



We are a congregation of the Lord's people looking for you. We desire to love our community and neighbors as our Lord has taught us to do. Please allow us to be an encouragement to you as you are an encouragement to us by visiting with us today.

If you have any questions about anything you see or hear today, please stop someone and ask questions. We are seeking to be New Testament Christians, and as such we desire to share what we have been given. We want to be ready to give you an answer for what we do and say (1 Peter 3:15)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Thank you for being our Guest today!

What Can You Do on Saturday to Make Sunday More Worshipful?

J. Randal Matheny

A headline for an article on a popular success and technology website offers, "What You Can Do on Sunday to Make Monday More Manageable." It's not strange that people obsessed with professional development and financial success constantly think about how to get ahead.

So why don't Christians think more about spiritual success, theirs and their neighbor's? What can we do on Saturday to make Sunday more worshipful, spiritual, and edifying? Here are seven suggestions to consider doing on Saturday to get ready for Sunday.

1. Go to bed early on Saturday night. Get plenty of rest. Sleepiness is not conducive to spirituality. Don't tire yourself so much the day before the Lord's Day that you can't worship properly.
2. Set yourself up for success. Ask what truths you'll hear that will make a difference in your life in Christ and service to God.
3. Seek out someone who is spiritually needy. Ask the Lord to show you a person you can befriend.
4. Invite someone to go with you to the assembly. Explain ahead of time what to expect. Tell what advantages accrue to participation.
5. Read your Bible and pray on Saturday—and the day before—and the day before that. People who seek God during the week can best praise him on Sunday.
6. Leave self at the door before entering the building, auditorium, or room where the church meets. Put God—His character, His works, His will, His purpose, His goodness—squarely in the center of your focus.
7. Edify and be edified. Give and learn to receive. Show yourself friendly, and gain friends. Draw near to the Lord, and He will draw near to you. Learn and practice the principle of reciprocity.

Smart business people know that success doesn't happen by chance. Doing a great job requires preparation. Rarely do worship and adoration of the Almighty just happen. So, Saturday can be a great moment to get ready for the Lord's Day.

It Is Not Easy

To apologize
To begin over
To admit error
To be unselfish
To take advice
To be considerate
To endure success
To keep trying
To avoid mistake
To forgive and forget
To make the most of little
To maintain a high standard
To shoulder a deserved blame--
But it always pays.
--Selected

I Didn't Do Enough! Dayton Keese

Several years ago I read an article about Oskar Schindler, a former member of the Nazi party. It is a heart-wrenching story of Schindler's transition from a profiteering, lust-living man to a person with a passion for the perishing. At just the right moment, a little, wise Jew, Itzhak Stern, dropped a *seed thought* into the heart of Schindler that turned him from wine, women, and song to a devout worker, forming a list that saved some 6,000 Jews from the holocaust. These 6,000 became known as *Schindletjuden* "Schindler's Jews".

He transferred Jews to work in his factory, making pots and pans. Over 1,000 Jews were transported from Poland to Czechoslovakia where he put them to work in a concentration camp making dummy artillery shells. He used his own money to buy these people's lives. Because of Schindler's list and work, the Jews declared him to be "a Righteous Person" in 1961. After his death, he was buried in Israel in 1974.

The story stirs one's soul when an additional thought is given; while the Jews considered him a hero, he was never comforted! Why? Note the moment when World War II ended. Schindler and his wife had to flee. As he moved to his car, making his departure, he thought of the list, and cried, "I didn't do enough! This car... ten people right there!" He tore the Nazi pin from his suit lapel. "This gold pin... two people! One more person!" With a haunting agony, he fell to his knees and cried, "One more person! I could have got one more person! And I didn't!"

At that miserable moment Schindler would have gladly given up all his gold, former prestige, and power to have joined hands with Paul to say, "***I am innocent of the blood of all men***" (Acts 20:26).

Dear Reader, how many of us may need to say with Oskar Schindler, "I didn't do enough"? I am reminded of the sobering song by B.B. Edmisston:

*"Someone is needing your help,
Someone is sad and lone;
Someone is weary and weak
Someone is almost gone.*

*Drifting away, dying today;
Someone, 'tis someone you love;
Why do you wait? -ere 'tis too late,
Point them to heav'n above."*

A good, saving deed done today will mean a more blest and happier tomorrow (John 13:17).

A man may suffer without sinning, but he can't sin without suffering.

Christian Example

Neil Richey

My Lord said **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”** (Matthew 5:16). The best I can tell, there’s no limitation to this.

In other words, shining forth a good example is not restricted to the church building, to Sunday service, or when just around church folks. Truth be told, where it’s most important to let our lights shine is at home, on the job, at school, and even on social media sites. True Christianity radiates from within and is on display everywhere and all the time.

Question: Do people know that you’re a Christian? They shouldn’t have to ask you. They should be able to witness it for themselves.

William Barclay wrote, “Our Christianity should make a difference in the way we order a meal from a waitress or treat the shop assistant behind the counter. Christianity should make a difference in the conscientiousness of our work, and in the courtesy with which we serve the public, and in the consideration with which we live within our own homes.”

Christianity is a full-time job. It’s not a pastime practiced only on Sundays. It demands our best behavior every day.

George Bailey (not the “It’s a Wonderful Life” guy) said, “Nothing is more contagious than an example.” What kind of example are you setting? It’s contagious. What are folks picking up from you?



Kids Say The Funniest Things

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the 10 amendments.

This Week’s Q&A

Q: Where in the Bible do we read of a monthly almanac being published and what were the publishers called?

A: Isaiah 47:13, the publishers were called prognosticators.

Context: The people were looking to three sources for counsel in their lives: astrologers, stargazers, and monthly prognosticators rather than looking to God for guidance and direction. Those counselors, according to Isaiah 47:14, would be burned up as stubble with no chance of deliverance.

Thought question: Based on statistics, should we not be giving more heed to this warning, as \$3 billion is spent in our nation annually on astrological readings, signs of the Zodiac, and such like?

A man is like he thinks—not like he thinks he thinks.

The Tongue

*“The boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill,” declares the Greek.*

*“The tongue destroys a greater horde,”
The Turk asserts, “than does the sword.”*

*The Persian proverb wisely saith,
“A lengthy tongue—an early death”;
Or sometimes takes this form instead,
“Don’t let your tongue cut off your head.”*

*While Arab sages this import,
“The tongue’s great warehouse is the heart.”
From Hebrew with the maxim sprung,
“Though feet should slip, ne’er let the tongue.”*

*The sacred writer crowns the whole,
“Who keeps his tongue, doth keep his soul.”*

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