

Getting a Bible

One of the goals of your Christian walk is to get you “hooked” on reading the Bible, God’s Love letter. Here are a few ideas to help you on your way:

Pick Up A Bible.

There are several great Bibles that are available at reasonable cost from a Christian book store or many times at a used book store. The best ones to start with are:

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1. NLT Compact Bible: The New Living Translation (NLT) is easy to understand because it’s written in clear, contemporary English.

2. Student Life Application Bible (NLT):

This translation of the Bible includes student notes with background information written directly for students.

3. The One Minute Bible (devotional):

The One Minute Bible has 365 one-minute portions of the Bible with an application for each day. All you have to do is read one minute a day. If you miss three days, it only takes four minutes to be caught up!

WHAT KINDS OF BIBLES ARE THERE?

Any Bible written in English has been translated from the languages of the original writers (Hebrew and Greek). Some English translations are easier to read than others.

The following is a list of common translations listed (in our opinion) from easiest to most difficult to read:

- New Living Translation (NLT)
- New Century Version (NCV)
- New International Version (NIV)
- New American Standard Bible (NASB)
- New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)
- New King James Version (NKJV)

Pick a Good Place to Start Reading.

A lot of people *TRY* to read their Bible from cover to cover. Only a few make it all the way through. One reason this is difficult is because the books of the Bible are not arranged so that one book always leads directly to the next. Upon further study, you’ll see what that means.

Start with the gospel of Mark (New Testament) and then Genesis (Old Testament). By reading these two books, you get an overview of the life of Jesus and the big picture of God’s creation and our human condition.

Many Bible-teaching, Bible-believing churches have bibles they will give you free.

Check with the pastor or youth pastor at one of those churches.