# Bitesize Bible Calendar

#### Calendar facts

A calendar is a tool used to mark the passing of time. People of ancient times based their calendars on the most obvious regular events they knew—the changing positions of the sun, moon, and stars. These calendars helped them figure out when to plant and harvest their crops. Over time different groups of people developed other calendars based on their own needs and beliefs.



Several units of time are common to nearly all calendars in the world. The day is the most basic unit. The day measures the cycle of daytime and nighttime. It is the length of time the Earth takes to spin once on its axis. A group of seven days is called a week.

The month measures the cycle of the phases of the Moon. Its length is about  $29^{1}/_{2}$  days, the time taken by the Moon to orbit Earth. The year measures the cycle of the seasons. Its length is about  $365^{1}/_{4}$  days, the time taken by Earth to orbit the sun.

Fitting months into years is a problem for calendar makers. The difficulty comes from the fact that the month is 'lunar', or based on the Moon, but the year is 'solar', based on the sun. To make the lunar months fit into the solar year, it is necessary to add days at certain times. This is why calendar months differ in length. All except February are longer than 29 days to make up for the extra 11 days of the solar year. For the same reason, a day is added to February every fourth year. These are called "leap years."

#### A new kind of calendar

Below you will find a Bitesize Bible monthly calendar.

Each month you learn about a different Christian value including the following: Joy, Faith, Wisdom, Unity, Perseverance, Honesty, Courage, Understanding, Hopefulness, Rewards, Patience, and Kindness. You will also meet some famous people and learn about their faith and the values that they live by.

Against each day there is a short Bible verse. Look it up online or in a Bible and you will learn a little more about the value. You may like to write the daily verse down occasionally and then post it in a special place around the house where your family will bump into it. – like a little secret message.



At the end of each month, you will have read about 30 famous Bible verses on each theme. And, by the end of the year, you will have God's advice for lots of different situations that you may come across.





# The value for January......



January 1: Romans 15:13

January 2: Romans 12:12

January 3: James 1:2

January 4: Philippians 4:4

January 5: Galatians 5:22

January 6: John 16:24

January 7: Proverbs 17:22

January 8: John 16:22

January 9: Psalm 118:24

January 10: Psalm 16:11

January 11: John 15:11

January 12: Psalm 16:9

January 13: Psalm 30:5

January 14: 1 Thessalonians

5:16

January 15: Isaiah 55:12

January 16: Luke 15:10

January 17: Psalm 71:23

January 18: 1 John 1:4

January 19: Psalm 28:7

January 20: Psalm 126:5

January 21: Psalm 33:21

January 22: Jeremiah 29:11

January 23: Colossians 1:11

January 24: Psalm 5:11

January 25: 1 Peter 4:13

January 26: Psalm 100:1

January 27: Psalm 30:11

January 28: 1 Peter 1:8-9

January 29: 1 Chronicles 16:27

January 30: Zephaniah 3:17

January 31: Acts 2:28

Joy: a feeling of

great pleasure and happiness

"Developing my relationship with God has been the coolest thing I've experienced, to know that I'm not alone and I don't have to live in fear. I am set free, I am a child of the most high God and he loves me exactly where I am, how I am, for who I am."

Discovered when he was just 13, Justin Bieber went on to become the first artist to have seven songs from a debut record chart on the Billboard Hot 100.

### The value for February......



February 1: Ephesians 2:8

February 2: Galatians 5:22

February 3: Romans 5:1

February 4: Hebrews 11:1

February 5: Galatians 2:20

February 6: Romans 10:17

February 7: Hebrews 11:6

February 8: John 3:36

February 9: James 2:14

February 10: Galatians 3:26

February 11: Hebrews 12:2

February 12: Hebrews 4:14

February 13: John 14:12

February 14: 2 Timothy 3:15

February 15: 1 John 4:16

February 16: 1 Timothy 4:12

February 17: Galatians 2:16

February 18: Romans 3:20

February 19: Acts 14:22

February 20: Romans 3:25

February 21: Hebrews 6:1

February 22: James 2:17

February 23: Romans 12:6

February 24: Romans 15:13

February 25: Romans 14:1

February 26: 1 Peter 1:9

February 27: Hebrews 11:3

February 28: Acts 20:21

"To me, my Christian faith is all about being held, comforted, forgiven, strengthened, and loved."

Edward Michael Grylls OBE, better known as Bear Grylls, is a British former SAS serviceman, survival instructor, and honorary lieutenantcolonel, and, outside his military career, a writer and television presenter.

Faith: complete trust or

confidence in someone or something

The value for March......

