



Not Forsaking the Assembly Pt.4

Bringing Your Best to LORD's Day Worship

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Our Text

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.



What Have We Learned?

- 1. Christ Himself is why we must not Forsake the Assembly! His Person, Life, Love, Holy Work, and continual High Priesthood demand and deserve our faithfulness!**
- 2. The unique ministry of the Local Church (the administration of the Means of Grace) has been given for the glory of God and the edification of the Saints!**
- 3. There is a special order of men (pastors/teachers) given by Christ to local churches for the perfecting of the Saints!**



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10 Additional Pastoral Encouragements

1. Prepare for the Day!
2. Pray for the Body and the LORD's Day Service!
3. Attend Faithfully (and on time)!
4. Passionately Participate in the Worship!
5. Submit to Pastors/Elders!
6. Love Each other Deeply!
7. Repent to and Forgive Each Other Quickly!
8. Use your Gifts!
9. Hilariously Give!
10. Bring Someone with You!



1. Prepare for the Day

- 1.Look forward to it!
- 2.Realize what it is: you are meeting the King!
- 3.Get to bed early!
- 4.Rise with enough time to get needed things done
- 5.Leave early!
- 6.Get excited!
- 7.Expect God to speak!



2. Pray for the Body and the Service

1. For God to get the glory!
2. For peaceful mornings and safe travels
3. For God's Spirit and Anointing upon all!
4. Against the world, the flesh, and the devil
5. For open ears and hearts
6. For salvations and transformation
7. For unity...the "mind of Christ"



3. Attend Faithfully and on Time

1. Don't see attendance as an "option"
2. Rather, see gathering with the Body as a blessing and a spiritual necessity!
3. Punctuality is a sign of Respect...for our LORD, our Leaders, and the Church as a whole.



4. Passionately Participate in the Worship!

1. Don't spectate!
2. **DECIDE** to be passionate and give God your all...
- 3...In Prayer, Praise, Listening, Fellowship, Etc!
4. Adopt the attitude of the Psalmist:

Psalms 9:1 (KJV) ...A Psalm of David. I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

Psalms 103:1 (KJV) A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.



5. Submit to Pastors/Elders

1. Not in a mindless, cultish way...

2. But in a biblical way:

- Listen
- Apply what you learn
- Show honor
- Be humble
- Be helpful
- Be encouraging
- Be supportive of the Church



6. Love Each other Deeply

1. Love through “consideration” (Heb 10:24)
2. Love verbally with kind, truthful words
3. Love tangibly with actions
4. Love by being consistent and faithful
5. Love through the tough times



7. Repent to and Forgive Each Other Quickly!

- 1.This is another way we love!
- 2.Don't take your sins against one another lightly...Repent!
- 3.If you have been sinned against...Forgive!
- 4.Beloved, it's IMPOSSIBLE to maintain unity without hearts that repent and forgive consistently!
- 5.The devil hates this! Beware of holding on to offenses!
- 6.Remember, the foundation of forgiveness is Christ's forgiveness! (Eph 4:32)



8. Use Your Gifts!

1. Everyone in the Body has at least one! (1 Cor 12:7)
2. Are you using your **Time, Talents, and Treasure?**
3. Don't wait for an invitation!
4. Pray, see a need, take the initiative!
5. Be faithful!
6. Have fun!



9. Hilariously Give

1. “Hilariously?” *Cheerful* is “hilaros” in Greek.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (KJV) But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2. Giving is a part of our worship!

3. Giving amounts is up to you!

4. Giving should be prioritized!

5. Give bountifully and expect to reap in some way!



10. Bring Someone with You!

1. Consider your sphere of influence
2. Pray for them
3. Invite them!
4. Follow up and answer their questions
5. Be hospitable
6. Share your personal testimony
7. Work towards their membership if they are unchurched!