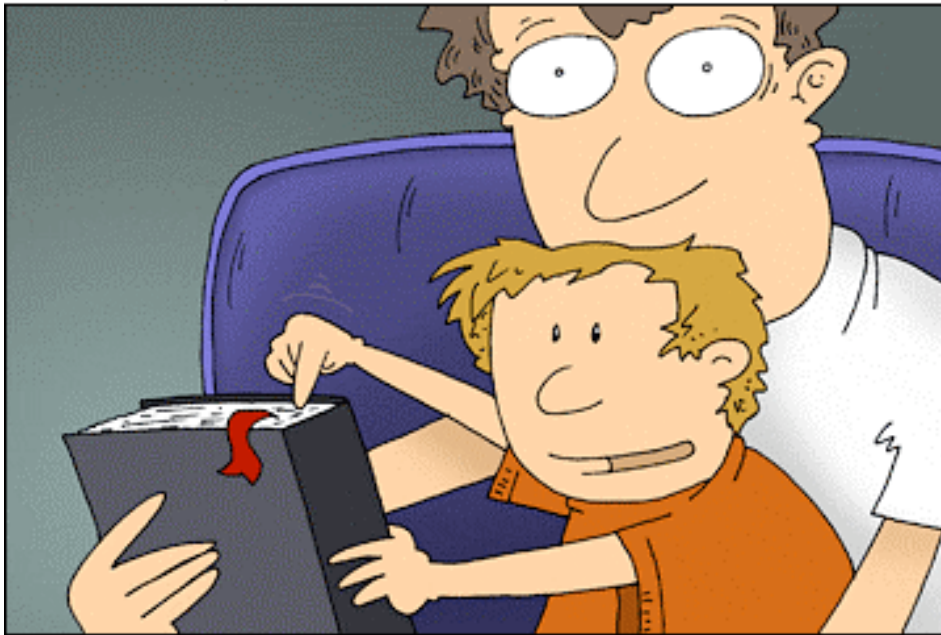


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I REALLY LIKE YOUR BIBLE, DAD ... HOW DO YOU TURN IT ON?

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resources to help you **read** the Bible

▪ WEBSITES

- Bible Gateway (www.biblegateway.com)
- You Version (www.youversion.com)

▪ EMAIL

- Bible Gateway (www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans). Choose one of their available reading plans and get it delivered to your inbox daily.
- Don Carson's daily devotional from 'For the Love of God' emailed to you (www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/loveofgod/)

▪ PHONE

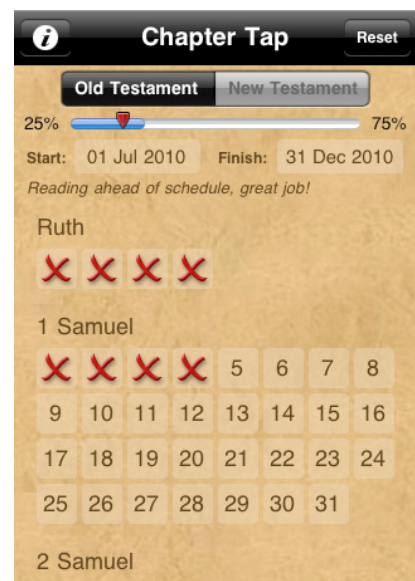
- Download a version of the Bible for your phone!
- You Version (www.youversion.com) - free. But you need to be connected to the internet.
- Lots of options out there!

▪ AUDIO

- Bible Gateway (www.biblegateway.com/resources/audio) - listen online and download some passages as MP3s
- Listeners Bible (www.listenersbible.com) - MP3 downloads. Some for purchase, some free samples including John's gospel.