March 1: James 1:5

March 2: Colossians 3:16

March 3: 2 Timothy 3:15

March 4: Proverbs 1:7

March 5: Colossians 1:28

March 6: Colossians 1:9

March 7: Romans 11:33

March 8: Luke 2:52

March 9: James 3:13

March 10: Proverbs 1:3

March 11: Proverbs 9:10

March 12: 1 Corinthians 1:30

March 13: Ephesians 1:17

March 14: Acts 7:10

March 15: James 3:17

March 16: Luke 2:40

March 17: Job 28:28

March 18: Luke 1:17

March 19: Proverbs 4:7

March 20: Proverbs 4:5

March 21: Hebrews 10:22

March 22: Colossians 4:5

March 23: 1 Corinthians 2:1

March 24: Isaiah 11:2



March 25: Psalms 90:12

March 26: 1 Corinthians 1:21

March 27: Proverbs 11:12

March 28: Deuteronomy 4:6

March 29: Proverbs 3:13

March 30: 1 Corinthians 2:6

March 31: 1 Corinthians 1:17

Wisdom: having experience,

knowledge, and good judgment

"God gives us talents and wants us to do our best regardless. God doesn't promise that you're always going to win; He doesn't promise that it's always going to be easy; He doesn't promise that you're going to be champion of the world all the time, but what He does say is, 'go and do the best you can; glorify Me while you're doing it, and then all will be well.' That gives me a lot of comfort."

Christine Ohuruogu, MBE is a double World Champion, having won the 400 m at the 2007 and 2013 World Championships. She has also won six World championship medals in the women's 4 x 400m relay as part of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland team.

## The value for April......



April 1: 1 Corinthians 12:12

April 2: Ephesians 4:13

April 3: Ephesians 4:3

April 4: John 17:23

April 5: Psalm 133:1

April 6: Ephesians 1:10

April 7: Colossians 3:14

April 8: 2 Chronicles 30:12

April 9: Acts 7:26

April 10: John 14:27

April 11: Hebrews 12:14

April 12: 2 Timothy 2:22

April 13: 2 Timothy 2:24

April 14: 1 Peter 3:11

April 15: Proverbs 11:12

April 16: Colossians 3:13

April 17: James 4:2

April 18: Proverbs 17:19

April 19: Proverbs 15:18

April 20: Proverbs 20:3

April 21: Proverbs 26:20

April 22: Proverbs 26:17

April 23: Proverbs 17:14

April 24: Hebrews 12:24

April 25: Romans 14:19

April 26: Matthew 5:24

April 27: Mark 9:50

April 28: Proverbs 16:7

April 29: 2 Peter 3:14

April 30: James 3:18

Unity: being united or

joined as a whole

"My parents encouraged me to read the Bible. That was important for me growing up. It's amazing to still have my family together as a unit and I'm grateful to God for that."

Liverpool and England striker Daniel Sturridge still reads his Bible every morning. The millionaire forward says that it is his most prized possession.

# The value for May......



May 1: Hebrews 12:1

May 2: 2 Peter 1:6

May 3: 3 Romans 5:3

May 4: 2 Thessalonians 1:4

May 5: James 1:3

May 6: James 5:11

May 7: James 1:4

May 8: Romans 5:3-5

May 9: Colossians 1:11

May 10: James 1:12

May 11: 2 John 1:8

May 12: 1 Timothy 4:16

May 13: Hebrews 10:36

May 14: Hebrews 12:2

May 15: 1 Corinthians 9:24

May 16: Philippians 1:10

May 17: Philippians 3:14

May 18: Revelation 22:12

May 19: Ephesians 6:8

May 20: Matthew 16:27

May 21: Luke 6:35

May 22: 2 John 1:8

May 23: Hebrews 10:35

May 24: Proverbs 12:14

May 25: Proverbs 11:18

May 26: Proverbs 9:12

May 27: Romans 6:22

May 28: Revelation 11:18

May 29: Proverbs 19:17

May 30: Matthew 10:42

May 31: Philippians 3:13

Perseverance: doing something

despite difficulty

"Easy is not a option. No days off, never quit, be fearless. Talent you have naturally. Skill is only developed by hours and hours of work."

Usain Bolt is a world record holder in the 100 metres, 200 metres and 4 × 100 metres relay. Widely considered to be the greatest sprinter of all time, he is a committed Christian who makes the sign of a cross and says silent prayers before every race.

#### The value for June......

**Honesty** 

June 24: 2 Corinthians 13:7

June 25: Proverbs 16:13

June 26: Ephesians 4:25

June 27: Romans 9:1

June 28: John 8:44

June 29: John 3:19

June 30: Psalm 5:6

Honesty: The quality of being honest

"I learned to put my trust in God, to see Him as my strength. Long ago I set my mind to be a free person and not to give in to fear. I always felt that it was my right to defend myself if I could. I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."

Rosa Parks helped start the civil rights movement in America when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a bus. She became a nationally recognized symbol of dignity and strength in the struggle to end racial segregation.

