



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Why Your Family Needs to Be in Worship

It is important for family to worship together. The God who created each and ordained marriage and the family knew the importance of families worshiping together. To a woman who had miserably failed in her family life, Jesus said, *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him” (John 4:25).*

The Father does not need our worship to be a better being or a better father. One cannot improve on perfection, but the Father knew the need for each of us to worship. The old adage, *“A family that prays together stays together,”* is true. One just does not find those in the divorce courts that are truly committed and serving God.

Families should worship for three major reasons: **(1)** God commanded it (**Heb. 10:25**); **(2)** for the influence that we exert on one another; and **(3)** it will enhance our spiritual life (**Rom. 12:1-2**).

No family can be completely balanced when there is a major spoke left out of their wheel. Families are to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. The family that does not worship is missing at least a quarter of this designed growth.

What is a major blessing each can offer their family? Here is a simple, yet life-changing answer: Begin this week to worship God by taking your family to every worship service!

Jerry Jenkins
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One Bucket at a Time?

“I only have to attend one service each week to be pleasing to God!”

Have you heard this before? Perhaps not in these words, but the sentiment is certainly expressed on occasion, whatever words are used. Is it true? Not with the attitude that is seemingly conveyed with the remark (as written above). It has all indications of *“Don’t bug me! Is it not good that I am coming at least once?”* This is not a question they are asking, but a firm declaration to *“drop it.”*

When I obeyed the Gospel in 1983, it was not long before some started calling me a *“Jesus freak”* or something similar. It did not matter to me; once I found what I didn’t know I was looking for, I went headlong into a new approach to life. The ripples of which were not always pleasant in the normal experiences of life. Nevertheless, I stayed the course.

Since that time, I have heard many sermons that have not been all that beneficial to me, that is, they were boring or had no real application I could make. Still, when *“the doors were open”* I (then my family) came; it was important to me, then it became important to us. There were occasions when other things I preferred to do could have been done, but when *“the doors were open”*, I preferred to enter the doors of the church house instead of going through the doors of another route. We wanted to be present, and we all knew we should be.

Each Sunday morning, our attention is turned to the Lord in worship. We sing praises to His name and honor Him with the life we live. On Sunday evening, we do the same. Do you have a hard time picking up the Bible and reading it because you have no time? If so, that is even more reason you need to be present with the brethren when *“the doors are open.”*

The evil being thrown against you is having more powerful of an impact than you know. Should you not at least give yourself opportunity to hear the Lord’s message more than one hour weekly? Can you imagine trying to put out a fire that consumes your home with one bucket of water at a time? Our approach to the Lord is not one hour at a time, but a matter of the heart’s attitude. When you think about giving yourself an opportunity to strengthen your faith in the Lord, is it only one hour at a time? Charles Williams’ translation of the New Testament reads in **2 Peter 3:18**, *“but instead, you must continue to grow in the spiritual strength and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”* Are you?

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