trickiest part of SOAP is Observation. If you ever feel "stuck", pay attention to the verbs. What is the action being described? You can also look for people, ideas, or characteristics that are being compared or contrasted to each other. Why?

Passage: Hebrews 4:12

Activity: Read the verse slowly 2-3 times. Write down 4 observations, considering each one individually.

Wednesday, January 7

As we introduce methods to you, we will provide different amounts of guidance. This is never meant to limit you, but rather provide ways to practice that method that may not have occurred to you on your own.

Passage: Matthew 7:24-27

Activity: **S** – Copy one verse/phrase that stood out. **O** – What differences are there between the wise and the foolish? What’s the same? **A** – Where am I building on sand? Rock? **P** – Write down a one-sentence prayer you want to carry through your day.

Thursday, January 8

Some days, we won’t give you any specific prompting. Let’s call it independent practice.

Passage: Choose Psalm 1 or James 1:22-25. Or both, up to you.

Activity: Complete SOAP independent of any other prompts today.

Friday, January 9

As important as it is to take steps forward, it’s also important to reflect back.

Passage: Review the passages from the previous four days.

Activity: Write down responses to “What did I learn about God’s Word?” and “What did I learn about myself?”

Saturday, January 10 – Sunday, January 11

This weekend is “free space” for application!

Passage: Choose any passage from the Bible you want.

Activity: Engage with that passage any way you want to (including SOAP).