

**A Life Altering Resolution – The Bible**  
*How Do I Stay Committed To The Bible?*  
Part 4  
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**1. Have a** \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark 1:35 "Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray." (NLT)*

**2. Have** \_\_\_\_\_

*Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed." (NLT)*

*Proverbs 27:6 "Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy." (NLT)*

**3. Keep It** \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 119:162 "I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure". (NLT)*

*Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." (NLT)*

**4. Start** \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 119:15-16 "I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word." (NLT)*

**5. Begin With** \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 119:18 "Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions." (NLT)*

*Psalms 119:2 "Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds." (NLT)*

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*James 1:21 "So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls." (NLT)*

**6. End With** \_\_\_\_\_

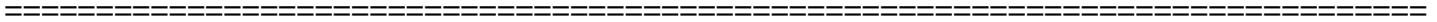
*Psalm 119:4-6 "You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands."(NLT)*

**7. Apply** \_\_\_\_\_

*James 1:22-24 "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like." (NLT)*

*James 1:25 "But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." (NLT)*

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**Life Group Discussion Questions**

1. Share how your personal Bible reading has been going. Are you still embracing the 30 Day Challenge? Has it been easy or difficult to keep up? How has it made a difference in your life?
2. What are some of the biggest distractions you will likely face when you determine to be in God's Word every day? What changes can you make in your life to eliminate these distractions?
3. Out of the 7 ways to stay committed to the Bible which ones do you personally engage in? Do see benefit in adding any of the others to your Bible reading time? Which ones?
4. Read: *Psalm 119:162 "I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure." (NLT)* How is the Bible like a great treasure?

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5. Read: *Hebrews 4:12* “For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”(NLT) How does this make you feel? Excited? Nervous? Motivated?
6. Read *Matthew 4:1-11*. Jesus is tempted three times. What does He use to combat each temptation? What does this tell us about the Word of God?
7. What is one thing you are going to do to apply something from this lesson to your life this week?
  - Accountability Project: As a group commit to holding one another accountable each week to reading God’s Word daily.
  - Service Project: By now the details of your service project should be coming together. Discuss what still needs to be done to implement your project.

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