

# Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

## READING THE BIBLE WITH A PURPOSE

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Have you ever said or heard someone say, "I don't understand the Bible," or "I read the Bible, but I don't come away with anything.?" Bible study is clearly important for the Christian because the Scriptures reveal the mind of God.

(1 Corinthians 2:10-13), reveal all we need (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and will judge us (John 12:48-50). So, what can we do to profit more from our Bible study? How can we insure that we come away with something each time we read the Scriptures? Try answering these questions whenever you read the Bible:

1. What **commands** are there to obey?
2. What **examples** are there to follow?
3. What **sins** are there to avoid?
4. What **promises** are there to receive? Are they conditional or unconditional?
5. What **prayers** can I make my own?
6. What do I learn about God?

Remember, to pay proper respect to the context. Does it fit in with the scriptures before and after? The Bible Story? Many false doctrines have been promoted by taking a few scriptures "out of context".

While this method of Bible study may not result in a complete understanding of any particular passage, it will insure that we gain something each time we read the Bible. Also, if we will apply what we learn we will grow in our faith and be pleasing to our Father. So, try reading with a **purpose**, the next time you sit down to read the Scriptures; read to find out what God is telling you.

### **"LET THE BIBLE SPEAK"**

**Note: Sermons by Josh on "Studying the Bible" and "Paying Proper Respect to Content" are available on DVD or can be listened to online. Ask for the link.**