

**“Forsaking the
Assembly...NOT”**

(Hebrews 10:19-25)

Why attend every service?

- To fulfill the command of God
- To Grow and Develop Spiritually
- There are other Christians whose attendance is infrequent.

To Provide A Good Example And Influence

- For one another- 1 Tim. 4:12; Tit. 2:7-8
- For those in the world- Mt. 5:14-16; Php. 2:15
- For our children- Pr. 22:6

To Be Ready, Watching And Waiting

- Disciples of Christ are to be prepared
- Jesus warned against getting caught off guard- (Mt. 24:44)
- Paul taught the need to be prepared- 1 Th. 5:1-11
- It is part of enduring to the end- Mt. 10:22;24:12-13
- It is part of making the best use of our time- Ep. 5:16

To Be Ready, Watching And Waiting

- Attending every service contributes to our preparation....
- As we sing songs about the Lord's coming
- As we study the Scriptures that promise His return
- What if the Lord came Sunday or Wednesday night, and you were staying at home out of convenience rather than assembled with the brethren?

To Have A Clear Conscience

- Missing services contributes to a guilty conscience.
- When you miss, not because of illness or some other circumstance beyond your control, you feel guilty.
- Because you know where you should be.

To Have A Clear Conscience

- A guilty conscience soon leads to a hardened conscience
- Once your conscience is hardened regarding attendance, it is more likely to become hardened against what is doing right in other areas
- Could you say what the writer in Hebrews did?
– He. 13:18

Because You're A Child Of God

- You love God with all you heart, with all your soul, with all your mind- Mt. 22:37
- God comes first in your life- Mt. 6:24; Luke 14:26
- Christ lives in you- Gal. 2:20
- You seek the things above – Co. 3:1-4; Mt. 6:19-21

Not forsaking...

- The church is dependent upon its members.
- Questions to think about.....
- Do you want the church to grow?
- Do you want to see souls saved?
- Do you want to see the weak encouraged?