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## One year bible reading plan 2020

I like the physical nature of having books there on bookshelves, waiting to be looked at, admired and remembered. I used to really enjoy the library and I still do. But when I look at my shelves I realize that I have so many books that I haven't read. This post originally appeared on Medium.I bought them because I learned over time that for me to own a book-intellectually I need to own a damned book. I needed him around for help. I needed to be able to write in it and take it off the shelf and put it back on the shelf and take it off the shelf and put it back on-you get it. So I went about creating my anti-library unread books, and today, even after handing out hundreds of books, my shelves are stocked with books I haven't read. But I keep adding. Looking at my shelves recently, I saw a book that I wanted to read for a long time, and actually started over the summer, stopping through about 150 pages to move on to more immediate reads. The book I put on was Power Broker, Robert Caro. It is a classic in the field of power politics in New York in the early to mid-20th century, seen through the eyes of the brilliant and evil Robert Moses. The glory and curse of the book, however, is that it is the door. It works at around 1,110 pages - dense. I think Caro said it was about 700,000 words. (Which was on his original finished project of more than a million.) It's surprisingly well written, not slog in any sense of the word, but even great books take time just because of the sheer volume. The problem is when you think about reading a book like that, even taking it off the shelf seems to generate anxiety. Let's do the math: I'm a very good reader, I think I read in the neighborhood 300 words per minute. It may be plus or minus 50 words, but I think it's a close estimate for a text written in modern English prose. At 300 words per minute, 700,000 words of text is going to take me 2,333 minutes, or about 39 hours to read. And there's a problem: The brain doesn't seem to want to get started on 39 hours of projects it's not being given completion. So, more often than not, we choose something shorter and simpler. Still counts, doesn't it? Then I thought about all the other great jobs that I would get in my life. Caro has four (eventually five) books about LBJ that are masterpieces of 20th century American politics. I want to read the Decline and Fall of the Roman Gibbons. I want to read Anna Karenina Tolstoy, War and Peace. I want to honor Johnson Boswell. The rise of Shearer and the fall of the Third Reich. Adam Smith Wealth of Nations. More biographies of Ron Chernow. (Titan is one of my favorites of all time, and I hear great things about Alexander Hamilton.) All the door jams. It made me How the hell does anyone get these books to read? How can I the person who read all these books and didn't talk about them? I read a lot for Farnam Street, but it's hard to take a week off our standard fare to sit and read War and Peace. It is the same for any busy person with a profession that takes their days. The solution I came up with for myself is simple: it's 25 pages a day. That's it. Just do it and then do it. What will give you 25 pages a day? Let's say that two days out of each month, you probably won't have time to read. Plus Christmas. This gives you 340 days a year of solid reading time. 25 pages a day for 340 days is 8,400 pages. What I've also found is that when I commit to a minimum of 25 pages, I almost always read more. So let's call 8400 pages 10,000. (I only need to expand that 25 pages to 30 to get there.) With 10,000 pages a year, at a total pace of 25/day, what can we do? Well, as I said at the beginning, Power Broker is 1,100 pages long. Four LBJ books total 3,552 pages. Tolstoy's two masterpieces come in total of 2,160. Gibbons has six volumes and runs about 3,660 pages. That's 10,472 pages. This means that in about one year, at a modest rate of 25 pages per day, I knocked out 13 masterful works and learned a huge amount about the history of the world. In a year! That leaves 2017 read Shearer's Rise and Fall (1,280), Carl Sandburg's Six Volumes on Lincoln (2000?), Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations unabridged (1200), and Boswell Johnson (1300) with plenty of pages left to read something else. This is how great works are read. Day after day. 25 pages at a time. No excuses. Before someone takes it too literally, it's not about quantity. (Although 25 pages is my literal rule.) It could be 20 pages, or 10 pages, or thirty minutes, or an hour, or 2,000 words, no matter what unit of reading you choose, the math will still work: In six months, or a year, or five years, or ten years, you have digested a large swath of human wisdom. Have you ever wanted to read Moby Dick? Or Ulysses? Or some of Jane Austen's books? Or David Foster Wallace's Infinite Joke? Done! Start today. Twenty-five pages. Then do it tomorrow. Read in the morning, read at dinner, read before going to bed, read in the dentist's office, it does not matter. Just get your pages, day in and day out. And then you'll be the person who reads everyone else's books just talking about. I love history. I