

2. Watch for personal direction and group order
3. Watch for instruction in the immediate areas of life.

C. Some quick notes on helpful books...

IV. How Can We Understand the Bible?

- A. Read it respectfully
- B. Pay attention to the context of the reading of any portion
- C. Pray
- D. Keep a book of spiritual blessings derived from your reading.
- E. Keep a list of questions of perplexing affairs. Don't be afraid to ask others or to consult a book
- F. Accept its authority in matters you can understand and in matters you cannot understand, wait, ask and---maybe it is something you really don't need to know!
- F. Finally there are some passages that are hard for all scholars. Our minds are limited in many ways (I still have trouble working with this computer!) But one does not believe on the basis of understanding....one believes on the basis of trust...and with trust better understanding often comes (Hebrews 11)

Looking ahead to our next study...we will try to work with the concept of how we understand prophecy, poetry and speech figures that enrich the language of the Bible and sometimes perplex us. This, too, will be something of a whirlwind discussion, but if you are still alive after this quick trip today I hope to see you next week as well. I think I failed to mention earlier in these notes that my name is Tom Taylor and I am thankful to be able to study these things while admitting that I, too, am learning...and there are times when the process is very slow.