

Video Script Chapter 16: Completion Timeline Strategies

Video 16.1

One important part of planning is setting a timeline of goals.

The New Testament has about 8,000 verses. There are 52 weeks in a year. Therefore, the NT could be completely drafted in 1 year with 6 translators drafting about 25 verses per week. The Old Testament has about 23,200 verses. It can be drafted in 3 years with 6 translators drafting about 25 verses per week.

When you train participants of a new translation project, you will need to have a conversation with them (or their leaders) similar to the following:

- **What kind of goal would you like to set for your completion of the NT (or OT)?**
- **How much do you think you could draft in a week?**
- **How many translators do you need?**
- **Will you need to recruit more?**
- **How will you get together to do the checking steps?**
- **Could you plan a weekly or monthly group checking?**
- **Will you do checking together or online?**
- **How will you keep track of who is drafting and checking each portion and what work has been accomplished?**
- **What do you see as some of your challenges?**
- **What value do you see in making a goal?**

The leaders of the translation team will set goals for verse/chapter/book completion, as well as release of portions for community review.

One of the greatest responsibilities of the leadership team is keeping the translators motivated and accountable. Someone who is good at organization should keep track of what books or chapters are assigned to which translators, and which steps have been completed for each chapter. The team should choose a schedule for meeting to do checking steps, and have a goal for their final publication date.

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