

Disclaimers:

- This is probably NOT the most efficient way to play. This guide is simply my gut instinct and what I think feels like a fun and steady progression.
- This is based on my playstyle, which is playing actively (clicking golden cookies) and constantly pledging (buying Elder Pledge instead of staying at One Mind). You are free to interpret the guide differently to work with your playstyle better if you want to, for example if you want to reset earlier or later than the guide says that's fine.
- The time stamps are just to give you an idea of how long each round will last (assuming my playstyle) and are not very precise.

Ascension #1:

Prestige Level: 115+ (Total: 115+)

Cookies baked (all time): **1.520 quintillion**

Upgrades (4/56):

- Legacy (1)
- Persistent memory (5)
- How to bake your dragon (9)
- Permanent upgrade slot I (100)

Notes:

You want to reset early because the first game is ridiculously slow. +115 % together with the dragon and Permanent Upgrade Slot should make your next game significantly faster. Make sure to put your highest Finger Upgrade in the Permanent Upgrade Slot (Quintillion/Sextillion Fingers).

Time: 1 week

Ascension #2:

Prestige Level: 385+ (Total: 500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **125 quintillion**

Upgrades (15/56):

- Twin Gates of Transcendence (1)
- Angels (7)
- Belphegor (7)
- Tin of british tea biscuits (25)
- Box of macarons (25)
- Box of brand biscuits (25)
- Tin of butter cookies (25)
- Archangels (49)
- Mammon (49)
- Starter kit (50)
- Heavenly Luck (77)

Notes:

You don't have to buy the Angel/Demon upgrades but you might as well get a head start towards the Synergy Upgrades. Replace the Finger Upgrade in your Upgrade Slot if you have a better one.

Time: 2 days

Ascension #3:

Prestige Level: 1,200+ (Total: 1,700+)

Cookies baked (all time): **4.913 sextillion**

Upgrades (18/56):

- Season switcher (1,111)

Notes:

Replace the Finger Upgrade in your Upgrade Slot if you have a better one.

Time: 4 days

Ascension #4:

Prestige Level: 1,800+ (Total: 3,500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **42.875 sextillion**

Upgrades (18/56):

- Lasting fortune (777)
- Golden switch (999)

Notes:

Replace the Finger Upgrade in your Upgrade Slot if you have a better one. Thanks to the seasons this shouldn't take very long

Time: 3 days

Ascension #5:

Prestige Level: 10,000+ (Total: 13,500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **2.460 septillion**

Upgrades (24/56):

- Virtues (343)
- Abaddon (343)
- Permanent upgrade slot II (2,000)
- Dominions (2,401)
- Satan (2,401)
- Synergies Vol. I (2,525)

Notes:

Add your most expensive kitten to your new Upgrade Slot. Replace the Finger Upgrade in your Upgrade Slot if you have a better one. You have to buy the Angel/Demon upgrades to get to the Synergy upgrade. If you don't have 13 leftover chips from previous ascensions you can't buy everything (shouldn't be a problem if you followed the guide up to this point). You can break this one up too if you want to. This might seem like an early reset but synergies give a lot of CPS and will make resetting worthwhile.

Time: 2 days

Ascension #6:

Prestige Level: 50,000+ (Total: 63,500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **256.047 septillion**

Upgrades (29/56):

- Starter kitchen (5,000)
- Decisive fate (7,777)
- Kitten angels (9,000)
- Golden cookie alert sound (9,999)
- Cherubim/Asmodeus (16,807)

Notes:

If you don't have Octillion Fingers in one of your Upgrade Slots by now get to it ASAP. Replace the kitten in your Upgrade Slot if you have a better one. The upgrades you buy won't really increase your CPS so your not gonna see a major boost unlike the previous runs. You don't have to buy the next angel/demon now but it's good for working towards the next synergy and it might benefit you if you close your computer often.

Time: 4 days

Ascension #7:

Prestige Level: 100,000+ (Total: 163,500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **4.370 octillion**

Upgrades (32/56):

- Cherubim/Asmodeus (16,807)
- Permanent upgrade slot III (30,000)
- Unholy bait (44,444)

Notes:

Replace the kitten upgrade in your Upgrade Slot if you have a better one. The other should still have Octillion Fingers. Unholy bait will make Wrinklers spawn a lot faster which should help with completing seasons and overall idling. Put your most expensive prism upgrade in your new Upgrade Slot. Buy the angel/demon you didn't buy previously or skip them if you want.

