

To spend as much time in prayer and private reading as you do in meetings is a good plan. That means at least one hour a day average - longer if possible.

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My dear Skian! Price

Thank you for your interesting enquiry; I venture to give you some suggestions as one "having received mercy of the Lord".

Before considering your immediate question, may I point out the great need of reading scripture itself? To get gain from ministry we must know scripture. To help us in this, with some it is advantageous to stick to one Bible for some minds associate the position in a book with what they have read and places are found more quickly. Others have not this weakness.

1. It is good to form the habit of reading regularly through scripture - so many chapters a day. J.N.D. managed 5. I cannot do this but generally try for 3. In this reading I do not trouble so much as to details; but the constant reading acquaints us with the letter of scripture as a whole.
2. Then from time to time I study a Book, e.g. Psalms, Leviticus, Corinthians, etc.etc. This may happen to coincide with No. 1 but not necessarily. In this form of reading I note all I can - sometimes have written as I read. Sometimes I take the Synopsis (not always) but study it - do it thoroughly - so that the book is familiar to the mind. Take a 3d 'part' in your pocket and read it and read it and read it - scribble on it and note all you can. Read every help you can; J.N.D., C.A.C., F.E.R., and anyone sound. Yet pray withal. Ask God to show you new things.
3. Read devotionally and for enjoyment. Do not work on Lord's days, but have your 'sabbath' of enjoyment and restful reading - meditate - pray - think - enjoy. Get into the company of Christ.
4. Take up some book of ministry, whatever is in hand, and in reading it turn up all references in your own Bible, i.e., if you do not clearly remember them, and if unfamiliar with the passage generally, read the chapter or the two or three around.

Now as to your enquiry:

1. I suggest first of all keeping in touch with present ministry, especially J T., and act as No. 4 with regard to it. Generally there are only two books in the year.
- 2.+ The 'Synopsis' is invaluable, but difficult save in parts. Can only be read with Bible in hand (See Preface VI to Vol. 1). C.H.M.'s "notes" are easy reading and happy - not always strictly accurate as to interpretation, but always good and everyone can get help from them - some think Deuteronomy best; I think it poorest as a help to understand, but good as a moral tonic.
- 3.+ C.A.C.'s Outlines are extremely helpful and should be read 'Bible in hand' (as Synopsis). I regard these books as a unique legacy to the Church. His earlier books are excellent ones, especially 'Spiritual Blessings'.
4. Very profitable reading can be found in J.N.D.'s Collected Writings. Especially Vol. 1 and the following papers. I give Volume for reference:-

+ Sufferings of Christ	Vol. VII	Doctrinal II
+ A Man in Christ	" "	"
+ Righteousness of God	" "	"
Divine Righteousness	" X	" III
What do I learn from Scripture?	" XIII	" VII
Either in Adam or in Christ	" "	" "
Thoughts on Romans, Colossians, Ephesians	" "	" "
+ Have we a revelation from God?	" XXI	" VIII
Claims of the Church of England considered.	" XIV	Eccl: III
+ Ecclesiastical Independency	" "	" "
+ Gifts and Offices in the Church	" "	" "