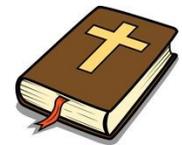


Please, Don't Stay Away...

Because you are poor—there is no admission charge.
Because it rains—you go to work in the rain.
Because it is hot—it's hot at your house too.
Because it is cold—it's friendly and "warm" when we meet together to worship the Lord.
Because no one invited you—people go to places to be entertained even when not invited.



He is Almighty
God. He is
Omnipotent
(possessing all
power).
See Genesis
17:1; 18:14;
Revelation 4:11.

Because emotion is part of religion—God understands your heartaches and cares.
Because you have children—"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, God loves children!
Because you don't like the preacher—remember, he's human (yep, like you).
Because your job makes you tired—you could lose your job.
Because there are hypocrites—you associate with "them" every day and should be accustomed to their manners and behavior by now.
Because you have "company"—they will admire your faithfulness if you invite them or even when you tell them to wait until you return.
Because "standards" are too high—take a good look at what the Bible says to do.
Because you have "plenty of time"—hmmm, are you sure about that?

It has been observed "There are two parts to the gospel—believing it and behaving it."

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The letter to the Philippians has a recurring theme focused on these words: "joy" and "rejoicing," the "mind," and "fellowship." At the time the apostle Paul wrote the city lies in ruins; at one time in history a proud and powerful city (a roman colony—"Rome away from Rome").

What is this letter about? You and I will read about servanthood (knowing their master, knowing their place, and knowing their work). We read about saints: separate in attitude, in conduct, and in doctrine. The apostle Paul prayed for these people with thanksgiving and joy. They participated in the gospel. They needed their work "perfected" or completed. They needed to increase in love. Love is always the very best cure to any disunity. They needed to increase in knowledge and discernment. They needed to be filled with the fruit of righteousness. The result is growth in true Christian love.

There are three universal truths that people tend to forget...what are they? 1) Things don't always go exactly the way we want. 2) Where your life is centered can determine your degree of happiness. And 3) Every human being chooses how they will respond to circumstances of life—yes, free will is real and necessary for faithfulness.

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