

# GET SERIOUS WITH THE BIBLE IN 2019

## 5 TOP TIPS

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### 1. THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR APP ([bibleinoneyear.org](http://bibleinoneyear.org))

Start your day with the BIBLE IN ONE YEAR; a free Bible reading app (from Google Play & App Store) with commentary by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel. Nicky Gumbel is the Vicar of HTB in London and pioneer of Alpha. This is a great app for busy people who want to engage with the Bible. You can either read it or listen to it. You get a Psalm, OT, and NT reading and a short commentary, all in 20-25 mins. I've been using this for the last few months, after I got behind with my actual Bible in One Year NIV Bible (the daily readings are the same.)

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### 2. THE BIBLE PROJECT ([thebibleproject.com/explore](http://thebibleproject.com/explore))

I love this site and to be honest I use it loads. THE BIBLE PROJECT's short animations make Bible stories and Bible themes accessible to all. In addition to introducing the books of the Bible in short animated videos, it has a section on themes, such as 'God', 'The Holy Spirit' and 'Justice'. I use it when I want an overview of a Bible book. It's fresh and refreshing and works for youth.

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### 3. BIBLE SOCIETY ([biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/](http://biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/))

Under the **Explore the Bible** tab, there is an online Bible and a wealth of material to help explore it. **The Bible Book club** offers a handy overview of every book in the Bible. The material is free and can be viewed online or downloaded and printed. An online glossary provides a reference for unfamiliar words or phrases. For those who want to get an understanding and overview of the message of the Bible, there is **The Bible Course**. This is an 8 session video course for individuals and small groups who want to understand more about the message of the Bible as a whole. It comes with manuals for each individual. It is highly accessible and with the download course costing just £9.99 with manuals at £4.50 each, is a high quality product at a bargain price.

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### 4. THE BIBLE APP, THE BIBLE APP FOR KIDS ([youversion.com](http://youversion.com))

This is another free bible reading app (from Google Play & App Store). A very accessible and flexible app, that allows you to either read the Bible or listen to audio. Most users have the **Verse for the Day** sent to their phones at the start of the day, but this app can be used to create your own Bible **Reading Plan**, which you can highlight, make notes on, etc. By introducing children to 41 of the "big" Bible stories, the BIBLE APP FOR KIDS helps them understand the overall story that the Bible is telling. Kid-friendly navigation helps them find and select whichever story they want, then reads it aloud to them in a friendly narrative style.

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### 5. YOU TUBE ([youtube.com](http://youtube.com))

Yep YOUTUBE is a great place to get serious with the Bible (though it does come with a health warning – there is a lot of dodgy stuff out there!) I would recommend watching Bible talks by those that you already trust because you've heard them preach, seen them at Christian festivals, or read their books. Some theologians and preachers that I and others at St James' watch on YOUTUBE include Tom Wright, Timothy Keller, John Mark Comer, Paula Gooder, Krish Kandiah...but you will have your own.

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Finally, nothing beats reading the Bible for yourself, coming to church and joining a Connect Group to help deeper into the Bible, making it real in your life and sharing with others. Every blessing to you and yours in 2019. Rev Keith Brindle, St James Church, Devizes.