Time: 3 days

Ascension #8:

Prestige Level: 300,000+ (463,500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **99.574 octillion**

Upgrades (35/56):

- Divine discount (99,999)
- Divine sales (99,999)
- Residual luck (99,999)

Notes:

Replace kitten and prism if you have a better one. It's important to get Residual luck though because it will make the Golden switch more than twice as strong. At this point you should be able to fully train Krumbler, if you haven't already. Divine discount/sales will help with getting the 300th prism and most expensive kitten (and a lot of other things of course).

Time: 5 days

Ascension #9:

Prestige Level: 500,000+ (963,500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **894.448 octillion**

Upgrades (37/56):

- Elder spice (444,444)
- Halo gloves (55,555)

Notes:

Replace kitten and prism if you have a better one. The Halo gloves might seem insignificant but will increase the cookies you get from Frenzy + Click Frenzy by 10% which does have a small impact. Two more wrinklers might not seem like much but holy god is that a huge boost. Just trust me, okay? You. Want. This. Upgrade!!!!

Time: 1 week

Ascension #10:

Prestige Level: 1,000,000+ (1,963,500+)

Cookies baked (all time): **7.569 nonillion**

Upgrades (45/56):

- Starsnow (111,111)
- Starspawn (111,111)
- Starlove (111,111)
- Starterror (111,111)
- Startrade (111,111)
- Seraphim (117,649)
- Beelzebub (117,649)
- Synergies Vol. II (252,525)

Notes:

Replace kitten and prism if you have a better one. According to most people buying Startrade makes Business Day the best season for active play, so keep that in mind. You don't have to buy the angels/demons but you should start working towards the second synergy upgrades at this point. Synergies should also help a lot.

Time: 1 week

Ascension #11:

Prestige Level: 2,000,000+ (Total: 3,963,000+)

Cookies baked (all time): **62.263 nonillion**

Upgrades (49/56):

- Divine Bakeries (399,999)
- Permanent upgrade slot IV (400,000)
- Sacrilegious corruption (444,444)
- Five finger discount (555,555)

Notes:

Replace kitten and prism if you have a better one, at this point you should have Kitten experts (the most expensive kitten) though. Put the omelette in your new slot to (hopefully) speed up easter in all future runs. The other upgrades are all fine and dandy but won't be a super big boost.

Time: 1.5 weeks

Ascension #12:

Prestige Level: $\approx 3,500,000$ (Total: $\approx 7,500,000$)

Cookies baked (all time): \approx **421.875 nonillion**

Upgrades (51/56):

- God (823,543)
- Lucifer (823,543)

Notes:

Replace prism if you have a better one. At this point all the remaining upgrades are either 5 million chips or more/Only cosmetic. So you're mostly resetting to gain prestige levels so when you reset from this point on is basically up to you.

Time: 1.5 weeks

Ascension #13+:

Prestige Level: $\approx 10,000,000$ (Total: 17,500,000)

Cookies baked (all time): **5.359 decillion**

Upgrades (56/56):

- Permanent upgrade slot V (5,000,000)
- Chimera (5,764,801)

Bonus:

- **Classic dairy selection (9)**
- **Basic wallpaper assortment (99)**
- **Fanciful dairy selection (1,000,000)**

Notes:

At this point you should have the highest prism upgrade so you won't need to switch that anymore. You can also remove the Octillion fingers from the first Upgrade slot. So what should you put in your two empty slots (I and V). There's no definite answer but here are some options:

- Ruby Chocolate Butter Biscuit (+ 10% multiplier)
- Serendipity (Golden cookies appear twice as often and stay twice as long)
- Golden Goose Egg (Golden cookies appear 5% more often)

You did it! You bought all the ascension upgrades! I'm so proud of you. However there is still more to do...

Future Ascensions:

So you bought all 56 upgrades, what now? Well there's still probably two achievements related to ascending you probably don't have yet. One for ascending 100 times and one for ascending 1000 times (this is a shadow achievement so unless you're a shadow achievement hunter you can ignore it). You want to get these achievements out of the way as soon as you can (keep in mind that you need to earn at least one prestige level for an ascension to count). You probably also don't have the achievement for baking 1 undecillion cookies. The heavenly chips are useless but the prestige levels are certainly not. There's also a lot of "Challenge Mode"-exclusive achievements (especially if you collect shadow achievements) so if you haven't done those yet you definitely should. And when you have absolutely everything? Well hang in there and keep building your cookie count. Hopefully Orteil will start updating this game more frequently in 2016 and who knows what absurdly expensive things he'll add.