

Developing Through Intimacy with God



Leading from an Overflow

“We are to major on the depth of our relationship with God, and
He will take care of the breadth of our influence.”

“Don’t sacrifice depth for area.” Graham Scroggie to J.O. Sanders

1. **Concentrate on a Core Set of Bible Books/Topics** - select several books/topics and major on knowing everything about them through reading, devotions, and personal Bible study; the goal is developing intimacy with Christ and growing in wisdom, *not* increased knowledge; minimum of four books: a gospel, Romans, Ephesians, and one of your choosing; the more influence you have the more that needs to be in your Core Set
2. **Read and Re-read the Bible** - challenge yourself to use a NT or OT reading plan for reading through *in a month*; seek to saturate your mind with Scripture
3. **Memorize Scripture** - organize a systematic review for previously memorized verses; determine a maximum number of verses in your old review
4. **Deepen your Prayer Life** - pray over Scriptural promises and key character qualities; pray strategically for the world
5. **Develop an Expertise** - work to maximize your spiritual gifts, natural abilities, and acquired skills; seek opportunities to serve in your strengths
6. **Read and Re-read Good Books** - be selective in what you read; read the classics that have stood the test of time; master a few books; mark your books; “Leaders are readers.”
7. **Develop your Devotional Life** - use it for relationship, study, and reflection; use devotional guides and reference books in your devotions; focus in your Core Set books
8. **Pursue Personal Time with Leaders** - phone calls, emails, personal visits; seek them out at conferences / retreats / meetings; ask questions to draw on their wisdom and strengths
9. **Seek Out Mentors** - seek those that can help you in specific areas (can be local or long distance); use historical mentors (read biographies)

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A Core Set of Bible Books

The concept of trying to master a Core Set of books instead of the entire Bible originated with Dr. Bobby Clinton. *The more influence a leader has, the more books one should have in their Core Set.* In addition to books of the Bible, one may have key passages (i.e. The Sermon on the Mount, 1 Corinthians 13), Bible characters (i.e. Paul, Sarah), or topics (i.e. discipling, missions, leadership).

The following are my personal Core Set of Bible books / topics that I am trying to master.

<u>Book</u>	<u>Topic or Focus</u>
1. Genesis	Abraham, Joseph, Creation, manhood/womanhood, sin, promises
2. Exodus	Moses, leadership, character of God
3. Numbers	Moses, leadership, character of God
4. Joshua	Joshua, leadership, character of God
5. 1 & 2 Samuel	Saul, Samuel, David, leadership, promises
6. Nehemiah	Nehemiah, leadership
7. Proverbs	Wisdom; money management; parenting
8. Mark	Jesus, leadership, training, ministry strategy, Christian living
9. Luke	Jesus, leadership, training, ministry strategy, Christian living
10. Acts	Paul, leadership, ministry strategy, promises
11. Romans	Gospel, grace, Christian living, spiritual gifts, resurrection
12. 1 & 2 Corinthians	Spiritual gifts, marriage, Christian living
13. Ephesians	Body of Christ, relationships, marriage, spiritual warfare
14. 1 & 2 Timothy	Timothy, leadership
15. Hebrews	O.T. typology, faith

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NT Reading Program
One-Month Reading Plan

30 Minutes a Day

DAY	READ
1	Matthew 1-8
2	Matthew 9-15
3	Matthew 16-22
4	Matthew 23-28
5	Mark 1-6
6	Mark 7-12
7	Mark 13 – Luke 2
8	Luke 3-7
9	Luke 8-12
10	Luke 13-19
11	Luke 20-24
12	John 1-7
13	John 6-13
14	John 14-21
15	Acts 1-7
16	Acts 8-13
17	Acts 14-20
18	Acts 21-28
19	Romans 1-8
20	Romans 9-16
21	1 Cor. 1 - 11
22	1 Cor.12 - Cor. 7
23	2 Cor. 8 – Gal.
24	Ephesians – Phil.
25	Col. – 2 Thes.
26	1 Tim.–Philemon
27	Hebrews 1-11
28	Heb. 12 - 1 Peter
29	2 Peter – Jude
30	Revelation 1-11
31	Revelation 12-22

OT History Reading
One-Month Reading Plan

45 Minutes a Day

DAY	READ
1	Genesis 1-11
2	Genesis 12-21
3	Genesis 22-29
4	Genesis 30-37
5	Genesis 38-45
6	Gen. 46 – Ex. 4
7	Exodus 5-13
8	Exodus 14-22
9	Exodus 23-32
10	Exodus 33-40
11	Joshua 1-10
12	Joshua 11-20
13	Joshua 21 – Jud. 4
14	Judges 5-12
15	Judges 13-21
16	1 Samuel 1-11
17	1 Samuel 12-18
18	1 Samuel 19-28
19	1 Sam 29-2 Sam 6
20	2 Samuel 7-15
21	2 Samuel 16-22
22	2 Sam 23 - 1 Kg 4
23	1 Kings 5-10
24	1 Kings 11-18
25	1 Kg. 19 - 2 Kg. 3
26	2 Kings 4-9
27	2 Kings 10-17
28	2 Kings 18-25
29	Ezra 1-10
30	Nehemiah 1-7
31	Nehemiah 8-13

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Leadership Bibliography: Books to be read for a foundational understanding of leadership

The Bible - read and study this Book first as your basis for understanding the principles of spiritual leadership; this will be the grid through which you evaluate all other teaching and example on the subject of leadership

- **Leadership Concepts**

1. *Spiritual Leadership* / Sanders
2. *Leadership is an Art* / DePree
3. *Leadership Jazz* / DePree
4. *Leaders: Strategies for Taking Charge* / Bennis & Nanus
5. *Principle Centered Leadership* / Covey
6. *The Leadership Challenge* / Kouzes
7. *The Making of a Leader* / Clinton

- **Leadership Practice**

1. *The Effective Executive* / Drucker
2. *Developing the Leader Within You* / Maxwell
3. *Developing the Leaders Around You* / Maxwell
4. *Training of the Twelve* / Bruce
5. *The Founding Fathers on Leadership* / Phillips
6. *Leading Change* / Kotter
7. *Biographies of great leaders*