



# Summer Reading for Youth and Adults

The summer reading program for adults and youth is heavily based on Tim Challies' reading challenge from 2018. There are levels one can choose to complete. Set your goal at the beginning of the summer and pace yourself accordingly. Since adults have many more responsibilities in the summer than students, only the light reader stage needs to be completed to finish the summer reading challenge. Therefore, it is wise to begin with the categories from the light reader stage and advance as you go. Each stage's categories begin with the same categories as the previous stage. For example, when one completes the light reader stage, they can move on to the avid reader stage and will have already completed half of the avid reader stage. Books can be read in any order; one does not need to complete the books in the order of the categories on this list.

For a book to count toward our summer reading program, it must be a Christian book. Though a book could count for more than one category, you may only count it for one category, not two. This program will be done on the honor system. One is not required to use our church library for the summer reading program, but our library is available for your convenience.

Anyone who meets the requirements of the summer reading program will receive a copy of None Else: 31 Meditations of God's Character and Attributes by Joel Beeke and Brian Cosby. Please let Sarah Brandt know when you have completed the summer reading program, and she will present you with a copy of the book.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy Reading,

Sarah Brandt

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## Summer Reading Levels:

1. **The Light Reader-** People who complete this category will read at a pace of one book per month. That means they will complete three books this summer from the following categories.
  - a. The book of Proverbs.
  - b. A biography of a pastor, missionary, someone from church history or a heroine of faith. (A book of short chapter biographies such as "7 Men" by Eric Metaxas will be accepted too).
  - c. A Christian Living book (Something to challenge you spiritually).
2. **The Avid Reader-** This plan has a pace of one book every two weeks. That means if one completes the avid reader challenge, they will read 6 books this summer. Once you complete the light reader level you will have completed half of this level. The following categories for this challenge are:

- a. All categories from the light reader level.
  - b. A book recommended by one of our pastors or staff. (See the website).
  - c. A book tailored for your specific gender or stage of life (youth, singleness, dating, marriage, parenting, family etc.), or personal struggle (for example worry, grief, balancing time etc.)
  - d. A Christian book of your choice.
3. ***The Committed Reader***-This plan has a pace of one book a week. Which would bring the total to 12 books this summer. Once you complete the Avid Reader level, you will have half of this level complete. The categories for this are:
- a. All categories from the Light and Avid reader levels.
  - b. A book on prayer or a book of prayers. (Into His Presence and the Valley of Vision are so good!)
  - c. A book on evangelism, apologetics, or a book on “hot topics in our culture” (ex. homosexuality, abortion, creationism etc.)
  - d. A book on holiness, overcoming sin, or spiritual disciplines
  - e. A classic book (more than 100 years old) by a pastor, reformer, puritan, or person from church history. Ex. Of authors: Charles Spurgeon, Johnathan Edwards, Thomas Watson, Thomas A Kempis, Brother Lawrence, Martin Luther, John Bunyan, etc
  - f. A book you own but never read, or a book that you have wanted to read and never got around to reading. (This needs to be a Christian book.)
  - g. A book by Kevin DeYoung, Joel Beeke, John Piper, John MacArthur, Timothy Keller, or Jerry Bridges.
4. ***The Obsessed Reader***- This level is the most challenging. It sets a pace of two books per week. By the end of the summer one will have read 24 books. Once you complete the Committed Reader level, you will have completed half of this level. The categories for this level are:
- a. All categories from the light, avid and committed levels
  - b. A Christian fiction or allegory.
  - c. A book tailored for your specific gender or stage of life (youth, singleness, dating, marriage, parenting, family etc.), or personal struggle (for example worry, grief, balancing time etc.)
  - d. A book on a subject you never read.
  - e. A book written for youth or children.
  - f. A book about theology. (Examples: Essential Truths of the Christian Faith, Knowing God by JI Packer, Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, etc.)
  - g. Another book of the Bible longer than 15 chapters.
  - h. A book written by an author with initials in their name
  - i. A book with 100 pages or less.
  - j. Another book recommended by a pastor or a staff member.
  - k. A book by your favorite Christian author.
  - l. A biography of a woman of faith or a book by a female author:
    - i. Examples of Biographies: Susannah Wesley, Susannah Spurgeon, Rosaria Butterfield, Corrie Ten Boom, Elizabeth Elliot, Lady Jane Gray, Joni Eareckson Tada etc.
    - ii. Examples of Authors: Rosaria Butterfield, Corrie Ten Boom, Joni Eareckson Tada, Amy Carmichael, Elizabeth Elliot, Nancy Guthrie, Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth (maiden name Nancy Leigh Demoss), Elyse Fitzpatrick, etc.
  - m. Another book from any previous category.