June 1: Hebrews 13:18

June 2: 2 Kings 12:15

June 3: 1 Timothy 2:2

June 4: Genesis 30:33

June 5: Philippians 4:8

June 6: John 7:24

June 7: Romans 12:17

June 8: Hebrews 10:22

June 9: Ephesians 4:28

June 10: 1 Peter 2:12

June 11: 2 Corinthians 6:8-9

June 12: Titus 3:14

June 13: 1 Peter 2:15

June 14: Proverbs 12:17

June 15: Proverbs 24:26

June 16: 2 Corinthians 8:21

June 17: Proverbs 12:5

June 18: Luke 8:15

June 19: 2 Kings 22:7

June 20: Deuteronomy 25:15

June 21: Proverbs 22:21

June 22: Proverbs 14:5

June 23: 1 Chronicles 29:17

# The value for July......

Courage

July 1: John 16:33

July 2: Joshua 1:9

July 3: Acts 4:13

July 4: Hebrews 12:5

July 5: Acts 4:31

July 6: Psalm 27:14

July 7: Deuteronomy 31:6

July 8: 2 Samuel 10:12

July 9: 1 Thessalonians 2:2

July 10: 2 Corinthians 7:4

July 11: Nehemiah 4:14

July 12: Joshua 10:25

July 13: Matthew 9:2

July 14: Philippians 1:20

July 15: Mark 15:43

"Anything can happen any day, but I feel God has his hand over me. It is a belief strengthened by regular prayer and attendance at church. I leave most often feeling enlightened and empowered, it's like a re-centering."

Lewis Hamilton MBE is a British racing driver. A six-time World Champion, he is one of the greatest drivers in the history of the sport.

July 16: Ephesians 3:12

July 17: Psalm 31:24

July 18: Leviticus 26:36

July 19: Acts 27:25

July 20: 1 Chronicles 28:20

July 21: Isaiah 41:6

July 22: 1 Chronicles 19:13

July 23: Psalm 107:26

July 24: 2 Samuel 10:12

July 25: Matthew 14:27

July 26: Mark 10:49

July 27: Philippians 1:20

July 28: Romans 8:35

July 29: 1 Thessalonians 1:6

July 30: Matthew 13:21

July 31: Hebrews 10:33

Courage: the ability to do something

that frightens you

# The value for August.......

# Understanding

August 1: Proverbs 3:5

August 2: 2 Timothy 3:15

August 3: Ephesians 1:7-9

August 4: Colossians 1:9

August 5: 2 Peter 3:18

August 6: Luke 2:52

August 7: 1 Corinthians 2:14

August 8: 1 Corinthians 1:10

August 9: James 3:13

August 10: Proverbs 9:10

August 11: Isaiah 40:28

August 12: Job 38:4

August 13: Philippians 4:7

August 14: 1 John 5:20

August 15: Psalm 111:10

August 16: 2 Corinthians 10:12

August 17: Ephesians 1:18

August 18: Romans 13:11

August 19: Luke 24:45

August 20: Luke 10:21

August 21: Hebrews 8:10

August 22: Proverbs 4:7

August 23: Proverbs 4:5

August 24: Isaiah 11:2

August 25: 1 Timothy 1:7

August 26: Proverbs 2:3-5

August 27: Proverbs 11:12

August 28: Deuteronomy 4:5-6

August 29: Colossians 2:2

August 30: 1 Corinthians 2:6

August 31: Philemon 1:6

Understanding: aware of other people's feelings, tolerant and

forgiving

"The Gospel offers forgiveness for the past, new life for the present, and hope for the future."

Dr John Sentamu is the UK's first black archbishop and the Church of England's second most senior clergyman. He astonished many, both inside and outside the Church, when he offered the hand of friendship to people who sent him racist mail after his appointment as Archbishop of York.

# The value for September.....



September 1: Hebrews 11:1

September 2: Titus 2:13

September 3: 1 Peter 3:15

September 4: Isaiah 40:31

September 5: 1 Peter 1:3

September 6: Romans 15:4

September 7: Titus 1:2

September 8: Ephesians 4:4

September 9: Romans 5:5

September 10: Romans 15:13

September 11: Colossians 1:27

September 12: Hebrews 10:23

September 13: Acts 24:15

September 14: 1 Peter 1:21

September 15: Romans 12:12

September 16: Ephesians 1:18

September 17: 1 Timothy 6:17

September 18: Hebrews 6:19

September 19: Romans 5:2

September 20: 1 John 3:3

September 21: 2 Corinthians 1:10

September 22: Hebrews 6:11

September 23: Zechariah 9:12

September 24: Acts 2:26

September 25: Job 8:13

September 26: Romans 5:3-4

**September 27: Galatians 5:5** 

September 28: Micah 7:7

September 29: Jeremiah 14:22

**September 30: Lamentations 3:25** 

Hope: confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something

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"Hope is much more than a mood. It involves a commitment to action. What we hope for should be what we are prepared to work for...as far as that power lies in us."

