How to Make Your Reading Plan

Author Justin Johnson recommends starting your reading with Paul's curriculum:

- 1. "Romans: Laying a doctrinal foundation; instilling right doctrine
- 2. Corinthians: Producing good works under grace; moving people to act
- 3. Galatians: Walking in the Spirit, not under law
- 4. **Ephesians:** The nature and mission of the church
- 5. **Philippians:** The mind of Christ; instruction in maturity
- 6. Colossians: Operating complete in Christ
- 7. Thessalonians: Comfort and hope waiting for the return of the Lord
- 8. 1 Timothy/ Titus: Teaching and leadership instructions
- 9. Philemon: Paul's example of charity
- 10. 2 Timothy: Final words for faithful men

You can see the natural doctrinal progression as you read through Paul's epistles that ends with the man of God being throughly furnished (2 Timothy 3:17). Every book fits somewhere in the Pauline curriculum... **Identify where you are in your growth, and start your study there.** Don't know where you are? Start at the beginning. Do not quit, and you will be able to teach others also (2 Tim 2:2)."

-Justin Johnson, Start Rightly Dividing, page 100

In order to get used to writing in your Bible, get a hard copy of the KJV and a pencil (or an app like Logos that lets you highlight and annotate). Read until you see something that has meaning for you and underline (or highlight) it. Underline one verse per day. Talk with God about it. Read *The Worship Handbook* and copy verses that interest you from its diagrams, notes and strategies.