

Tidings From Timothy

IN God we Trust. It's on our money, but is it in our hearts? This morning we will study on that theme. Tonight come back and see us as we continue our study of Matthew 24.

In Need of Prayer: Look out on the prayer list, and also remember Clara Gerald from the nursing home who is in St. Thomas Hospital and had to have surgery.



Pantry: Pinto and Great Northern Beans.

Jail Service Today: Pray that they may turn their lives around and begin to serve God.

Youth Service: In the midst of so many vacations and summer trips, I thought that you all did a good job coming out to support our young men's service last week.

“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?

- 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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Verses for the Lord's Supper: **Matthew 16:21-23** ²¹From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²²Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

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