



**Why Should I Go To
Church? Part Two
Hebrews 10:23-25**



Many Factors Influence Our Lack Of Church Attendance


- **Greater Affluence** - More money gives people more options (technology options, geographic options, options with children; thus replacing church time for sports time and other activities on weekends)
- **Blended Families** – Remember, when custody is shared in a family situation, it changes the definition of “perfect attendance” for a child or teenager to 26 weeks a year
- **Self-Directed Spirituality** - We “google” the spiritual like we do the physical (society looks less to the Ecclesia “called out” and church leaders, and more to self-directed spiritual guidance)
- **The disappearance of “guilt” in our society**
(Guilt should not be our primary motivator; Love Should)




So Why Should I Go To Church?

#1 To Find Godly Mentors

In the church (called out), you will discover people who have walked the same road you are walking; and you can learn from their insights, victories, and their mistakes





Titus 2:1-7 (NASB) Paul Shows How God Values Mentoring Others

*“But as for you, speak the things which are fitting
for sound doctrine.*

*Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible,
sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.*

*Older women likewise are to be reverent in their
behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to
much wine, teaching what is good.*

*so that they may encourage the young women to
love their husbands, to love their children,*



Titus 2:1-7 (continued)

“...to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored (having nothing bad to say about us, KJV).


Likewise urge the young men to be sensible.”

In Order For Titus To Obey These Commands, He Would Have To Be In Communication (Community, In Groups, In Ecclesia) With Them




Mentorships

- **Boys To Men-How do single parent women raise their sons to be men? Paul mentored Timothy**
- **Bible Bowl**
- **Not Your Average Girl**
- **Married Men and Women's Classes**
- **Men's worship training classes**
- **Grief Ministry Sessions**
- **Singles Ministry**



Look at The Letter Of Recommendation Paul Gives Timothy, His Mentee, in Philippians 2:19-22

“I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interest, not those of Jesus Christ....”



Philippians 2:19-22 (Continued)

“But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served me in the work of the gospel.”



Why Should I Go To Church?

#2 To Teach Your Children To Love The Church

- Many parents want their children to be “fixed” after the parents become adults and have no relationship with Jesus Christ but realized the “*error of their ways*”
- If you want to teach your children to love God and to protect them, they should see the love of God in you



Listen to the Master Teacher!

- ▶ **Luke 6:40, “*The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.*”**
- ▶ **Notice that Jesus doesn’t say that the teacher will become as the teacher, “*teaches*” him to be, but the student will be like his teacher**
- ▶ **Children will learn more about faith watching us live out our journey of faith vs. memorizing Hebrews 11:6 (Sometimes our journey is peppered with mistakes, peaks, and valleys; and honesty must be taught)**



The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel **Acts 15:7**

Believe the Gospel **Acts 15:7**

Repent Of Sins **Acts 17:30**

Confess Christ **Acts 8:37**

Be Baptized **Acts 8:38**