



**THE
EZRA PROJECT**[®]
connecting God's people to God's Word

SWEETER THAN HONEY

DR. WOODROW KROLL

“The Bible has survived the attacks of its critics; but it is struggling to survive the neglect of its friends.”

LIFEWAY & CHARISMA

“When it comes to our nation understanding the Bible, we’re moving from dumb to dumber...and its no laughing matter...Non-Christians don’t have even the general idea of the Bible they once did. Christians are not seeing the life change that real Bible engagement brings. The result is a nation in spiritual free fall...We are living in a post-biblically literate culture.”

LIFEWAY & CHARISMA

“We have a biblical literacy deficit in part because we have a spiritual maturity deficit. Plenty of research shows the correlation between spiritual maturity and reading the Bible...You simply won’t grow if you don’t know God and spend time in His Word.”

LIFEWAY & CHARISMA

- **19% every day**
- **26% a few times a week**
- **14% once a week**
- **22% at least once a month**
- **18% rarely or never**

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-5

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

PSALM 19:7-11

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.”

PSALM 119:103

***"How sweet are Your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!"***



WHY READ THE BIBLE?

1. It's God's Word -- "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" John 1:1
2. God told you to -- "*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*" Joshua 1:8

WHY READ THE BIBLE?

- 3. God told you to -- "*These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*" Acts 17:11-12**
- 4. It's very important -- "*For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*" Psalm 138:2**

HONEY

“Honey was the sweetest of all substances, and regarded as an article of luxury...the truth of God, as revealed...affords more pleasure to the soul, than that which is esteemed as the highest luxury to the palate...it is loved; it is pleasant; it is agreeable; it is not regarded merely as necessary...as medicine is, but it is received into the soul because it is delighted in, or is more agreeable and pleasant than the most luscious article of food is to the taste.” Albert Barnes

HOW TO ENJOY GOD'S WORD

1. **Make time for Bible reading**—*“Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.”* Psalm 55:17
2. **Read to be transformed not informed**—*“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* Hebrews 4:12

HOW TO ENJOY GOD'S WORD

- 3. Apply God's Word to daily life—*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves...he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one is blessed in what he does."* James 1:22-25**
- 4. Journal—*"Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you."* Jeremiah 30:2**

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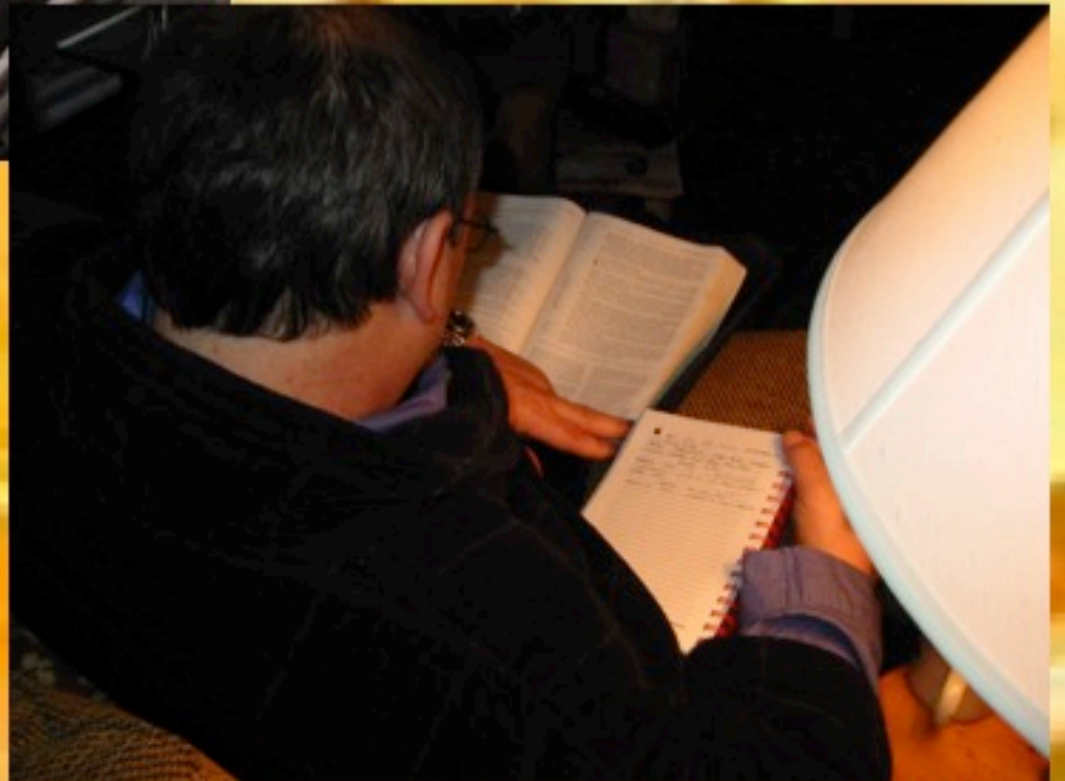


- **Bible Reading Schedules**
 - **Bible Reading Tracker**
 - **Versions of the Bible**
- **Methods of Daily Bible Reading**
 - **Journaling Tips**
 - **Sample Journal Page**
 - **200 Journal Pages**
 - **Prayer List**





A PLAN



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- 1. From beginning to end**
- 2. With daily Bible reading calendars/daily devotions**
- 3. One-year Bible**
- 4. Chronological**
- 5. Book at a time**

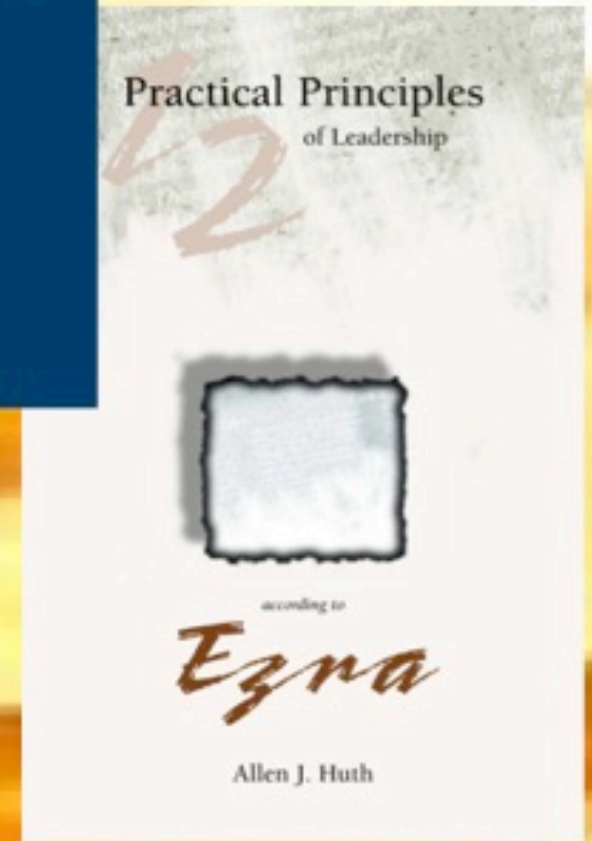
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- 6. Book a month**
- 7. New Testament only**
- 8. Old Testament only**
- 9. Let it fall open**
- 10. With commentaries**
- 11. **ADDBIBLE**, Audio Daily Devotion podcast**

2 KINGS 23:3-4

“Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.”

EZRA PROJECT RESOURCES



**ADD
BIBLE**

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