

# How to Read the Bible

## *Didactic Literature*

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

*2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17*

### **Goals:**

By reading a letter (an ‘epistle’), you’ll learn how to put into practice the principles that you just learned about didactic literature... This will help you to understand what the text means, and how it applies to your life.

**Day One:** Read the New Testament letter called ‘Colossians’ (all of it in one setting)

Who wrote *Colossians*? Who was *Colossians* written to?

**Paul wrote Colossians C1V1 (C1V1 = chapter 1, verse 1)**

**It was written to the Colossian believers.**

**Day Two:** Read Colossians again (all of it in one setting)

Why do you think Paul wrote this letter? (Hint: it’s in chapter two)

C2V4,8 so that no one would come along and deceive the Colossians about who Jesus was and what He did for them.

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Application 3

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**Day Three:** Read Colossians yet again (all of it in one setting)

What is different about chapters one and two versus three and four?

C1&2..doctrine, what Christians should be believing about Jesus.

C3&4..duty of how to live as Christians

**Day Four:** Read Colossians yet again (all of it in one setting)

What do you think that *Colossians* 2:6 means?

You received Him by a decision of your will. Continue to live by a decision of your will.

**Day Five:** Read Colossians yet again (all of it in one setting)

After reading *Colossians* 1:15-20 and *Colossians* 2:9, what do you think of Jesus?

Jesus is the Creator & Sustainer God.

**Day Six:** Read Colossians yet again (all of it in one setting)

*Colossians* 3:15-17 is extremely powerful. For us to accomplish everything described in *Colossians* 3:1-14, we need to have Jesus 'dwell richly' in us...