The Importance of Attendance Part 3

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INTRODUCTION

- Do you apply the same standard of faithfulness to your Christian activities, like attending services, that you expect from other areas of your life?
- I think one of the issues might be that we consider ourselves as volunteers. When truly what we are is we are bondservants who are duty bound.
- I also believe that attendance is one of the primary indicators of whether a person is really putting God first.

1 Benefit Number Four: Instruction

Hebrews 5:11–14; Acts 2:42

- Attending services and Bible classes regularly is a very practical way to consistently receive instruction of God's word. God wants us to grow in knowledge.
- But solid food is for the mature, who, because of practice, have their senses trained to discern good and evil.
- But let us not forget that some things simply cannot be understood without a teacher.
- Experienced teachers can point out things to you that you didn't know because they have a wider Bible knowledge than you have.
- They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- Bible classes help to make us more consistent in our Bible study.

2 Benefit Number Five: Correction

Proverbs 27:6; Proverbs 13:18; Psalm 141:5

- Regular association with brethren who care about you is a primary means of providing that correction into your life.
- Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.
- When you forsake our own assembling together, you have nobody really to tell you what you need to hear from the Word of God.
- Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me. It is oil upon the head.
- Brethren, we need Nathans in our life.
- He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

3 Our Sixth and Final Point: Motivation

Hebrews 10:23–25; Hebrews 3:12–13; Acts 20:7

- Motivation is vitally important to serving God. It's the difference between simply knowing what to do and actually doing it.
- And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.
- But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called today, so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- First of all, it's provided simply by being around devout, caring Christians.
- Also, motivating is simply the uplifting worship services.
- Not only, however, is a lack of attendance a sign of weakness, it also leads to greater weakness.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is that your attitude? Is that my attitude this morning? That we would rather be here with these majestic ones in whom is all our delight. Worshiping before God than to be anywhere on planet earth.**

MY NOTES