love biography. I love science. Tolstoy aside, I don't read many novels. But the task no longer seems daunting, does it? All you need is commitment and a bit of perseverance. So let's be smarter. Shane Parrish writes for Farnam Street. You're interested in the action of wisdom, aren't you? Contact on Facebook and subscribe to our free weekly newsletter to ideas of others are lacking. Image from iunewind (Shutterstock). The Bible is packed with life lessons - stories of humanity's experience with God. There are lessons for those who feel depressed, those who struggle with sin, those who deal with difficult people - you name it, it's there. As a Christian, one of the most important lessons the Bible teaches me is to rely on God's grace (which requires faith) rather than my own deeds to make myself righteous in the eyes of God. But there are other lessons that have also proved vital not only in the life of a gay people, but also in my life today. I'm an entrepreneur who juggles a lot of responsibilities. Fortunately, there are many Bible verses about business that teach some very valuable lessons. Here are some of the best bible verses that can help the entrepreneur in you! 1. Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. - Parables 10:4 (NIV) Proverbs are filled with all sorts of fantastic observations about life. It shows how if you weaken, you will be met with poverty. It makes sense, doesn't it? I believe in making the most of every moment of the day. I work hard, I work very hard. I believe that hard work leads to financial stability. As a result of my hard work, I built a fantastic wealth management firm and a financial website (the one you're reading now). These companies bring a lot more than the average American does, and I'm so grateful for the opportunities that I had to build these businesses. If you want to get ahead in business, be diligent. You don't have to wear out at all though. . . . 2. Do not work to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to abstain. - Proverbs 23:4 (ESV) As I said, I work very hard. But that doesn't mean I don't take breaks. There are much more important things in life than getting rich. Take my family, for example. What would I do without my wife and boys? There's nothing wrong with being rich. But there is something wrong with wearing yourself to get rich. We've all heard stories of workaholics who make a fortune but then abandon their families. Their marriages are falling apart and their children are suffering. Is wearing yourself to become rich really worth these consequences? Of course not! I would say that you can grow the dough without launching yourself into the ground. But trust me, I know it's not easy. I have to look after myself to make sure I don't overdo it. I must always keep my entrepreneurial spirit under control. One of the best ways to do this is to listen to your spouse. If they tell you that you need to slow down, you have to slow down. 3. Sluggards do not plow into the season; so they look like they don't find anything during the harvest. - Parables 20:4 (NIV) Here's a lesson for entrepreneurs - always be on the lookout for opportunities, to the harvest. This verse is probably more about the virtues of having the desire to work, but it also speaks to work in season. With certain seasons come opportunities. If these opportunities are pushed aside, you may find yourself in need, but don't reap anything because you haven't worked! Remember that the fetus comes after giving birth. 4. Whatever you do, work from the heart, both for the Lord, not for the people, knowing that you will inherit from the Lord as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ. - Colossian 3:23-24 (ESV) Imagine working for the perfect boss. Everything they say and do is absolutely perfect. They make the right choice every time. They say the right words every time. They're right - you guessed it - 100% of the time. Sounds pretty scary, doesn't it? Don't you step up your game if you work for the perfect boss? Aren't you going to be careful with how you handled their money, their time, and their other resources? Of course you would! In the end, perfection sees everything. When we work for human hosts, we know in the back of our minds that there may be a place to relax. But when we work for God, there is no place to cut corners. Not only will God be pleased with you when he notices fit and finish you put in your product or service, but most likely your human masters will notice too. Just make sure you care more about what God thinks than what your human masters think. Do so, and your human masters will probably be happy as well if they are a pious people. 