



H A P P Y N E W Y E A R ! ! !

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My covenant with God

#1- I will pray and read the Bible every day

1. The word covenant is found in the OT about 300 times and in the NT about 40 times.
2. God is a covenant making and keeping God.
3. Embracing the covenant nature and relationship of God brings blessing.
4. Ignoring the covenant nature and relationship brings destruction.
5. God is good, God is loving, and God is faithful.

Covenant with God

1. We will **seek God** and His righteousness first and above all else. We recognize the power of His Word and will commit to daily reading so that we will be empowered to live a pure life in our thoughts, actions, and emotions as the Holy Spirit enables us. We will spend time with him in prayer recognizing that spiritual growth is impossible without prayer.

Acts 6:1-5 (NLT2) ¹ *But as the believers **rapidly multiplied**, there were **rumblings of discontent**. The Greek-speaking believers **complained** about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being **discriminated** against in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve **called a meeting of all** the believers. **They said**, "We apostles should spend our time **teaching the word of God**, not running a food program. ³ And so, brothers, select seven men who are **well respected** and are **full of the Spirit** and **wisdom**. **We will give them this responsibility**. ⁴ Then we apostles can spend our time in **prayer and teaching the word**." ⁵ **Everyone liked this idea**. . .*

What you need to know: Prayer and Bible study are **necessary** for spiritual success and growth.

1. The importance of daily Bible study

1. The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

1 Thessalonians 2:13

2 Peter 1:21

2. Reading the Bible with proper approach is essential.

3. Here are five benefits to daily Bible reading:

- a. You will have power to overcome sin. Psalm 119:11 Isa 55:11
- b. You will have peace. Gal. 3:15 Phil 4:7 John 14:27

- c. You will find direction for life. Psalm 119:105 Pro 6:23 2 Pet 1:19
- d. You will receive strength and nourishment from it. Matt 4:4 John 6:63
- e. You will receive instruction, wisdom and discernment. 2 Tim 3:16-17 Psa 119:9

James 1:5

4. There are several plans for reading the Bible effectively.

- a. You can hear the entire Bible in 1 year by spending about 12 minutes a day listening to it.

thebiblechallenge.org biblestudytogether.com bible reading plans audio bible

- b. Read entire books of the Bible, noting the background. Spend as much time as required. Over 1/2 of the NT books require less than 30 minutes to read

2. The importance of daily prayer

1. The Bible is built on the importance of praying to God. It is the great singular theme for all believers.

2. Prayer should always be viewed as a path to know and please God most of all.

3. Here are five benefits to daily prayer:

- a. Prayer is how to develop a relationship with God.
- b. Prayer has been designed by God as a process for spiritual power.
- c. Prayer allow you to release your burden to God.
- d. Prayer request God's intervention and provision for life.
- e. Prayer engages you in the great enterprise of the Church.

4. Prayer is to be a foundational part of every Christians life. Not a use in case of emergency contraption.

5. The best way to make sure we pray is intentionality. (Guard against legalism and empty repetition)

- a. pray when you wake up (Make an appointment for prayer)
- b. pray before you go to sleep
- c. pray when your grateful
- d. pray when you are in need
- e. pray immediately
- f. pray with family and friends

6. Use a plan to help you pray.

- a. weekly prayer guide.
- b. A -Adoration C – Confession T- Thanksgiving S – Supplication

Make a commitment to pray and read your Bible every day this year.

2 Chronicles 15:12 (NLT2) *Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul.*