

# Bible Reading Plan

## WEEK 1: LOVE OVER KNOWLEDGE

(Freedom shaped by love – 1 Corinthians 8:1–13)

### DAY 1 – WHEN KNOWLEDGE ISN'T ENOUGH

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 8:1–3

#### **BIG IDEA**

Knowledge alone can lead to pride, but love builds others up.

#### **DEVOTION**

Paul immediately challenges the Corinthian definition of maturity. They prized being right, informed, and spiritually advanced. But knowledge without love creates distance, not discipleship. Love is what gives knowledge its proper shape. True maturity is not proven by what we know, but by how our knowledge leads us to love God and care for others.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, shape my heart so that what I know always leads me to love.

#### **FURTHER READING**

1 Corinthians 13:1–3

James 3:13–18

Colossians 2:2–3

### DAY 2 – ONE LORD, ONE CENTER

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 8:4–6

#### **BIG IDEA**

There is one God and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist.

#### **DEVOTION**

Paul grounds freedom in theology. Knowing who God is frees us from fear and false allegiances. But truth is not meant to inflate us. It is meant to anchor us. When Jesus is truly Lord, our lives reorder around Him. Knowledge deepens devotion, not superiority.

#### **PRAYER**

Jesus, center my life around You alone.

#### **FURTHER READING**

Deuteronomy 6:4–5

John 1:1–4

Philippians 2:9–11

## DAY 3 – THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FREEDOM

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 8:7–9

### **BIG IDEA**

Spiritual freedom must be handled with care and awareness of others.

### **DEVOTION**

Not everyone matures at the same pace. Paul reminds the church that freedom without love can wound others. Christian maturity asks not only what is permissible, but what is beneficial. Love slows us down, helping us consider how our choices affect those still growing.

### **PRAYER**

Spirit, help me use my freedom in ways that serve others.

### **FURTHER READING**

Romans 14:13–19

Galatians 5:13–15

Philippians 2:3–4

## DAY 4 – WHAT LOVE IS WILLING TO RISK

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 8:10–11

### **BIG IDEA**

Misused freedom can harm the faith of others Christ died to save.

### **DEVOTION**

Paul brings weight to the conversation. Christ died for the very people our actions might harm. Love refuses to treat others casually. The value of a brother or sister always outweighs our personal preferences.

### **PRAYER**

Jesus, teach me to see others through the lens of Your sacrifice.

### **FURTHER READING**

Matthew 18:6–7

Romans 15:1–3

1 John 3:16–18

## DAY 5 – CHOOSING LOVE OVER RIGHTS

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 8:12–13

### **BIG IDEA**

Loving others sometimes means laying down legitimate freedoms.

## **DEVOTION**

Paul's conclusion is stunning. He would rather give something up forever than wound another believer. This is not weakness. It is Christlike strength. Love gladly limits itself for the good of others.

## **PRAYER**

Lord, help me choose love over my rights.

## **FURTHER READING**

Mark 10:42–45

Romans 12:9–10

1 Corinthians 10:23–24

## WEEK 2: THE DISCIPLINE OF PURPOSEFUL LIVING

(Rights surrendered for the sake of the gospel – 1 Corinthians 9:1–27)

### DAY 1 – RIGHTS YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 9:1–7

#### **BIG IDEA**

Paul affirms his rights, even though he chooses not to use them.

#### **DEVOTION**

Paul is clear: he has real rights. However, maturity is shown not by insisting on them, but by holding them loosely. Purposeful living means submitting even good things to God's mission.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, help me hold my rights with open hands.

#### **FURTHER READING**

Matthew 10:8–10

Acts 20:33–35

Philippians 2:4–7

### DAY 2 – TRUSTING GOD AS PROVIDER

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 9:8–14

#### **BIG IDEA**

God affirms the principle that workers deserve support.

#### **DEVOTION**

Scripture affirms provision, yet Paul still chooses restraint. The gospel frees us from entitlement and anchors us in trust. God is our source, even when we lay down what we deserve.

