

Punching the Clock

Ps 42:1-2

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Thesis: I want to show the importance of treating worship correctly.

Intro:

1. Is there more to worship than just showing up?
2. Does the work of a Christian come to a halt after the closing prayer?

ILL – A man was running down the line at judgment and as he gets closer, you become able to hear what he says. As he approaches you realize he's saying "They're not counting Wednesday nights!"

The Lackadaisical approach (slide)

I. False ideas about the services of the church. – **Job 28:12**

A. Bible class isn't a big deal.

1. Wisdom, especially spiritual wisdom should be sought after by those who love God. - **Pro 1:2-7**
2. True wisdom comes from God's Word – **Pro 2:6**
3. What if Christ had the same attitude?

B. The Lord's Supper is all the matters

1. Did not the Apostles do more than simply partake of the Lord's supper. – **Acts 2:42**
2. Such an attitude reveals that teaching, preaching, singing praises to God, and prayers, and giving to the church aren't important.

II. Other ways our actions reveal our attitudes about God and the Church.

A. Willful absences and tardiness. – **Ps 122:1**

1. In schools and colleges you have "excused absences" in the house of God its much the same way. We all want to worship God every chance we have, right?
2. Can we say that we love the Lord as we should if we are frequently absent or arrive late? – **Lk 10:27**

B. Our feelings can be revealed through our interactions with others.

1. Our feelings toward God and Christian fellowship can be clearly seen not just by God but by others also. – **Phil 2:4**
2. We should be happy to have fellowship with the saints. -

III. How to correct the "punching the clock" attitude.

A. Recognize the importance of the lessons.

1. No matter who we are, we all should strive to learn from each lesson or to be reminded of things we may have forgotten. – **Ps 78:42**
2. Take notes during classes and sermons.

B. Study them outside worship services.

1. To grow requires effort, it requires we strive to gain knowledge.
2. Learning of God saves you from evil – **Pro 1:29-33**

Concl:

1. How do we treat our time of worship?
2. How much time do you spend learning about God?
3. Full Invitation