

## When You Are Not At Services

Attendance has always been a problem in the Lord's church. The problem of attendance grows busy lives and dangerous indifference. Hebrews 2:1 says, *"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."* Unfaithfulness to God begins as a gradual drifting.

One of the first signs of the gradual drifting is the missing of services. Everyone will miss services because of sickness, but I am speaking of missing services when there is no good reason for you not to be here. This affects your eternal destiny (Hebrews 10:25), but when you miss services, it also affects the church. In fact, you cannot do anything without it having an effect on others. What happens when you are not at services?

- There is a hole in the wall. A hole where the devil can enter in and do harm. A hole that mars the rest of the wall.
- There is a missing link in the chain. A weak point where a break can take place. A weak point that affects the entire chain.
- There is one less person in the group. The group has to try to function with one member absent. The group is handicapped.
- There is a family member not at the table. The meal is missing someone. The rest are discouraged.

So you see, your being here does matter. It matters not only for the sake of your own soul, but also for the encouragement and well-being of the congregation. Do not ever think that no one cares if you miss services!

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