The C.A.M.P. Bible Reading Method¹

Pick up a small journal or spiral notebook and practice the CAMP Method.

C-Copy & Comprehend

- Pick a passage of Scripture to read, preferably from a reading plan. **Copy** one or two verses that really speak to you. Try to **comprehend** what God is saying and write a sentence or two explaining what God is saying.
- Below is 4-week plan to get you started.
- Visit: <u>www.broadriverbaptistassoc.org</u> click on the Resources tab and click on Bible Reading Plans. The 2-year plan is one of my favorites.
- Direct link: <u>https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d1037321f2ac7000148057d/t/5ff241e810ee9f5922a1d</u> <u>4e4/1609712104521/2+yr.+Bible+Reading+Plan.pdf</u>
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A-Apply

• God's Word is not just for our information, it should lead to our transformation. Ask yourself, "How does this passage apply to my life?" Write down a couple sentences how you plan to put this passage into practice. "I will" statements are good.

M-Meditate

• Many associate meditation with emptying the mind, but Biblical meditation is filling your mind with God's Word. This is where you take time to think about and reflect upon what you have just read, and how you are going to seek to apply it. During this time God often opens your mind and shows you more insight into the passage. Write down what He shows you.

P-Pray

- Write out a prayer thanking God for what He showed you and asking Him to help you apply it to your life. You may need to ask forgiveness and repent of your failure to obey what you read.
- After you finish, give your reading a title. (See Example Below)

¹ The C.A.M.P. Method was created by Dr. D.J. Horton, Pastor of Church at The Mill, Moore, SC. For more resources visit <u>www.livingworthyministries.com</u>

4 Week Reading Plan Through James

WEEK 1	WEEK 3
Monday- James 1:1-4	Monday-James 3:1-6
Tu e s d a y- James 1:5-8	Tu e s d ay-James 3:7-12
Wednesday- James 1:9-11	Wednesday-James 3:13-18
Thursday- James 1:12-15	Thursday-James 4:1-6
Friday- James 1:16-18	Friday-James 4:7-12
WEEK 2	WEEK 4
WEEK 2 Monday-James 1:19-21	WEEK 4 Monday-James 4:13-17
Monday-James 1:19-21	Monday-James 4:13-17
Monday-James 1:19-21 Tu e s d a y-James 1:22-27	Monday-James 4:13-17 Tu e s d a y-James 5:1-6

You can print this page, fold it and place in your Bible.

"How God Makes Me Better" James 1:1-4

Copy—James 1:3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Comprehend—God uses trials in my life to make me better. Satan uses them to try to make me bitter. God uses adversity to develop me. Satan uses adversity to try to destroy me. God helps us mature and grow up. He doesn't want His children to lack anything. He knows that trials can cause us to seek Him more, and therefore make us stronger.

Apply—I will strive to keep the right perspective on the trials I am facing. I will not let Satan cause me to become bitter, but I will thank God for how He will use my trials to make me better.

Meditate—This passage reminds me of Psalm 23. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want or lack

anything. Sometimes the shepherd disciplines his sheep when it goes astray, but his intention is not to hurt the sheep, but his intention is to help the sheep and ultimately save its life and lead it to green pastures. God sees when we are going down the wrong path, and He lovingly disciplines us to get us back on the right path, the path to the green pastures, where we will be well fed, at peace and satisfied.

Pray—God thank you for being my Shepherd. Thank you for showing your love to me even through my trials and when you are discipling me. Help me to keep the right attitude and the right perspective when I am in the midst of a trial. Help me to submit to the work you are doing on me through my trials.