

NOVEMBER

Sun 1st (as for Sat Oct 31st) Proverbs 13

“Those who spare the rod hate their children, but those who love them are careful to discipline them” (v 24). What might this proverb mean in practice, in the light of today’s trends? What do you see as the wisdom here?

Mon 2nd Mark 14:27-52

Tues 3rd Mark 14:53-72

Wed 4th Mark 15:1-20

Thurs 5th Mark 15:21-47

Fri 6th Mark 16

Sat & Sun 7th & 8th Proverbs 14

“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones” (v 30). This colourful proverb indicates the importance of inner peace which flows from God. Take time now to ask God to fill your heart with peace. Drink deeply.

Mon 9th 1 Chronicles 1

Tues 10th 1 Chronicles 2

Wed 11th 1 Chronicles 3

Thurs 12th 1 Chronicles 4

Fri 13th 1 Chronicles 5

Sat & Sun 14th & 15th Proverbs 15

“Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil” (v 16). Be reminded today of that which matters. So much of life can be striving for things that count for little. Honour God today as your true treasure.

Mon 16th 1 Chronicles 6:1-49

Tues 17th 1 Chronicles 6:50-81

Wed 18th 1 Chronicles 7

Thurs 19th 1 Chronicles 8

Fri 20th 1 Chronicles 9:1-34

Sat & Sun 21st & 22nd Proverbs 16

“How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver! (v 16). What is wisdom in life today? Where do we find it? How do we pass it on? Compare James 1:5. Ask God for more wisdom.

Mon 23rd 1 Chronicles 9:35-10:14

Tues 24th 1 Chronicles 11

Wed 25th 1 Chronicles 12

Thurs 26th 1 Chronicles 13 & 14

Fri 27th 1 Chronicles 15

Sat & Sun 28th & 29th Proverbs 17 (Advent 1)

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones” (v 22). Being cheerful is a gift to others. Is there someone you know who has a crushed spirit? How might you bring good cheer to them this week?

Mon 30th 1 Chronicles 16

DECEMBER

Tues 1st 1 Chronicles 17

Wed 2nd 1 Chronicles 18

Thurs 3rd 1 Chronicles 19 & 20

Fri 4th 1 Chronicles 21

Sat & Sun 5th & 6th Proverbs 18 (Advent 2)

“A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great” (v 16). The power of giving – opens doors for things to happen – both giver and receiver being blessed. In what ways have you experienced blessing through giving in recent times?

Mon 7th 1 Chronicles 22

Tues 8th 1 Chronicles 23

Wed 9th 1 Chronicles 24

Thurs 10th 1 Chronicles 25

Fri 11th 1 Chronicles 26

Sat & Sun 12th & 13th Proverbs 19 (Advent 3)

“Many are the plans in a human heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails” (v 21). What are your plans right now? How do you see the Lord’s purpose being worked out in them? Are there any changes of plans needed to express that purpose?

Mon 14th 1 Chronicles 27

Tues 15th 1 Chronicles 28

Wed 16th 1 Chronicles 29

Thurs 17th Philippians 1

Fri 18th Philippians 2

Sat & Sun 19th & 20th Proverbs 20 (Advent 4)

“Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?” (v 6). It is the quality of our lives and not the size of our claims that matters. What are your best characteristics? Where do you need to grow? Pray for it now.

Mon 21st Philippians 3

Tues 22nd Philippians 4

Wed 23rd Colossians 1

Thurs 24th Colossians 2

Fri 25th Colossians 3 (Christmas Day)

Sat & Sun 26th & 27th Proverbs 21

“People may think all their ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart” (v 2). This proverb reminds us as to our true judge. He sees more deeply than we do, even into ourselves. Ask the Lord to give you a heart fully turned to Him.

Mon 28th Colossians 4

Tues 29th 1 Thessalonians 1

Wed 30th 1 Thessalonians 2

Thurs 31st 1 Thessalonians 3

JANUARY

Fri 1st 1 Thessalonians 4 (New Year's Day)

Sat & Sun 2nd & 3rd Proverbs 22

'Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it' (v6). The early years are the formative years. Pray today for children you know, for schools and RE teachers, for the church's ministry with children.

Mon 4th 1 Thessalonians 5

Tues 5th 2 Thessalonians 1

Wed 6th 2 Thessalonians 2

Thurs 7th 2 Thessalonians 3

Fri 8th 1 Timothy 1

Sat & Sun 9th & 10th Proverbs 23

'Cast but a glance at riches and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle' (v5). Trust in material wealth is misplaced. It cannot save us. Compare the riches which last: Ephesians 2:7; 3:8.

Mon 11th 1 Timothy 2

Tues 12th 1 Timothy 3

Wed 13th 1 Timothy 4

Thurs 14th 1 Timothy 5

Fri 15th 1 Timothy 6

Sat & Sun 16th & 17th Proverbs 24

Pay back or revenge only cause further trouble. (v29) Even if you feel unjustly treated, exercise forgiveness – as God has forgiven you. Is there anyone you need to forgive today?

Mon 18th 2 Timothy 1

Tues 19th 2 Timothy 2

Wed 20th 2 Timothy 3

Thurs 21st 2 Timothy 4

Fri 22nd 2 Chronicles 1

Sat & Sun 23rd & 24th Psalm 42 & 43

Can you identify the verse that forms the theme of these psalms? Use it as your prayer today, especially if you are feeling downcast. Remember that you can lay all your feelings before him.

Mon 25th 2 Chronicles 2 & 3

Tues 26th 2 Chronicles 4 & 5

(Australia Day)

Wed 27th 2 Chronicles 6

Thurs 28th 2 Chronicles 7 & 8

Fri 29th 2 Chronicles 9

Sat & Sun 30th & 31st Psalm 44

This psalm forms a plea for God to act. 'Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep?' (v23) 'Rise up and help us' (v26). Where do you see God's action needed today? In your own life? In the world? Cry out to him to act in our day!

ST LUKES BIBLE READING PLAN

NOVEMBER 09 – JANUARY 10



GROWING AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST

The following plan can help you to read the Bible in a regular and systematic way, and develop your relationship with God, through dependence on the Holy Spirit. Before you start, make sure you have a Bible in a translation that you find easy to read. You may well find it helpful to write down your journey along the way; use an exercise book or specially produced journal. Pray, asking God to speak to you, teach you and feed you. The acronym SOAP provides a model to help you read and reflect on God's Word.

S = SCRIPTURE. Read the passage for the day from the Bible Reading Plan.

O = OBSERVATION. What did you observe from the passage – its meaning? Was there a particular verse that stood out to you?

A = APPLICATION. What area of application – inspiration, encouragement, correction, etc - can you see in your life at this time?

P = PRAYER. Take this to God in prayer.

A question or suggestion for reflection follows the weekend reading.

Share your insights and questions with another Christian.

***'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.'* Ps 119:105 (TNIV)**

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