

Tidings From Timothy

I would like to thank you all for the abundant response to the needs of the community during the holiday season. Your help not only shows that the church cares as Christians ought, but also keeps it to where our contributions can continue to be used for evangelism and worship to the maximum extent.

I also want to thank those who filled in for me at the Jail and the Nursing Home this month. My family and I are back and I feel refreshed from spending some holiday time with our extended family.

In need of Prayer: Travis Page is recovering from a hip injury. I have been away, so I don't have much of an update on some of the other regulars. Listen to the announcements this morning and look on the prayer list. Don't forget that there is great power in prayer!

Sermon Plans: I plan to preach on "The Two works of the Bible" this morning. Tonight and for the next couple of weeks, I plan to preach on the Sermon on the Mount for the evening service. I am excited about a couple of lessons as we start the New Year: Next week will be on "A Resolution for Life" and after that I hope to preach a sermon on prayer I've been thinking about. If you consider it worthwhile to study for up to a half-hour each week on these things with me, then I feel it's worthwhile to let you know what's coming.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Out front today I will have a separate sheet with the birthdays and anniversaries for January.

"Well, on Sunday night..."

I thought that it might be interesting and helpful to list some of the thoughts expressed by people in the church who don't come Sunday to evening services. The problem is found in every congregation that I know of to one degree or another. Let me first give you some motivation for attending Sunday night services.



First, the command of our Lord by His messenger ought to motivate us to worship on Sunday night. If you read in Hebrews 10:25, you will see that Sunday Morning is not explicitly mentioned. If the church assembles on Sunday evening just as well as Sunday morning then this passage binds one just as well as the other.

Secondly, God gives us every reason to *want* to go to worship. Salvation, the opportunity for fellowship, physical blessings, and many other things have all been supplied to us by Him. Are you not grateful?

Even though we have great motivation, some still come up with "reasons" why they cannot come Sunday night. I wish to make two lists, one of "common" excuses and the other of straightforward excuses.

1) "I don't drive at night."

This is perhaps one of the most common excuses among those in the church, especially as the membership in the church ages. I am open to suggestions if someone thinks I have missed something here, but I have two immediate suggestions. First, why not get a neighbor to take you? Have you asked anyone? Why not? We shouldn't be shy about coming to worship! Secondly, why not have the church van (if your congregation has one) come get you? I think most situations could be helped if these two steps were followed. Perish the thought for you to say, "It would be too much trouble." Your brethren want to see you at worship!

2) "I came Sunday morning."

So? Let's say you help a person in need some morning, then you meet someone else in need that same evening, do you help them? Or do you say, "Well, sorry, I already helped someone today, go suffer." Let's say you were honest this morning, can you lie that evening? Now let us look at some straightforward excuses.

1) "I don't like going to church, and going on Sunday morning is just enough to soothe my conscience."

We may be able to help! Now that the problem is known, tell me, what is it that you do not like?

2) "The Bible doesn't explicitly say 'Everyone has to go to Sunday Evening worship,' and I do not believe Matthew 6:33."

Then your faith is in vain. If you are going to willfully neglect one point, then you might as well throw it all out. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

"Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God..."

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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Luke 22:14 - 20 ¹⁴And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: ¹⁶For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. ¹⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves: ¹⁸For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. ¹⁹And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁰Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

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Morning Worship... 10:05am

Evening Worship... 6pm

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