

Attendance

Hebrews 10:24-25

Exhortations To Steadfastness

- Warning not to drift away. Hebrews 2:1
- Promise of becoming partakers of Christ. Hebrews 3:14
- Exhortations to be diligent. Hebrews 4:11; 6:11-12
- God is faithful. Hebrews 10:23
- Promise of reward. Hebrews 10:35-36
- Final exhortations to encourage steadfastness. Hebrews 13:7-17
- Especially note. Hebrews 13:9 ... Danger of "divers and strange teachings"
- **Don't neglect attendance. Hebrews 10:24-25**

Attend

- "To stretch to," to stretch the eyes & ears toward anything, to give consideration
- Attention: "to apply the mind or pay attention," "be attentive" (Webster)
 - Psalms 17:1 "Hear the right, O Jehovah, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips."
- Being present to learn & participate.
- Attending worship is vital to our faith and a commentary on it.

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Attendance

1. The act of attending.
2. The persons or number of persons that are present.
3. The frequency with which a person is present. (The American Heritage® Dictionary)

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Numerous Assemblies Discussed In Bible

Would you have attended???

First Day Of The Week

Acts 20:6-7

- **Worshipping God with their brethren was important – Acts 20:6 cf. Traveling...**
 - Planned for & anticipated
Hebrews 10:24-25 (Psalms 122:1)
 - Encouragement, joy & gladness

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- A singular interest to worship God on the first day of the week – *Acts 20:7*
 - Break bread – *1 Corinthians 11:17-34*;
Note verse 30
 - Sing – *Ephesians 5:19*; *Colossians 3:16*
 - To edify – *1 Corinthians 14:26*; *Hebrews 10:23-27*

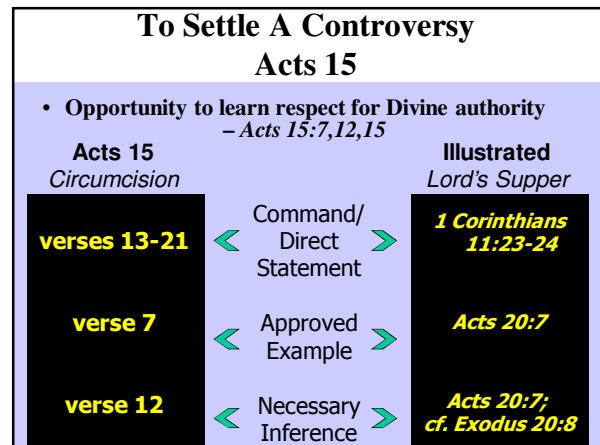
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- Opportunity to teach the gospel – *Acts 20:7*
 - Daily attention – *Acts 2:46*; *5:41-42*

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- ### To Read God's Word Nehemiah 8:1-8
- Opportunity to learn the law
Acts 20:7
 - All the law to Israel – *Joshua 8:34-35*
 - Book of the law lost. *2 Kings 22:8ff*
 - Would be a famine of God's word. *Amos 4:12*;
8:11ff
 - Attentive to the law – *Nehemiah 8:1-3*

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- Opportunity to learn respect for Divine authority – *Acts 15:7,12,15*
 - Must be heresies – *1 Corinthians 11:19*
 - False teachers will come – *2 Peter 2:1ff*; *1 John 4:1*
 - Warnings against drifting – *Hebrews 2:1-3*; *Acts 20:29-30*

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- ### To Pray Acts 12:5,12
- Opportunity to learn how to pray
Luke 11:1
- We should pray to praise God.**
cf. Matthew 6:9ff
- For Others. *Luke 22:31-32*; *23:34*;
1 Timothy 2:1-3; *Colossians 4:2-3*;
Ephesians 6:18ff
 - Ourselves. *Matthew 6:9ff*

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Gospel Meetings Acts 10:23-33

- Opportunity to “*hear all the things commanded thee of the Lord.*”
Acts 10:33
 - Church to be pillar and ground of truth.
1 Timothy 3:15
 - All things to be done unto edification.
1 Corinthians 14:26

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Attendance For Us

- Promotes instruction – *Acts 11:26; 20:32*
 - Spiritual protection – *2 Timothy 2:15*
 - Equips us with Bible answers for our hope – *1 Peter 3:15*
 - Ways of escape – *1 Corinthians 10:13*

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Attendance For Us

- Concentrates our energies
 - Mutual provocation – *Hebrews 10:24*
 - Mutual encouragement – *Acts 2:46*
 - Same goals, same work, seeking the same results – *Philippians 3:14-15*

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Attendance For Us

- Helps prevent future problems –
 - Promotes our unity in Christ – *1 Corinthians 1:10*
 - Strength is increased – *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Ephesians 6:10*
 - Influence is maintained – *Matthew 5:13ff*

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Attendance For Us

- Attendance honors God – *John 4:24*

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Hebrews 10:25

- “not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting (one another); and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.”

(Episunágoe), to gather together. The act of gathering or assembling together (2 Thessalonians 2:1 [cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:17]). Hebrews 10:25 does not merely denote the assembling for corporate worship as a solitary or occasional act, but as customary conduct. The prep. epí, must refer to Christ Himself as the one to whom this assembly was attached. Thus it would have the meaning of not betraying one's attachment to Jesus Christ and other believers, not avoiding one's own personal responsibility as part of the body of Christ. (from The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament)

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“Forsaking” - egkatalipo (eng-kat-al-i-po); to leave behind in some place, i.e. (in a good sense) let remain over, or (in a bad sense) to desert: (Strong's)

“to abandon, i. e. to leave in straits, leave helpless, to desert, forsake...Hebrews 10:25”
(Thayer)

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“Assembling together” - episunagoge (ep-ee-soon-ag-o-gay'); a complete collection; especially a Christian meeting (for worship) (Strong's)
(the religious) assembly (of Christians): Hebrews 10:25. (Thayer)

“Exhorting” - parakaleo (par-ak-al-eh'-o); to cause someone to be encouraged or consoled, either by verbal or non-verbal means – “to encourage, to console, encouragement.”
(from Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain.)

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Would Hebrews 10:25 apply...?

- **Assembling On First Day Of The Week. *Acts 20:7***
- **Assembling To Read God's Word. *cf. Nehemiah 8:1-8***
- **Assembling To Discuss A Controversy. *Acts 15***
- **Assembling To Pray. *Acts 12:5,12***
- **Assembling For Gospel Meetings. *Acts 10:33***

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