Devotion

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Hebrews 10:25

*25Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

**Going to Church**

 There are many things that occur here in the United States that trouble me. However, one thing we got right as a nation was the freedom of religion. We are a blessed and privileged people to worship the way we see fit. Many churches across this great nation are seeing a decline in church attendance during the 21st century. Recently, I read an article from a gentleman trying to explain and justify the reason for the decline in church attendance for many churches across the United States. I must admit, reading the article was quite depressing. Individuals may argue reasons to not go to church, yet there are many reasons and benefits in not just going to church, but being involved with church.

Going to church allows believers the opportunity to worship. Now the church is not the only place where believers can worship, but a place where a body of believers can assemble and worship collectively. The writer of the article argued that the church was no longer the best show in town in the 21st century. That statement bothered me. As believers, we shouldn’t go to church expecting a show, rather we should go to church expecting to worship. When our minds are focused on worshipping, God can fill our cup spiritually and give us much more than some type of show.

Going to church allows believers to experience the love and support from the church. There are just some things you can’t receive in the world. In my experience, I can’t describe how good the church has been to me through loving and supporting me over the years. I have some of the best friends in the world, however I would not trade the relationships I have in the church for all the money in the world.

I encourage you to find a church and get involved if you are not currently doing so. I first encourage you to pray to God for Him lead you to where you should go to church. I am confident that if you do this, He will certainly guide you to a body of believers that you can connect and worship with. In doing so, I know you will be greatly blessed.

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