▪ IPHONE APP: 'CHAPTER TAP - BIBLE'

- Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch and iPad
- \$0.99 (for iPhones)
- Visually see how much of the Bible you have read
- Set a finish goal date and the app will tell you what you should be reading today
- See if you are ahead, behind or on track with your reading goal
- Website: www.chaptertap.com



resources to help you pray

- OPERATION WORLD
 - www.operationworld.org
 - Social media updates - Twitter / Facebook
 - Lots of prayer points online

- WORLD NEWS SITES (SMH/BBC etc.)
 - Pray in response to current world events

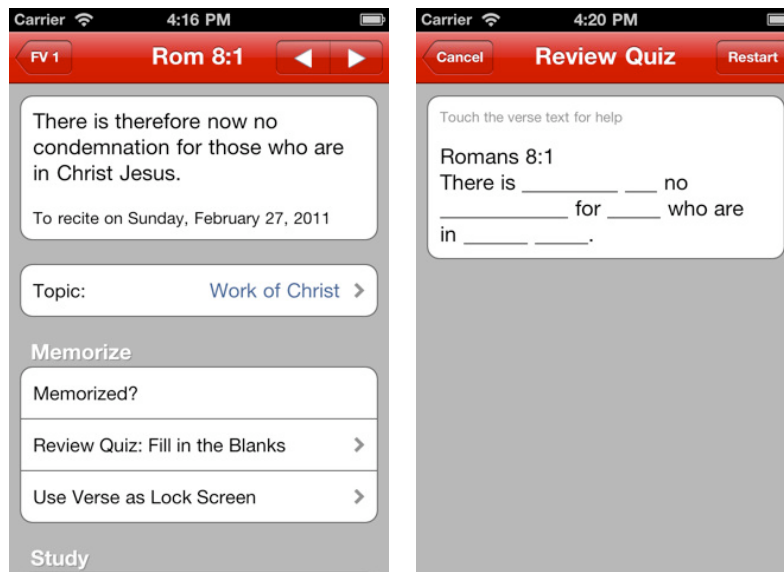
- CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEBSITE
 - www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship.aspx
 - Topical prayers e.g. Libya / Japan earthquake
 - Subscribe to daily prayers

- IPHONE APP: 'POCKET PRAYER'
 - Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch and iPad
 - Lite version is free. Pro version is \$1.99 for iPhones
 - Schedule upcoming prayer points e.g. pray on Friday for Susan's operation
 - Have recurring prayer points (weekly/monthly/annually) e.g. pray for CCIW every Monday
 - Track when prayers are answered
 - Sync with your address book to create lists of people to pray for
 - Has sample prayers to use



resources to help you remember the Bible

- IPHONE APP: 'FIGHTER VERSE'
 - Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, iPad and Android
 - \$3.99 to download (for iPhones)
 - Learn both individual verses and longer passages
 - Five-year program which includes 52 passages per year (260 total)
 - Website: www.fighterverses.com



- IPHONE APP: 'NIV ADVENTURE BIBLE MEMORY GAME'
 - Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch and iPad
 - Lite version is free to download (for iPhones)
 - Interactive and kid friendly
 - Fun games to help children learn and remember memory verses



5 tips for using technology well

1. REMEMBER THE GOAL

- The goal is not to be more technologically savvy!
- The goal is to embed rich and regular personal devotions into the rhythm of your busy life in order to grow more and more as God's child.

2. IT NEEDS TO HELP NOT HINDER

- If it doesn't help don't use it - even if you paid to download it!

3. YOU WILL NEED MORE SELF CONTROL

- Self-control in a wired world is very hard.
- Avoid the temptation to check email / update facebook / play games etc.

4. DOWNLOADING A NEW APP ISN'T ENOUGH!

- You need to make a plan for action. Decide when and where and how you will use the technology to read your Bible and pray.
- Be realistic and genuine about your barriers and have a plan to overcome them.
- Need both discipline and flexibility as you figure out what works for you.

5. START AGAIN AND AGAIN

- When you fall off the wagon, dust yourself off (figuratively speaking) and start again ... and again ... and again ...

"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies ... Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

- Psalm 119