John Polkinghorne KBE FRS is a theoretical physicist and an Anglican priest, fascinated by the relationship between science and religion.

#### The value for October......



October 1: Hebrews 11:6

October 2: Revelation 22:12

October 3: 1 Samuel 26:23

October 4: Hebrews 12:2

October 5: 1 Corinthians 9:24

October 6: Philippians 3:14

October 7: Matthew 6:2

October 8: Matthew 6:5

October 9: Psalm 127:3

October 10: Ephesians 6:8

October 11: Matthew 6:6

October 12: Matthew 16:27

October 13: Luke 6:35

October 14: 2 John 1:8

October 15: Matthew 6:16

October 16: Hebrews 10:35

October 17: Proverbs 12:14

October 18: 1 Corinthians 3:8

October 19: Hebrews 11:26

October 20: 1 Corinthians 9:17

October 21: Matthew 6:4

October 22: Proverbs 11:18

October 23: Proverbs 9:12

October 24: 1 Corinthians 9:18

October 25: Luke 6:22-23

October 26: 1 Corinthians 3:14

October 27: Ruth 2:12

October 28: Colossians 3:24

October 29: Romans 6:22

October 30: Deuteronomy 10:17

October 31: Proverbs 19:17

Reward: a thing given in recognition of one's service,

effort, or achievement

"I give all to the glory to God. The glory goes up to Him and the blessings fall down on me."

Gabby Douglas, made famous for her gymnast skills at the 2012 Olympics, is a devout Christian who can frequently be seen praying before performances. Douglas says that when she struggles as an athlete, she leans on her faith and trusts that God will help give her the strength and wisdom it takes to succeed.

#### The value for November......



November 1: Galatians 5:22

November 2: Hebrews 12:1

November 3: Colossians 3:12

November 4: Romans 15:3-5

November 5: 2 Timothy 4:2

November 6: Revelation 2:3

November 7: James 5:7

November 8: Romans 2:4

November 9: 2 Thessalonians 1:4

November 10: Revelation 3:10

November 11: Ephesians 4:2

November 12: Revelation 14:12

November 13: Romans 15:5

November 14: Ecclesiastes 7:8

November 15: James 1:3-5

November 16: Proverbs 25:15

November 17: James 5:11

November 18: 1 Peter 3:20

November 19: 2 Thessalonians 3:5

November 20: 2 Timothy 3:10

November 21: James 1:4

November 22: 1 Timothy 1:16

November 23: Romans 5:3-4

November 24: 2 Corinthians 6:4

November 25: Colossians 1:11

November 26: Hebrews 6:12

November 27: James 5:10

November 28: Proverbs 19:11

November 29: 2 Corinthians 6:6

November 30: Romans 8:25

Patience: to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting

angry

"There's more to me than just this jersey I wear, and that's Christ living inside of me."

Stephen Curry is an American professional basketball player. A sixtime NBA All-Star. Curry has been named the NBA Most Valuable Player twice. Many players and analysts have called him the greatest shooter in NBA history. He is credited with revolutionizing the game of basketball by inspiring players to use patience when taking three point shots and to show consideration towards opponents.

#### The value for December......



December 1: 1 Peter 2:3

December 2: Colossians 3:12

December 3: 2 Corinthians 12:9

December 4: 2 Peter 1:5-7

December 5: Titus 3:4-5

December 6: 2 Corinthians 8:9

December 7: 2 Corinthians 9:10

December 8: Exodus 34:6

December 9: Lamentations 3:22

December 10: Jeremiah 31:3

December 11: Psalm 138:2

December 12: Joel 2:13

December 13: Micah 7:18

December 14: Acts 14:17

December 15: Psalms 107:1

December 16: Isaiah 30:18

December 17: Nehemiah 1:5

December 18: Job 10:12

Kindness: quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate

December 19: 1 Thessalonians 5:15

December 20: 1 Kings 3:6

December 21: Luke 1:50

December 22: Zechariah 7:9

December 23: Daniel 9:18

December 24: Nehemiah 9:17

December 25: Jonah 2:8

December 26: Daniel 9:4

December 27: 2 Chronicles 6:14

December 28: Proverbs 14:22

December 29: 2 Samuel 9:1

December 30: 1 Kings 8:23

December 31: Hosea 11:4

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu, the South African Anglican archbishop known for his opposition to apartheid in South Africa, for which he received the Nobel Prize for Peace. In 1995 he became head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to fight for justice in the country.

