

BRICKHOUSE MINISTRIES

Bible Note-Taking System



Quick Start Guide

Introduction

This guide provides a simple, organized system for taking meaningful notes in your Bible. Using a combination of **color coding**, **margin symbols**, and a **notebook reference system**, you can **deepen your understanding of Scripture** and easily track insights over time.

Part 1: Color Coding System

Use these colors to mark different theological themes in your Bible:

- **Green – Creation and the Natural World**
 - Mark verses about **creation, nature, and God's physical world.**
- **Red – Christ and Redemption**
 - Use for references to **Jesus, His sacrifice, salvation, and the cross.**
- **Blue – Church and Community**
 - Highlight passages about **baptism, the body of believers, and fellowship.**
- **Orange – Holy Spirit**
 - Mark verses about the **Spirit's work, guidance, and gifts.**
- **Yellow – Promises and Blessings**
 - Use for **God's promises, covenant blessings, and provisions.**
- **Purple – Eschatology (End Times)**
 - Mark passages about **Christ's return, heaven, and final judgment.**

✓ **Tip:** Start with **2-3 colors** until you become comfortable with the system.

Part 2: Margin Symbols

Use these **simple symbols** in your Bible margins to **quickly identify key concepts**:

- ❤️ – **Love** (God's love, loving others)
- 🙏 – **Prayer & Worship**

-  – Atonement & Salvation
- ↑ – Resurrection (Jesus' resurrection & our future hope)
-  – Reference to Notebook Entry (For deeper notes)

Example:

If you mark **John 3:16**, you could write:

● (Christ/Redemption) + ♥ (Love) +  (Salvation)

✓ **Tip:** Keep your markings **consistent** throughout your Bible study.

Part 3: Notebook Reference System

Materials Needed:

- ✓ A dedicated notebook
- ✓ Your Bible
- ✓ Pens that **won't bleed through** Bible pages

Setting Up Your Notebook:

- 1 Reserve the first 5 pages for a Table of Contents.
- 2 Begin your notes on page 6.
- 3 For each entry:

- Number it sequentially (**N001, N002, N003, etc.**).
- Include the **Bible reference** (e.g., **John 3:16**).
- Add a **brief topic title** (e.g., "God's Love").
- Write your **insights, key themes, cross-references, and applications**.

✓ **Tip:** Date your entries to track your study progress.

Using the System

- ✓ **Step 1:** Identify important passages while reading your Bible.
- ✓ **Step 2:** Write the note reference (e.g., "**N001**") in the Bible's margin.
- ✓ **Step 3:** In your notebook, create an entry with:

- **Entry Number** (e.g., **N001**)
- **Bible Reference** (e.g., **John 3:16**)
- **Title** (e.g., "God's Love")
- **Your complete notes, insights, and cross-references**

✓ **Step 4:** Update your **Table of Contents** for quick reference later.

📌 Practical Example:

You're studying **John 3:16** and want to take notes.

1 In your Bible:

- Highlight John 3:16 in ● **red (Christ/Redemption)**.

- Write "N001" in the margin.
- **2 In your Notebook:**
- **N001 – John 3:16 – God’s Love**
- Write:
 - “God’s love is the foundation of salvation.”
 - “Cross-reference: Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:9.”
 - “Application: Am I reflecting this love in my daily life?”
- **3 In your Table of Contents:**
- **N001 – John 3:16 – God’s Love**

✓ **Tip:** Consider using a **wide-margin or journaling Bible** for extra space.

Important Tips

- ◆ **Test your pens first** on a blank Bible page to avoid bleed-through.
- ◆ Start with **just a few colors** and expand as you get comfortable.
- ◆ **Be consistent** with symbols and colors across your study.
- ◆ **Review your notes regularly** to reinforce learning.
- ◆ **Adapt the system** to your personal study preferences!

📖 **This system is designed to grow with your Bible study practice.** Start simple, stay consistent, and watch your understanding of Scripture deepen!