



## **Reading the Word of God Profitably** **by Charles Spurgeon**

### **(1) READ THE BIBLE WITH AN EARNEST DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND IT.**

– Do not be content to just read the words of Scripture. Seek to grasp the message they contain.

### **(2) READ THE SCRIPTURES WITH A SIMPLE, CHILDLIKE FAITH AND HUMILITY.**

– Believe what God reveals. Reason must bow to God's revelation.

### **(3) READ THE WORD WITH A SPIRIT OF OBEDIENCE AND SELF-APPLICATION.**

– Apply what God says to yourself and obey His will in all things.

### **(4) READ THE HOLY SCRIPTURES EVERY DAY.**

– We quickly lose the nourishment and strength of yesterday's bread. We must feed our souls daily upon the manna God has given us.

### **(5) READ THE WHOLE BIBLE AND READ IT IN AN ORDERLY WAY.**

– "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable." I know of no better way to read the Bible than to start at the beginning and read straight through to the end, a portion every day, comparing Scripture with Scripture.

### **(6) READ THE WORD OF GOD FAIRLY AND HONESTLY.**

– As a general rule, any passage of Scripture means what it appears to mean. Interpret every passage in this simple manner, in its context.

### **(7) READ THE BIBLE WITH CHRIST CONSTANTLY IN VIEW.**

– The whole Bible is about Him. Look for Him on every page. He is there. If you fail to see Him there, you need to read that page again.

Let me tell you a little secret—whenever you cannot understand a text, open your Bible, bend your knee, and pray over that text; and if it does not split into atoms and open itself, try again. If prayer does not explain it, it is one of those things God did not intend you to know, and you may be content to be ignorant of it. Prayer is the key that opens the cabinets of mystery. Prayer and faith are sacred picklocks that can open secrets, and obtain great treasures. There is no college for holy education like that of the blessed Spirit, for he is an ever-present tutor, to whom we have only to bend the knee, and he is at our side, the expositor of truth.