

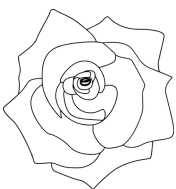


HOW TO START YOUR *Journey As A Theologian*

You Can Do This!



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ey! I am so happy that you decided to download this guide!

This is going to give you a BRIEF rundown of the first stepping stones needed to start your journey as a theologian!

Being conformed to the image of Jesus and knowing God is not something that happens overnight and intentionality is essential as we journey through this life!

I hope this little packet helps give you some practical information to get your journey started!

Just so we're clear....

A theologian is: a person who engages or is an expert in theology (the study of the nature of God).

Usually that term is used to describe some of the pioneers and thought leaders in the Christian space, but I believe that God wants EVERY believer to have their own study, experiences, and relationship with Him.

Let's get serious about diving into His Word and understanding it for ourselves!



"Trust the process."

The 4-step process:

1

Prayer

This may seem obvious, but it's so important that we don't try to "figure out" our relationship with God... without God! Prayer is a way to humble ourselves before Him and keep our relationship with Him at the forefront of our minds as we venture into the Bible.

Mentorship / Discipleship

Find someone in your local church that can help you as you learn and grow spiritually. It's so helpful to have someone to direct your questions to and be there as extra support. God gave us the gift of community with other believers for a reason!

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Get A Bible

You can use an app, print pages from online or purchase a Bible! It doesn't matter the format you choose, but obviously it's required if you're going to spend time studying it!

*I recommend a tangible Bible that's in the ESV or CSB translation. This way you can write notes in it and highlight things that stick out! Plus you don't have to worry about distracting notifications interrupting you!

Make A Plan

Decide what you're going to read each day for the next month and when! For example, it might be easy to wake up 30 minutes early and read a chapter each day or dedicate an hour after work to venture through the Psalms!

It can be hard to be consistent in our Bible reading without some goals and a firm plan in place so think of *how* you can set yourself up for success! Once you choose how much time you can set aside each day, be dedicated to reaching that goal. Consistency is key!

This is a great step to add your mentor in to! They can help you think about where you should start reading and act as an accountability partner!

*If you're totally lost on where to start just begin in the New Testament and try to read 3 chapters a day!

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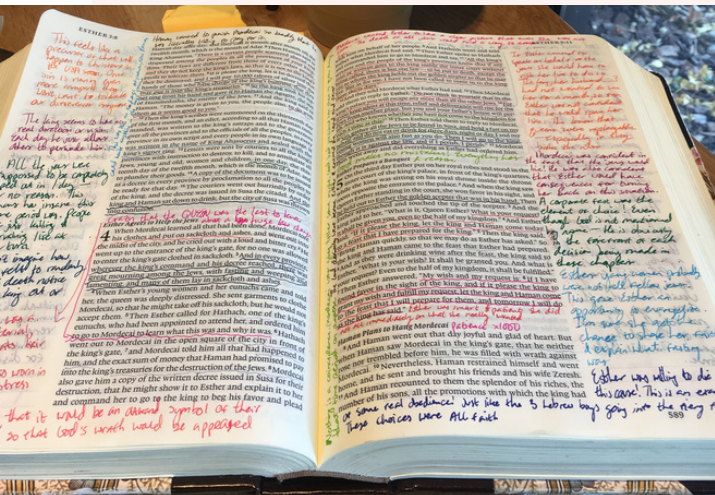


Remember that studying God's Word is something that is a lifelong endeavor. There will never come a day where you "master" the Bible and never have to read it again!

You'll always find yourself going deeper, understanding more and analyzing different things that you never noticed before!

Hopefully that takes some pressure off and allows you to sit with these God breathed words and enjoy them for the day. Whatever things you notice (or not), the stuff you understand and the places you need leave question marks to revisit later... it's all apart of critically thinking through the scriptures and it's good progress!

See your study time as a time to dig in and discover more of God! It's like a fun treasure hunt where you'll always find something!



Remember:

It's okay if there's things in the text that you don't understand in the first read through! Write down your questions and ask your friends or leaders at church!



My Favorite Resources

1

Prayer

I can't stress how much prayer matters! *Studying God* through the Words of the Bible is not meant to happen without seeking Him. Reading the Bible and understanding its context should strengthen our personal relationship with God and make our prayers stronger

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Strong Local Church

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Women in the Word by Jen Wilkin

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The Bible Project

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You Got This!

I know that God desires for ALL of his children to know Him and to study His Word! He knew us since the beginning of time and divinely decided for you to be in this moment right now! You can read, you can access the Bible in your language, you can access the Father in JESUS name!

Let's not leave understanding the word to our pastors and leaders. Every individual person has a personal relationship with God is meant to use the word as a lamp unto their feet and a light on their path!

Our Bibles are a power source. They're like the light switch in room! Don't take for granted all the access you have through the word that is good for reproof, dntfnd, sndjksndkjc,dknc.

To become a theologian it's something within reach! With the Holy Spirit inside of us It's time to yield to His willingness to reveal God's Word to you!

These are 5 simple things that you need to put in place as you launch into this lifelong journey of sanctification and study!

There is a hunger for God down on the inside of us that is not meant to be quenched through podcast and third party resources!

God is going to take us by the hand and walk us through His WORD himself if we let him!!!

I'm not saying we don't need our faithful teachers! They are called by God and serve a purpose, but they are not meant to replace the comforter and power that lays on the Inside of us!

"Be Consistent"



want to learn more?

Good! I've got lot's more to tell you and I'm sure you've got more questions! Be sure to keep following me on social media and subscribe to my YouTube page so that you never miss out on anything!

In the meantime make sure you APPLY those 5 steps. You're not growing in any knowledge by simply reading infomation. You've got to start opening your Bible and seeking understanding TODAY!

It might feel intimidating or weird and I'm sure you might be feeling resistance --
- But it's time to fight through our feeling and do what's needed!

Be great today!

XOXO Jessica Mbuyamba

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