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## Yearly Bible Reading Schedule

**Sunday:** Genesis 1-5  
**Monday:** Genesis 6-11  
**Tuesday:** Genesis 12-17  
**Wednesday:** Genesis 17-22  
**Thursday:** Genesis 23-28  
**Friday:** Genesis 29-33  
**Saturday:** Genesis 34-37

This will be a yearly reading schedule that will get you through the entire Bible in only one year! The first week is very tedious because we are already six days into the New Year. So push hard for one week and then we will be back on track to start a more relaxed schedule. Remember that God's word is the greatest book ever written. Let's all go on a journey through this story together!



**“And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”**

~ Luke 2:7

*“The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people.”*

~ Gilbert K. Chesterton

# Discovering Truth

*Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11*

## Resetting Your Life

When I was little I loved to play video games. Whenever something didn't go my way in the video game, there was always a little button that I could press and it would make life so much easier; it was the “reset” button. This is a great time of year because everyone is wanting to make changes in their lives. It's like everyone is hitting the “reset” button. It's the time of year where people will make New Year's resolutions and then three weeks later, the resolutions have been forgotten.

If we're not careful, our spiritual lives can end up the same way. At the beginning of the year we get so excited to start our “new” lives. We've promised to attend more, we've promised to participate more, we've promised to pray more, sing more, and read more. We start off the year with a strong passion for serving God, but in about three weeks we're back where we started. It's time we restart our lives. It's time we start giving more attention to Godly things.

Here are some ways you can start forming some godly habits:

1. Make time devoted to prayer. Most people will say they don't have time to pray like they want to. Learn to pray while you're at your desk, in the car (keep your eyes open please), and before meals. If you want, set your alarm 5 minutes earlier so you can have a few extra minutes to pray before you start your day.
2. Read 10 minutes a day. We are all leading busy lives. Things seem to stack up so fast. But if you can carve out 10 minutes a day to read your scriptures, you will be surprised by how fast you start to grow closer to God.
3. Take things one day at a time. Too many times people will get overwhelmed by the task in front of them. When we make a resolution, we want overnight results. And when the results don't come as fast as we want them to, then we get discouraged and give up. Take it one day at a time. Tell yourself you are going to pray **today**. Don't worry about the rest of the week. And when you wake up tomorrow, tell yourself that you need to pray **today**. Slowly but surely you are building the spiritual building blocks of godly habits.

Not very many people take the time or put in the effort to restart their lives. But for those who do the reward is worth it. Go ahead, hit the “restart” button. Some of you might have already broken your New Year's resolutions. Don't worry, you have a “restart” button. “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God” (1 Pet. 3:18). God's already given us a restart, it's time to start using it.

~ Kevin



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## Our Services

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

### Our Elders:

Calvin Cooper.....408-258-3607  
Lalo Enriquez.....408-270-7327  
V. R. Hogan.....408-629-3055  
Charles Williamson.....408-926-9957

### Our Deacons:

Derrick Carbin.....408-238-5507  
Lenard Boesch.....408-226-0867  
Gus Rodriquez.....408-914-5762

### Our Evangelist:

Kevin Harrington.....714-364-7428  
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## 2013 Theme: “Seek and Save”

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”  
– Lk. 19:10



*“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” – Psalm 119:151*

# The Five Percent

Scripture Reading: Phil. 1:21-22

- ❖ 5% of Christians are actively fulfilling the \_\_\_\_\_ to evangelize
  - That means that 95% are blatantly \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's command.
- ❖ Characteristics of the 5%
  - Put \_\_\_\_\_ first
    - John 6:38; Matthew 6:9-10; 7:21; Luke 22:42
  - To live is \_\_\_\_\_
    - Philippians 1:21-22
    - Every Christian's job is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - People that live for Christ are \_\_\_\_\_ without realizing it
    - Their thoughts, actions, words, dress, and attitude all \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
    - Evangelism is not just teachings a class; it's a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"True and proper church growth will only take place when everyone is doing their part. When we have a heart that seeks the Lord, we will have eyes that seek the lost."*

1. What am I currently doing to help the Lord's church with spreading the Gospel?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
2. What goals will I set for myself to become more active in spreading the Gospel?  
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3. How am I going to accomplish these goals that I've set for myself?  
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**This Morning's Sermon:**  
**Elders Presentation**

Elders

**This Evening's Sermon:**  
**The Five Percent**

Kevin Harrington

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Daily Spark #21

*Exodus 20:13 "You shall not murder"*

The sixth commandment seems like a no brainer. You shouldn't take the life of another person. But for some reason this has always been a problem with mankind. The first family that walked on this earth had murder in it. Cain killed his brother, Abel. And there must have still been a problem with murder with the children of Israel. As God is giving His commandments to His chosen nation, he makes sure to include that they shouldn't kill.

God knew that if His nation was going to survive, they needed to love one another and get along. They were going to wander in the desert together, they were going to live together, they were going on a military campaign together. God knew that they were going to need to lean on, depend on, and most importantly love one another. There is something in a human being that tells us not to murder, but yet, it still happens. I wonder what this world would be like if more people loved the way God loves. God has demonstrated His love in so many ways. He sent His Son to earth to die for you and me. He died so we can have salvation and forgiveness for our sins. God's incredible love is the reason we have hope in this life.

"You shall not murder" is a little self explanatory. It's almost an easy commandment that many of us feel like we don't have to worry about. I've never had the urge to go out and murder someone, and if we aren't careful, we find ourselves forgetting this important commandment. I think we can murder more than just people.

How many of you have known someone who has fallen from the faith? How many of you have known someone who decided they don't want to follow Jesus Christ anymore? I think most of us don't have to worry about murdering a person, but we do have to be mindful of murdering faith. I don't think it's a coincidence that Paul talks about once you're baptized, you live a new life. Killing our faith can have disastrous results. When we let our faith die, we jeopardize our future with our Father and Creator. Sadly, faith is the biggest casualty in the world today. Many people are giving up their faith to give into what the world wants. People murder their faith everyday by deciding they no longer want anything to do with Jesus.

I believe that murdering your faith or someone else's faith, is worse than murdering a person. They are both horrible and both carry heavy consequences, but when we see someone deliberately throw their faith away, it's a sad day in heaven. God wants all of His children to come be with Him in heaven, but the murder of faith takes that opportunity away.

Ask yourself today what you are doing for your faith. Are you building and strengthening your faith or are you letting your faith dwindle away? We should be building our faith up so we can become stronger in the Lord. I believe we are not only responsible for keeping our own faith alive, but also for the faith of others.

I encourage you today to evaluate where you are with God. It's easy to say, "I won't murder someone today." It's almost comical to think things like that. But how many of us wake up and say, "I won't let anyone murder my faith today." How are you going to strengthen yourself today? How are you going to strengthen others?

~ Kevin

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