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TWO MEN ATTEND SERVICES

Two men attend worship services. The first man attends wholly out of a sense of duty. He understands the teaching of Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," and is determined to obey faithfully that teaching. He will not allow anything within his power to stand in the way of his attending the worship periods of the church.

The second man recognizes his duty in this matter, too, but his primary motivation in attendance is his love for the Lord and his joy in blending his voice and heart with other Christians in praise and adoration to the Lord. He delights in worship and the spiritual strength he derives through worship.

The first man is mentally

passive throughout the worship service. If the words of the song happen to catch his attention, he observes and appreciates them; otherwise, he just sings along with little concern for what he is singing. If the sermon is interesting, he listens; otherwise, he just relaxes, and hopes the time won't drag too badly. He does meditate briefly concerning Christ's suffering and death as he partakes of the supper, for somehow the importance of the memorial feast has been impressed upon his mind.

The second man comes mentally prepared to worship. He pays close attention to the words of

each song and makes the sentiment of the songs his own sentiment. In fact, he sometimes studies the words of frequently used songs so he will be sure he understands their meaning. Depth of meaning is of greater importance to him than a catchy tune or rhythmic beat. He listens to each phrase of the prayer that is led, and if he can approve the petitions of the prayer, he unites with the one who leads with his "Amen." He discerns the Lord's body as he breaks bread, and he listens carefully to the sermon, volunteering his attention, hiding the word in his heart, that he might not sin against God (Psalm 119:11). If his mind wanders occasionally, he brings it back to the worship. He worships with a consciousness of God as the object of his worship, the One toward whom these expressions of adoration are directed.

The first man reduces his service to a mere code

of external rites, while the second man obeys "from the heart," combining the outward with the inward. The first man is more likely to be satisfied with his service to the Lord, for he has accepted the easier standard, but it is the second man who enjoys God's approval. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

We ask the reader: "In which of these two men do you see a reflection of yourself?" The need is obvious! We must cast off our laziness and indifference, revitalize our spirits, and bring ourselves to worship God acceptably. There is a considerable difference between mere attendance of a worship service and truly acceptable worship.

- Bill Hall

WHAT WE GIVE OUR CHILDREN

Several years ago I visited with a lady whose sixteen-year-old daughter

had suddenly disappeared. No word had been heard from her in over a week. The mother couldn't understand why her girl had run away from home. She opened a closet door.

"Look at all those beautiful clothes," she said, "We wanted our daughter to be as well dressed as any other girl in school."

She pointed to a TV in the corner of the room.

"We had a TV in the living room, but our daughter wanted her own private TV, so we bought it for her," the mother said.

Then she pointed to a typewriter, "Our daughter was taking typing, and we thought she needed a typewriter at home for practice." That couple had provided everything for their daughter except that which she needed most—a love for God and His word.

Parents, if you are not bringing your children to the services of the church; if you are not teaching them God's word; if you

are not instilling in their hearts faith in God and submission to His will, you are failing as parents, no matter what you may be giving your children materially.

- Bill Hall



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FAMOUS FATHERS OF THE BIBLE



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1. father of Ishmael and Isaac (Genesis 25:8, 9)
2. father of Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:25-28)
3. father Aaron and Moses (Exodus 6:20)
4. father of King David (1 Samuel 16:19)
5. father of Jonathan (2 Samuel 9:6)