

Why Your Family Needs to Be in Worship

It is important for family to worship together. The God who created each and ordained marriage and the family knew the importance of families worshipping together. To a woman who had miserably failed in her family life, Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4:25).

The Father does not need our worship to be a better being or a better father. One cannot improve on perfection, but the Father knew the need for each of us to worship. The old adage, "A family that prays together stays together," is true. One just does not find those in the divorce courts that are truly committed and serving God.

Families should worship for three major reasons: (1) God commanded it (Heb. 10:25); (2) for the influence that we exert on one another; and (3) it will enhance our spiritual life (Rom. 12:1-2).

No family can be completely balanced when there is a major spoke left out of their wheel. Families are to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. The family that does not worship is missing at least a quarter of this designed growth.

What is a major blessing each can offer their family? Here is a simple, yet life-changing answer: Begin this week to worship God by taking your family to every worship service!

- Jerry Jenkins, via Harrisburg Church of Christ, Harrisburg, IL (*Bulletin Digest*) -

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?

Computers have calculated that the average citizen of North America and the western world invest in their 70 years in the following ways:

- 24 years sleeping
- 14 years working
- 8 years amusing themselves
- 6 years eating
- 5 years traveling
- 4 years conversing
- 3 years learning



QUESTION: What about God? What about time to read and study His Word? What about time for worship? Consider, if we began at birth and spent three hours a week in church services, at the end of our life we would have less than 30 months.

Think about it!

- Author Unknown (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

Thieves of Time

- Dwelling on past mistakes...
- Failing to make decisions...
- Failing to follow through on plans...
- Procrastinating...
- Laziness...
- Not sticking to the task at hand...
- Doubting God's ability to help...

- Author Unknown -
(*Bulletin Digest*)

*You may delay,
but time
will not.*

- Benjamin Franklin -

Place God at the top of your priority list.

News & Notes

COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY, about Noon, at the Fellowship Building. An **early afternoon worship service (2:00 p.m., instead of 5:30 p.m.)** will follow at the church building.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Begins next week, June 13-17, 10 a.m. to NOON. Classes for ALL ages. Adult class teacher: Jeremy Main.

SUMMER YOUTH BIBLE CAMP: July 11-18, Tomlinson Run State Park Group Camp. Information fliers and registration forms on the desk in the foyer.

PANTRY: Cereal.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Becky McKittrick (Chemo treatments), Stan Williams, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Mark Vermillion (neighbor, brain mass surgery recovery), Cheryl Renfro Walker, Nicole Stoffer (aunt of Tamara Sprout), Lori Rowand (niece of John Sprout). **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck.

OUT OF THIS LIFE

Out of this life I shall never take

Things of silver and gold I make,

All that I cherish and hoard away

After I leave, on earth must stay.

Though I have toiled for a painting rare

To hang on my wall, I must leave it there.

Though I call it mine and boast its worth,

I must give it up when I quit this earth.

All that I gather and all that I keep,

I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

And I wonder, often, just what I shall own

In that other life when I pass alone,

What shall He find and what shall He see

In the soul that answers the call for me?

Shall the great Judge learn, when my task is through,

That my soul had gathered some riches too?

Or shall at the last, it be mine to find,

That all I had worked for I had left behind?

- Author Unknown -

"... Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." - Luke 12:15 (NASV)