#### **PRAYER**

Father, help me trust You as my provider.

#### **FURTHER READING**

Deuteronomy 25:4

Matthew 6:25–34

Psalm 37:25

### DAY 3 – COMPELLED BY CALLING

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 9:15–18

#### **BIG IDEA**

The gospel is not a means of personal gain but a sacred calling.

## **DEVOTION**

Paul serves because he must. The gospel has claimed him. Purpose becomes clear when obedience matters more than reward.

## **PRAYER**

Jesus, purify my motives in serving You.

## **FURTHER READING**

Jeremiah 20:9

Acts 26:16–18

Colossians 3:23–24

## **DAY 4 – BECOMING ALL THINGS**

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 9:19–23

## **BIG IDEA**

Paul adapts his life to reach others without compromising the gospel.

## **DEVOTION**

Paul's flexibility flows from love, not compromise. He enters others' worlds so they might encounter Christ. Mission requires humility and empathy.

## **PRAYER**

Lord, give me a heart that meets people where they are.

## **FURTHER READING**

Acts 17:22–34

Romans 1:16

2 Corinthians 5:18–20

## **DAY 5 – RUNNING WITH INTENTION**

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

## **BIG IDEA**

The Christian life requires discipline, focus, and intentional effort.

## **DEVOTION**

Spiritual growth is not accidental. Paul calls believers to train with eternity in view. Discipline is not legalism; it is love aimed in the right direction.

## **PRAYER**

God, help me run my race with endurance and focus.

## **FURTHER READING**

Hebrews 12:1–3

2 Timothy 4:7–8

Proverbs 4:25–27

## **WEEK 3: GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN TEMPTATION**

(Strength to stand – 1 Corinthians 10:13)

### **DAY 1 – YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 10:13

#### **BIG IDEA**

Temptation is common, but God is faithful.

#### **DEVOTION**

Temptation isolates, but Scripture reminds us it is shared by all. God's faithfulness is constant, even in struggle.

#### **PRAYER**

Faithful God, thank You for walking with me in every trial.

#### **FURTHER READING**

Hebrews 2:17–18

Psalm 34:19

Lamentations 3:22–23

### **DAY 2 – GOD KNOWS YOUR LIMITS**

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 10:13

#### **BIG IDEA**

God sets limits on temptation so it does not overwhelm us.

#### **DEVOTION**

God is attentive to our weakness. His faithfulness guards us within what we can bear through Him.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, help me trust Your protection when temptation feels strong.

#### **FURTHER READING**

Psalm 103:13–14

Isaiah 41:10

2 Corinthians 12:9

### **DAY 3 – THE WAY OUT**

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 10:13

#### **BIG IDEA**

God always provides a way out.

**DEVOTION**

The escape is often obedience, not avoidance. God actively provides paths toward faithfulness.

**PRAYER**

Spirit, help me recognize and take the way out You provide.

**FURTHER READING**

Genesis 39:7–12

Matthew 26:41

James 4:7–8

**DAY 4 – A GUARDED HEART**

**READ:** Psalm 119:9–11

**BIG IDEA**

God's Word strengthens us to resist temptation.

**DEVOTION**

What fills our hearts shapes our responses. Scripture trains us before temptation arrives.

**PRAYER**

Lord, hide Your Word deep in my heart.

**FURTHER READING**

Matthew 4:1–11

Joshua 1:8

Colossians 3:16

**DAY 5 – GRACE IN THE STRUGGLE**

**READ:** Hebrews 4:14–16

**BIG IDEA**

Jesus understands our weakness and invites us to receive grace.

**DEVOTION**

Jesus meets us with mercy, not condemnation. Grace empowers us to stand and keeps us coming back.

**PRAYER**

Jesus, thank You for meeting me with grace when I am weak.

**FURTHER READING**

Romans 8:1–4

1 John 1:7–9

Jude 24–25