

# Why Attendance Matters

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## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Some sermons are more enjoyable to preach than others – but all are necessary and important! The same principle holds true when it comes to hearing lessons! What's our attitude? (1 Tim 4:1-4)
- B. This is the case when it comes to lessons on faithful attendance - All over this country, churches are struggling with attendance problems. This scares me because it reflects a problem in the heart!

## I. REASONS WHY FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT:

- A. Faithfully attending the services is important because it is a reflection of our attitude toward God!
  - 1. The command for faithful attendance is found first in the \_\_\_\_\_! (Mk 12:28-31)
  - 2. David had a humble & worshipful attitude toward God! Because of this he longed for the chance to worship God publicly! He assembled out of \_\_\_\_\_! (Ps 122:1; 42:1-2)
  - 3. Do we attend out of a desire to praise and thank God, truly worshipping Him, or it is a habitual thing, merely checking off a checklist? (Psalm 100; Malachi 1:10, 13)
  - 4. Our responsibility to worship is one of those things with no exact \_\_\_\_\_! (Acts 11:29)
    - a. It's an area where God expect us to serve Him according to the ability we have
    - b. Two attitudes – I can look for an excuse to do just as little as possible or I can see it as an opportunity to show my faith, devotion, and love by doing as much as possible
  - 4. Attending the services is a chance to show our \_\_\_\_\_ to God! (Psalm 116:12ff)
- B. By gathering with other Christians to worship God and study His word, we gain strength personally!
  - 1. Faithful attendance helps to guard us against \_\_\_\_\_! (Heb. 10:26ff)
  - 2. Faithful attendance helps to guard us against complacency and \_\_\_\_\_! (Heb 2:1; 3:12-14)
  - 3. It is important because we're all engaged in a personal spiritual \_\_\_\_\_! (I Pet 5:8-9)
- C. By gathering with other Christians to worship God and study His word, we help strengthen others!
  - 1. God has a reason to command faithfulness in our attendance: We are to be faithful to the assemblies because we need to be \_\_\_\_\_ of one another! (Heb 10:23-25)
  - 2. When people forsake the assemblies, they often first pull away from other Christians and become uninvolved in their lives! How can we bear one another's burdens? (Gal 6:1-3)
  - 3. When members are unfaithful in their attendance it weakens the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 4:15-16)
  - 4. When we choose not to attend faithfully we are discouraging those who are \_\_\_\_\_: (3 John 4)

**Conclusion:** Attendance is something that matters and it is a matter of the heart! How sad it is that after all God has done for us, we could look back up at Him and say, "I just don't have time for you today!"