

Infographic: You Have More Time for Bible Reading than You Think

Time Well Spent?

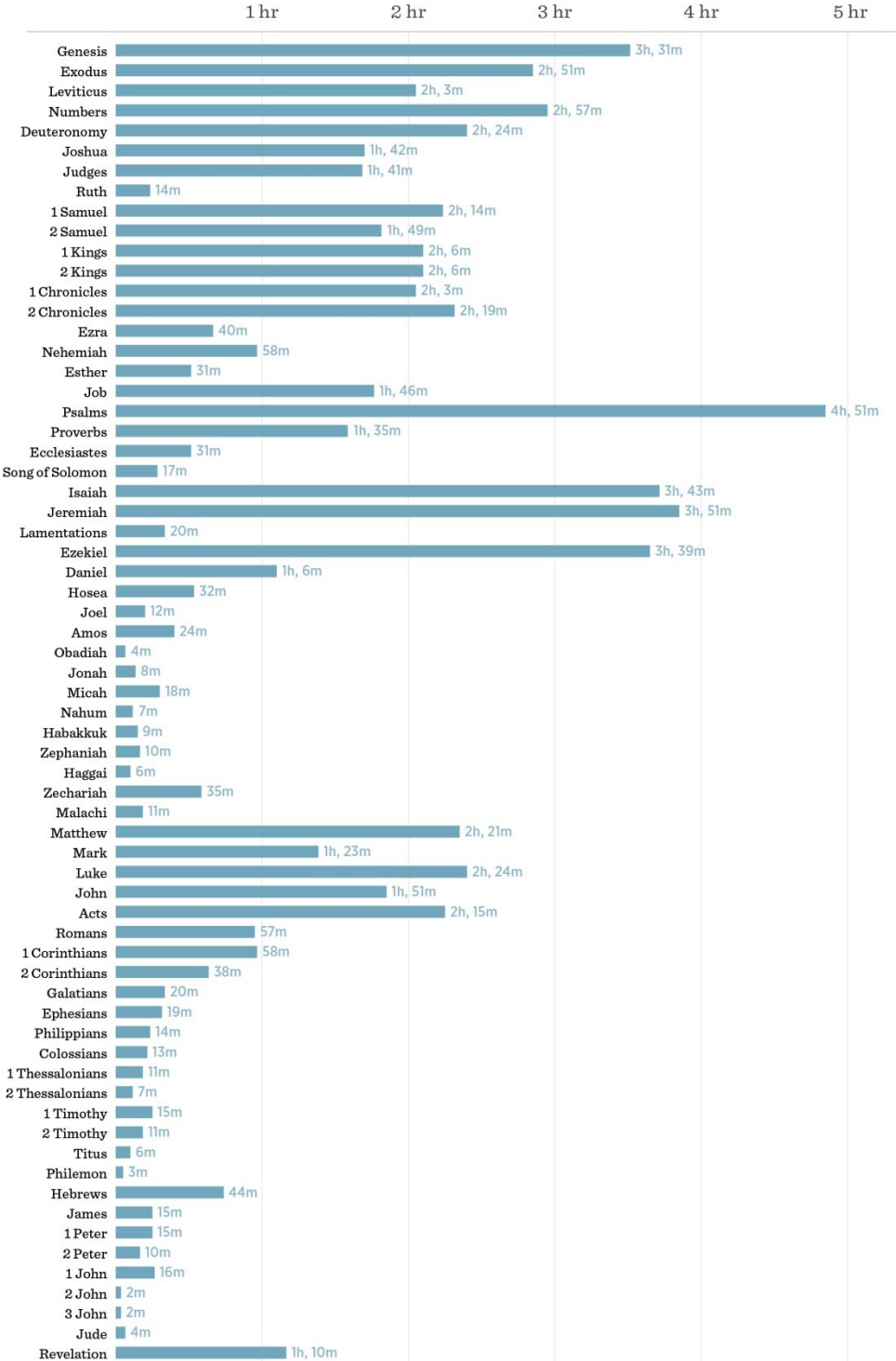
If someone observed an average day in your life, how would they see you spend your time? How much of your time is given to TV, Facebook, YouTube, podcasts, hobbies, and housework? How much time do you devote to Bible reading?

