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## Tips for public Bible reading

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### Tips for the public reading of Scripture

**Scriptures well read are powerful life- giving experiences.**

- Public reading of Scripture is directed by the Apostles. It is on a level with preaching and teaching . 1Timothy 4.13. Joshua 1.8. Nehemiah 8
- Leave it to good readers to read Scripture, or at least those willing to develop the skill through practise.
- Use a lectionary. It is a plan of readings. You can obtain one or have your church make its own by reading through books of the Bible or themes.
- Read slower than you would speak
- Get the flow and rhythm of conversational speech.
- Notice punctuation eg lift voice at commas and drop at stops. Pause for quotes. Vary voice level as in natural conversation.
- For emphasis look up to listeners and follow text with finger to help you find place
- Refer to Bible as Scripture or specifically as Old or New Testament

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