

A blurred, close-up image of a person's face, likely a man, with a warm, golden-brown color palette. The image is out of focus, showing only the general shape and color of the face.

# THE WISDOM OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

**Following the Acts series, we will take note of the main lessons from Paul's teaching as found throughout his letters. While the Apostle Paul covers a lot of theological ground, he has some common threads that he pulls on often. So, what does Paul teach us about our Christian lives? How do we orient ourselves if we want to be living our best Christians lives? What does Paul teach churches to care about most?**

**Unlike the Study Guide from the Acts series, this is simply a reference list to keep you reading through the New Testament in a way that makes sense to Paul's life and themes. The goal at the beginning of Acts was to get our church to read almost the entire New Testament – which is something to celebrate!**

**So...just like last time, but with a lot less “work” – spread the readings out over the whole week, make a plan, and get it going!**

## **WEEK 1: October 21 - 26, 2024**

### **READ 1 Corinthians (16 chapters)**

*Paul talks about “humility” often – it’s certainly a major theme of the wisdom he passes down to us. As you read through 1 Corinthians this week, note where you find that theme!*

## **WEEK 2: October 28 – November 2, 2024**

### **READ Ephesians (6 chapters) & Colossians (4 chapters)**

*This week we will talk about what it means to have a “sole purpose.” In a world that is constantly spreading us thin, what does it look like to reprioritize our lives to be centered on our holy calling. What would that cause us to do? What would that cost?*

## **WEEK 3: November 4 - 9, 2024**

### **READ Romans (16 chapters)**

*Romans is a robust read theologically! Paul covers A LOT of ground here. Not only that, he’s benefited from two missionary journeys and at least five previous letters, so his writing is more refined. You should notice plenty of Scriptural tidbits that you’ve heard throughout the years in church!*

## **WEEK 4: November 11 - 16, 2024**

### **READ Philemon (1 chapter) + 1 Timothy (6 ch), 2 Timothy (4 ch) & Titus (3 ch)**

*Philemon is a rogue Paul writing...enjoy! The Timothy and Titus letters are referred to as the Pastoral Letters because Paul is instructing his young leaders on how to run churches! A lot of really great themes throughout these letters!*

## **WEEK 5: November 18 - 23, 2024**

### **READ 2 Corinthians (16 chapters)**

*2 Corinthians is written after Paul receives a positive report from Titus about the church in Corinth – this is after Paul berated them for their lack of cohesion in the 1<sup>st</sup> letter. Note the change in tone and theme!*

## **Extra reading: whenever you feel like it**

### **READ Hebrews (13 chapters)**

*Paul didn’t write this one (no matter what the internet or a previous Sunday School teacher told you!) It’s a bit of an outlier in the New Testament, but has a lot of great teaching in it. Don’t stop 13 chapters short of finishing the job! Get it done!!!*