

40 Days in the Word

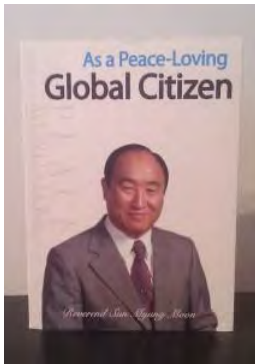
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I'm on day #210 of my 365-day reading plan which I'm using currently to guide me through the entire Bible in a year. I must confess that I've actually missed a lot of the day's readings, but the android app I use has the function of catching up to wherever I got to and recalculating the rest of my reading plan. At this rate, by 12th October I will hopefully have finished reading the last verses of John's Revelation.

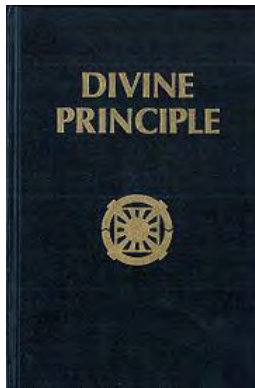
While I've been following this reading plan, it occurred to me that it might be helpful to provide similar reading plans to help UC members study some of the eight core textbooks bequeathed to us by True Parents. So I've prepared a few reading plan suggestions. I've considered that we frequently have 40-day cheong seong conditions and that it's possible, depending on how much time one dedicates to daily *hoon dok hwe*, to read through a whole textbook (or whole textbooks) during that period of time.



I've done some rough calculations, and I've come to these conclusions:

I can read all of *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* over 40 days with only 16 minutes a day dedicated to reading.

I can read all of *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* (the peace messages and spirit world messages) over 40 days with only 20 minutes a day dedicated to reading.



I can read all of *Exposition of the Divine Principle* over 40 days with only 23 minutes a day dedicated to reading.

I can read all of *Cheong Seong Gyeong* over 40 days with 2 hours and 45 minutes a day dedicated to reading.



OK, not all of us have just short of 3 hours a day available for daily study of spiritual scripture. (Who knows, maybe some of us do...). But True Father's hope is that we can dedicate minimum 60-90 minutes per day for *hoon dok hwe*. It is possible to read all of True Father's autobiography, the DP and the Peace Messages within one 40-day condition based on 59 minutes of daily reading. Within a 90-minute period (some of which will be spent reciting the *Family Pledge*, reciting the Lisbon Resolution and inevitably praying) there is some time left over to read True Father's latest speech (*Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word...*) and possibly some other inspiring materials, such as the *Today's World* magazine, the Bible and even a little bit of the *Cheong Seong Gyeong*.

I've created a google document that you can visit to see the details of the reading plans. I specify which pages should be read each day, and I've also included some comments that might help clarifying which chapters or sections to read.

Since this Sunday is the first day of the next European 40-day cheong seong condition (CS condition #12, to be precise), I want to propose that each of us reflect on our current habits of daily scriptural study, consider what would be a challenge, and commit to follow one (or several) of these reading plans over the next 40 days. Hopefully, by the time the condition is over, we'll all be able to victoriously offer the complete reading of one or several textbooks as part of our devotional sincerity.



With PM #16 & #17



Without PM #16 & #17

(N.B. The *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* and the *Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong* are virtually identical except that Peace Messages 16 and 17 are absent in the former and present in the latter.)

	Day	As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen[1]		
	1	Pg. 1 - 7	Chapter One - Food is Love	What I learned about peace while being carried on my father's back
	2	Pg. 8 - 16		The joy of giving food to others AND Being a friend to all
	3	Pg. 17 - 29		A definite compass for my life AND Stubborn child who never gives up
	4	Pg. 30 - 37		Loving nature to learn from it
	5	Pg. 38 - 44		Talking about the universe with the insects AND Ardent student
	6	Pg. 45 - 55	Chapter Two - My Heart Flows with a River of Tears	Between fear and inspiration AND The more it hurts, the more you should love
	7	Pg. 56 - 65		A knife not sharpened grows dull AND A key to unlock a great secret
	8	Pg. 66 - 75		Like a fireball burning hot AND Befriending labourers by sharing their suffering
	9	Pg. 76 - 85		The calm sea of the heart AND "Please don't die"
	10	Pg. 86 - 95		A command that must be obeyed
	11	Pg. 96 - 101		A grain of rice is greater than the earth
	12	Pg. 102 - 112	Chapter Three - Internal Riches through Struggles and Suffering	Heungnam prison in the snow AND U.N. forces open the prison gate
	13	Pg. 113 - 118		"You are my spiritual teacher"
	14	Pg. 119 - 128		The crazy, handsome man by the well AND A church with no denomination
	15	Pg. 129 - 136		Two universities expel students and professors AND New buds grow in scorched branches
	16	Pg. 137 - 148		We are trained by our wounds AND A sincere heart is most important
	17	Pg. 149 - 156	Chapter Four - Launching Our Global Mission	Following God's path with no thought for my life AND Money earned honourably, used prayer
	18	Pg. 157 - 164		Power of dance moved the world AND Angels open a path through a dark forest
	19	Pg. 165 - 174		World tour AND Last plane to America
	20	Pg. 175 - 184		Our future lies with the ocean AND My hope for a new American revolution
	21	Pg. 185 - 193		Washington Monument, 1976 AND "Shed tears for the world, not for me"
	22	Pg. 194 - 198		"Why does my father have to go to jail?"
	23	Pg. 199 - 205	Chapter Five - Loving Families Can Change the World	My wife, Hak Ja Han Moon
	24	Pg. 206 - 216		An incomparable inner beauty AND Promises that must never be broken
	25	Pg. 217 - 223		To love is to give and forget AND The peaceful family is the building block of Heaven
	26	Pg. 224 - 231		Ten years of tears melt a father-in-law's heart AND The true meaning of marriage
	27	Pg. 232 - 242		True love is found in true families AND Leaving behind a legacy of love
	28	Pg. 243 - 254	Chapter Six - Love Will Bring Unification	The power of religion to turn people to goodness AND The river does not reject the waters that flow from it
	29	Pg. 255 - 261		"Allow freedom of religion in the Soviet Union"
	30	Pg. 262 - 273		Korea's unification will bring world unification AND My meeting with President Kim Il Sung
	31	Pg. 274 - 280		The land may be divided, but not its people
	32	Pg. 281 - 286		Not by guns or swords but by true love
	33	Pg. 287 - 297	Chapter Seven - Future of Korea, Future of the World	Global harmony starts on the Korean peninsula AND From suffering and tears to peace and love
	34	Pg. 298 - 308		The goal of the twenty-first century religion AND Cultural projects express God's creativity
	35	Pg. 309 - 318		Master of the seas and the future of the world AND Great opportunity in the Oceanic Era
	36	Pg. 319 - 329		A single dandelion is more precious than gold AND Solution to poverty and hunger
	37	Pg. 330 - 334		Going beyond charity to end hunger

	38	Pg. 335 - 344	Chapter Eight - New Vision for Youth	Find your purpose, change your life AND Embrace the World
	39	Pg. 345 - 352		Everything we have is borrowed from heaven AND Happiness is a life lived for others
	40	Pg. 353 - 357		Dreaming of a peaceful world

1. 1 page = 1 min 45 secs
Average 9 pages a day
Average 16 mins per day