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Why Should We Attend All of The Church Services?

Have you ever heard one ask the question, “Do I have to attend all of the church services?” I have, and my reply was, “why wouldn’t you want too?” You see, why would a faithful Christian not be willing or not want to attend all of the church services?” Think about that, while I suggest a few reasons for why we should attend all of the services. We should attend all of the church services...

To Put First Things First.

In Matthew 6:33 Jesus instructed, “...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...” You see, when we truly obey this instruction given by Jesus, taking advantage of every opportunity we have to attend all of the church services will become a priority for us. When we take advantage of every opportunity we have to worship God or to study His all inspired word, instead of engaging in some other worldly activity, we are putting first things first. Therefore, always seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness over anything else, and remember, Jesus said, seek first, not second, not third, but first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

To Stir Up Love and Good Works.

In Hebrews 10:24-25 the Hebrew writer penned, “*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembly of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*” Brethren, let’s take heed to those inspired words, and let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but rather let’s take advantage of every opportunity that we have to assemble together in order to stir up love and good works, always remembering, we need the encouragement of one another, and when we fail to be present at every church service we can become a discouragement to one another, instead of an encouragement to one another.

To Set A Good Example.

Jesus said, “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*” (Matthew 5:16). What better way to let our light shine before men, than by being a good example to them by attending all of the church services? You see, people do pay attention to the examples that others are setting, and when others see us attending all of the church services, they too can be encouraged to do the same.

To Be Made Stronger.

In Romans 10:17 Paul declared, “*So then faith comes by hearing, and the hearing by the word of God.*” Here, Paul affirms that the source of faith comes by the hearing of God’s word. Therefore, the more we attend church services and hear the word of God proclaimed, the

stronger our faith will become. You see, the hearing of God's word is not to be a one-time occurrence, but rather it is to be a continual occurrence (2 Peter 1:12), and again my friends the more we hear God's word the stronger our faith will become.

To Grow and Increase In Knowledge.

The apostle Peter wrote, "...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 3:18). Brethren, when one attends all of the church services, they are given the opportunity to grow and increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How? Well again, the more we hear and study about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the more we will learn about Him, which then allows us to grow and increase in knowledge.

To Abound In The Lord's Work.

Paul, exhorted the Corinthian brethren to, "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Brethren, we too as Paul said, need to always be abounding in the work of the Lord. Why? Well, there is no better work to be done than that of the work of the Lord, and notice Paul informed that labor in the Lord is not in vain. Therefore, let's all willingly attend all of the services, and let's be actively engaged in the Lord's work.

To Express Our Love For God.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was He replied, "*You shall love the Lord your God*

with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). My friend, if one chooses to neglect attending all of the church services do they truly love God? Do they? I venture to say that we would all agree that those who consistently neglect attending church services have a spiritual heart condition, and they need to get their heart right with God. However, I believe we would all agree that those who do choose to take advantage of every opportunity to attend all of the services truly show and express their love for God by doing so.

My beloved brethren, I hope that you will find these few examples to be helpful and encouraging to you, and I likewise hope that we all will desire to attend all of the church services.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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