

## Scripture Study

*As you read these selected quotes, highlight **methods** or **ways** to study and circle **blessing** that come from reading them.*

### President Russell M. Nelson



To do anything well requires effort. Becoming a true disciple of Jesus Christ is no exception. Increasing your faith and trust in Him takes effort.....Study. Become an engaged learner. Immerse yourself in the scriptures to understand better Christ's mission and ministry. Know the doctrine of Christ so that you understand its power for your life....The more you learn about the Savior, the easier it will be to trust in His mercy, His infinite love, and His strengthening, healing, and redeeming power. The Savior is never closer to you than when you are facing or climbing a mountain with faith. (Christ Is Risen; Faith in Him Will Move Mountains, April 2021).

To “feast” means more than to taste. To feast means to savor. We savor the scriptures by studying them in a spirit of delightful discovery and faithful obedience. When we feast upon the words of Christ, they are embedded “in fleshy tables of the heart.” They become an integral part of our nature....As you ponder and pray about doctrinal principles, the Holy Ghost will speak to your mind and your heart. From events portrayed in the scriptures, new insights will come and principles relevant to your situation will distill upon your heart....Next, I suggest that you shape the style of your study to fit you. One way is to read a book of scripture from the first page to the last. This method gives good overall perspective. But other approaches also have merit. Attention to a particular topic or a specific theme, supplemented by use of cross-referencing footnotes and study guides, can help to

switch on the light of doctrinal understanding. Time for scripture study requires a schedule that will be honored. Otherwise, blessings that matter most will be at the mercy of things that matter least. (Living by Scriptural Guidance, Oct 2000).

## Elder D. Todd Christofferson



The scriptures enlarge our memory by helping us always to remember the Lord and our relationship to Him and the Father....In the end, the central purpose of all scripture is to fill our souls with faith in God the Father and in His Son, Jesus Christ—faith that They exist; faith in the Father’s plan for our immortality and eternal life; faith in the Atonement and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which animates this plan of happiness; faith to make the gospel of Jesus Christ our way of life; and faith to come to know “the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom [He has] sent” ([John 17:3](#)). (The Blessing of Scripture, April 2010)

“You should care more about the amount of time you spend in the scriptures than about the amount you read in time me. I see you sometimes reading a few verses, stopping to ponder them, carefully reading the verses again, and as you think about what they mean, praying for understanding, asking questions in your mind, waiting for spiritual impressions, and writing down the impressions and insights that come so you can remember and learn more.

Studying in this way, you may not read a lot of chapters or verses in a half hour, but you will be giving place in your heart for the word of God, and He will be speaking to you”(D. Todd Christofferson, “When Thou Art Converted,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2004, 11)

## **Sister Julie B. Beck**



When I start reading [the scriptures], I make notes in the margins so I have a record of what I am learning as I study. To help me remember what I am learning, I draw lines to connect ideas. I shade verses and underline key words. When I find ideas that relate to each other, I make a scripture chain to link those ideas. I like to think of my scriptures as a workbook, so sometimes I record where I was when I gained an insight or the name of the person who taught me. That way the experience is refreshed in my memory when I read that passage again....

A friend of mine suggested that I start looking for questions that the Lord asks us in the scriptures and ponder them. I keep a list of those questions in the back of my scriptures. I often choose one to think about in quiet moments because pondering enlightens my mind that I “might understand the scriptures”. Through my scripture reading and the prayers that accompany my study, I have gained knowledge which brings me peace and helps me keep my energies focused on eternal priorities. Because I started reading the scriptures daily, I have learned about my Heavenly Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and what I need to do to be like Them. I have learned about the Holy Ghost and how to qualify for His companionship. (My Soul Delighteth in the Scriptures, April 2004).

## **President Henry B. Eyring**



The only way you can be sure that a busy schedule doesn't crowd out scripture study is to establish a regular time to study the scriptures....When I am in situations where I break out of the pattern, it's hard on

me. Once you get used to regular scripture study, you miss it if you don't have it. It's like food—you have to have it. I know that I need the scriptures like I need food. I don't miss a regular meal, and I don't miss regular scripture study”(Henry B. Eyring, “A Discussion on Scripture Study,” Ensign or Liahona, July 2005, 24).