

Information Sheet -- Incentive for using Chronological Life Application Study Bible, Etc.

Saying "This is an easier way to do something you should do" is a little like telling one "they should have had a V8".

The something that we are suggesting people to do is to make it through all the Bible. And the easier way we suggest is the Chronological Life Application Study Bible (ISBN 9781414339276) by Tyndale House Publishers.

Just as one shows love and respect by getting to know another's stories. We can show appreciation to God by learning the stories of his relation to humanity. The Gospels and then most of the remainder of the New Testament are easier and more instructive for the time spent. Revelation and many portions of the Old Testament can be harder to comprehend and people tend to give up on them.

The parable of the sower's (Matthew 13) primary purpose is to summarize peoples' reaction to the gospel.

Typically farmers don't give up easily on nonproductive soils they deal with rocks, weeds, and compaction as shown by the gardener's reaction to the nonproducing fig of Luke 13:6-8. -- Similarly we suggest people tackle the more difficult portions of the Bible. And we hope to help them with it.

We think using the Chronological Life Application Study Bible is a very good first step especially for getting through the difficult parts of the Old Testament. The stories of King Saul, David, and Solomon are generally well known. After that up to the Jesus's time things tend to be rather fuzzy for most people. The timeline on pages 690 to 693 does a good job of listing the kings of Israel and Judah along with the prophets and leaders of the other major nations.

This Bible has the verses for specific events grouped together. For example on page 912 verses from 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Isaiah describe Assyria invading Judah.

Since it is grouped chronologically (by time) the events of Jesus' life are grouped together rather than book by book. The chart on pages 1260 to 1269 shows the list of events (unfortunately doesn't list the page, we have posted a page with the page references -- see LifeLight2014 section our web page).

This chronological Bible has many charts, and footnotes. There are full page maps in the section introductions and at the end as well as a small map scattered throughout the pages.

Page A8 in the beginning is the "Cononical Table of Contents" which lists every book and verse in Canonical (standard Bible) order.

It has a Dictionary/Concordance (p 2045), Master Index (p. 1925), indices to charts (p. 2039), maps (p. 2041), personality profiles (p. 2042), archeology notes (p 2043), and illustrations (p.2044).

As the title says it's "life application" with a good share of the footnotes and charts suggesting how it applies to our life. So it isn't just know that "puffs up" (1 Corinthians 8:1). But leads to "not just hearing the word, but doing it" (James 1:22).

As we said this Bible is a first step. We have a general idea of what to do after that and are open to suggestions. At our church we use this in an adult class to read the Bible in a year.

But we encourage personal study. And looking for its use in slower paced more indepth manner.

We are giving away 40 of these Bibles by drawing at LifeLight as well as door prizes with a choice of the Bibles or other materials.

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We are just from an adult Sunday school class. We get no financial gain from this project.

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We've just started what we hope to make available

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