5. In vain you get up early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat, because it provides sleep to those he loves. - Psalm 127:2 (NIV) At first glance, this verse seems to make a general statement that it is good to get your sleep rather than waking up early and sleeping late. While there is certainly value in getting sleep, perhaps it says something more. Here is the first verse of the chapter: If the Lord does not build a house, the builders work in vain. If the Lord does not guard in vain. - Psalm 127:1 (NIV) It is always good to look at the context of the verse. Here, the verse tells you how the Lord's hand must be in something to make it work properly. Could it be that it is too early to get up and not to stand up, nothing good if the Lord's hand is not in it? Maybe it's possible. In any case, it is important to remember that we must rely on the Lord. We must not believe only in our abilities - the Lord must be at the center of everything we do.6 So everything you want others to do to you, do for them, because it is the law and the prophets. - Matthew 7:12 (ESV) Business that God approves requires a firm understanding and understanding of ethics. Fortunately, Jesus simplified much of the entire topic of ethics in just a few commonly known as the Golden Rule. When we, as entrepreneurs, put ourselves in the shoes of others, we are more likely to treat these people the way we would like to be treated. Here are a few business questions you can use to do the best for your customers: If I were a customer, would I be happy with the speed of service to my business? If I were a customer, would I appreciate how my business communicates with me? If I were a customer, would I continue to do business with my business? These questions will help you increase customer satisfaction. One way to help your customers is to provide customized solutions. I recognize that each of my clients is different. While there may be some overlap in their needs, each person is unique. Some of my clients want to set-it-and-forget-it, while others want detailed explanations and someone who will work closely with them to make changes and adjustments to their retirement plan. Think about your business. How do I customize products and services for my customers? How can you make every customer feel like the most valuable customer? It starts with doing with others that would make them with you. 7. The beginning of wisdom is to gain wisdom, and all you get is to get an idea. - Parables 4:7 (ESV) I constantly educate myself about all the financial things. I attend presentations and do a lot of research. Understanding is important in my business and I would be willing to guess that it's in yours too. Wisdom not only involves knowledge and experience, but it also includes the ability to use that knowledge and experience in a sound way - it includes proper judgment. Note the value of understanding: While it's worth everything you have, get an insight. That's right, understanding is worth everything you have. Now, you probably don't have to go and sell everything you have to take a course that costs thousands and thousands of dollars, but this verse certainly emphasizes the value of understanding. Make a sincere effort to always be a student. Value education. Learn how to apply your knowledge to business and life. It's worth a lot, friends. 8. In all works there is profit, but just talk, as a rule, only to poverty. - Parables 14:23 (ESV) Back when I started my career with A.G. Edwards and Sons in 2002, I was in a classroom, including about 55 people. After training a year later, our class was reduced to less than 27 people. On my fifth anniversary, only five of us stayed. The reason why so many people don't do this is because they weren't really willing to put in the hard work required. They were all talking, no action. You've probably heard that actions speak louder than words. True. But a lot of people think it's that you have to act and talk. What if you just did the right thing without announcing it to the world? It could be argued that this could lead to less accountability, but if you actually accomplish your goals without speaking, it will show a sense of humility coupled with dedication to work hard. Work hard and you will be able to overcome many business challenges. 9. Why does a person profit to conquer the world and lose his soul? - Mark 8:36 (ESV) I have quite a lot of money in the bank and investment. You could call me rich if you look at my net worth. I know others who are pretty rich, too. But let me tell you, the numbers mean nothing compared to the gift my Lord Jesus gave me on the cross. If you are not a Christian, I ask you to look into the life of Christ.b Listen, we are all messed up. We all fell short of God's perfection. We are sinners! But God loves us so much that He came down to this planet to save us from the spiritual consequences of our actions. His name is Jesus. If you are an entrepreneur - or anyone else - who has no relationship with Christ, seek God's first kingdom. Wealth is

deceptive, and that doesn't mean a thing compared to the glorious riches in Christ. 10. Plans for diligence lead, of course, to abundance, but everyone who hastily comes only to poverty. - Parables 21:5 (ESV) Hard work means caring - many times in the long run. Are you diligent? Businesses need to be carefully built. Don't be hasty. Remember that it can take years to see some success. If you go for a quick win, you can find yourself with quick setbacks. There are so many Bible verses about business and entrepreneurship. I encourage you to leave your favorites in the comments below. Now go earn some money, but put God first! First! one year chronological bible reading plan pdf 2020

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