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THE FREQUENCY & NEED FOR CHURCH ASSEMBLY

- 1. Do Not Forsake The Assembly** In bygone days church attendance was emphasized much more than it is now. (Heb 10:24-25) “*And let us _____ one another to _____ unto love and to good works: Not _____ the assembling of ourselves _____, as the manner of some is; but _____: and so much the more, as ye see _____ approaching.*” Does this passage mention *Sunday*? _____ *Sunday morning*? _____
- 2. Forsaking Versus Neglecting** The GK word for *forsake* means *to leave behind, let remain over, or to desert*. Remember, *forsaking* means *abandonment*. The word *neglect* is found 4X in 3V KJV. In (Mt 18:17) the GK word means *to mishear, to disobey--neglect to hear*. In the other 2 instances (1 Tim 4:14; Heb 2:3) the Gk word *ameleo* means *to be careless of, make light of, neglect*. In (Heb 10:25) the *abandonment* word is used. Don’t _____ the assembly. How do I prevent this happening? _____ What *warning signs* should I see? _____
- 3. Does The Bible Only Condemn Forsaking The Assembly?** NO! Abandonment of worship to God is condemned, but so is the failure to fellowship one’s brethren. What about *neglect*? We recommend that you carefully study TPBS Lesson #94, The Sin of Neglect. Spiritual neglect is clearly condemned in the Bible. Did not Jesus say (Lk 22:19-20), “*This _____ in _____ of me,*” referring to the Lord’s Supper? _____ Is it *optional* to obey Jesus only when we want to? _____
- 4. Uncorrected Neglect Leads To Abandonment Of The Faith** (1 Jn 1:7) “*But if we _____ in the light, as he is in the _____, we have _____ one with another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ his Son _____ us from all sin.*” Two Parts: (a) Fellowship with our brethren. (b) The sanctification (ie: being kept clean, therefore kept separated from sin) by the sacrifice of Jesus. Are we faithful when we *neglect to walk in the light*? _____ Are we *cleansed* by the blood of Jesus when we neglect? _____ Neglect is evidence of slothfulness. What happened to the farm of the slothful man (Prov 24:30-34)? _____ Did this happen overnight? _____
- 5. But What About “Extra” Services – Other Than The “Worship Hour”?** It is argued that one who is able to attend all scheduled church services is exempted by God because it isn’t “a commanded assembly.” Some argue that the *dual* Sunday services only became standardized with the advent of electricity, transportation improvements, etc. The early church did not even possess church buildings. How often did they assemble? (Acts 2:42), “*And they continued _____ in the apostles’ _____ and fellowship, and in _____, and in prayers.*”
- 6. Steadfastly** That’s our clue. The GK word means *to be earnest towards, to persevere, to adhere closely, attend, and to continue*. **SHG** It is futile to argue with one who doesn’t want to attend but they should tell why. You should want to attend. It is a matter (Heb 13:7, 17) that you “*obey _____ that have the _____ over you.*” Non-cooperation is defiance – and such is not of Christ.

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