In August 2018, we surveyed over 11,000 readers, asking questions about how much time they spend doing some of the things mentioned above. We then compared those responses with the average amount of time it takes to read various portions of Scripture.

See what we discovered in the infographic below.

READING EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE

How long does it take to read each book of the Bible?



Takeaway

Do you have a spare 5 minutes in your day? Take up and read the book of Jude or maybe even Obadiah. Do you have 15 minutes? Read Ruth or Philippians. Do you have an hour? Immerse yourself in Nehemiah or Romans.

Time well spent!

READING THE TESTAMENTS OF THE BIBLE

How much time per day would the average person need to set aside to read through the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?

Per Day

<i>Old Testament</i> 56 hrs, 44 mins	8 hrs, 6 mins	1 hr, 53 mins	38 mins	19 mins	9 mins	5 mins
<i>New Testament</i> 17 hrs, 44 mins	2 hrs, 32 mins	35 mins	12 mins	6 mins	3 mins	1 mins
<i>Whole Bible</i> 74 hrs, 28 mins	10 hrs, 38 mins	2 hrs, 29 mins	50 mins	25 mins	12 mins	6 mins
	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years

Takeaway

In just 12 minutes per day, you could read the whole Bible in a year. Does that still feel a bit ambitious? In just 6 minutes per day, you could read the entire New Testament over the course of

6 months. Whatever your pace, the point is to make daily Bible reading a habit. You'll be surprised by how much you can read over the course of a relatively short period of time!

READING THE SIX MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE BIBLE

How long does it take to read various sections of the Bible?

	<i>Per Day</i>					
	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years
<i>Pentateuch</i> 13 hrs, 46 mins	1 hr, 58 mins	28 mins	9 mins	5 mins	2 mins	1 min
<i>Historical Books</i> 16 hrs, 41 mins	2 hrs, 23 mins	33 mins	11 mins	6 mins	3 mins	1 min
<i>Writings</i> 9 hrs	1 hr, 17 mins	18 mins	6 mins	3 mins	1 min	Under 1 min
<i>Prophets</i> 15 hrs, 35 mins	2 hrs, 14 mins	31 mins	10 mins	5 mins	3 mins	1 min
<i>Gospels & Acts</i> 10 hrs, 14 mins	1 hr, 28 mins	20 mins	7 mins	3 mins	2 mins	Under 1 min
<i>Epistles & Revelation</i> 7 hrs, 30 mins	1 hr, 4 mins	15 mins	5 mins	3 mins	1 min	Under 1 min

Takeaway

It takes about 10 hours total to read all four Gospels and the book of Acts. If you spend 20 minutes per day, you could read all 5 books in just 1 month. It takes about 15 hours to read all of

the Prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi. Spend just 30 minutes a day reading the Prophets, and a month from now you will have finished all 17 prophetic books. What other patterns can you find?

30 MINUTES PER DAY

What percentage of people spend 30 minutes or more each day engaging with the following activities?



Email 70%



TV 59%



Books 55%



Housework 55%



Hobbies 42%



Podcasts 32%



Facebook 28%



YouTube 26%



Instagram 11%



Twitter 6%

How much could you read spending 30 minutes with your Bible every day?

<i>the book of</i> ECCLESIASTES	1 <i>day</i>
<i>the book of</i> ROMANS	2 <i>days</i>
<i>the Gospel of</i> MARK	3 <i>days</i>
<i>the book of</i> GENESIS	7 <i>days</i>
<i>the book of</i> PSALMS	10 <i>days</i>
<i>the</i> EPISTLES & REVELATION	15 <i>days</i>
<i>the</i> PENTATEUCH	30 <i>days</i>
<i>the</i> NEW TESTAMENT	40 <i>days</i>
<i>the</i> OLD TESTAMENT	120 <i>days</i>
<i>the</i> WHOLE BIBLE	160 <i>days</i>

Takeaway

While none of these types of media is inherently evil, they do tend to take up our time and energy in ways we don't anticipate. As you look at the list of activities, which stats are true of you? In what areas could you cut back in order to make more time for Bible reading and prayer?

It's remarkable what we would be able to accomplish if we consistently set aside even just a small amount of time each day for focused Bible reading. Imagine how our lives personally—and the church corporately—would be impacted by Christians reading the entire Bible over the next year!

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