



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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DON'T "JUST SAY NO!"

During the 1980's when the War On Drugs began, one of the phrases developed to deter teens and young adults to stay away from drugs was called, "Just Say No!" Of course the idea was if you were approached to partake in drug use, everyone was encouraged to "Just Say No!" If you did this, you would not become a user of drugs. Sometimes within the church we "Just Say No" when it comes to our participation and involvement. What happens when we "Just Say No?"

Saying NO to church participation limits our zeal to teach others. **Romans 15:17-20** says *"Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient, in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation."* Paul allowed others to see Christ by his works. When we refuse to participate publicly to the best of our ability & talents in the work of the church, how will others see our love for the Lord?

Saying NO to church involvement prevents us from good works. **Titus 3:8** says, *"This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men."* When we do not participate in service to God, what are we saying to Him?

Our service to the Lord requires work not rest. Our Father needs us to be zealous for good works. Can we say YES more and NO less?

Allen Jones

SOME UNUSUAL THINGS FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL

- Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire...it means you have something to look forward to.
- Be thankful when you don't know...it gives you an opportunity to learn.
- Be thankful for difficult times...it is during those times you grow.
- Be thankful for limitations...they give you opportunities for improvement.
- Be thankful for a new challenge...it will build strength and character.
- Be thankful for your mistakes...they will teach you valuable lessons.
- Be thankful when you're weary...it means you've made a difference.
- Be thankful for the taxes you pay...it means you are employed.
- Be thankful for clothes that fit a little snug...it means you have plenty to eat.
- Be thankful for a shadow that watches you work...it means you are out in the sunshine.
- Be thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing...it means you have a house.
- Be thankful for the spot you find at the far end of the parking lot...it means you are capable of walking.
- Be thankful for all the complaining you hear about our government...it means we have freedom of speech.
- Be thankful for a huge heating bill...it means you are warm.
- Be thankful for the lady behind you in church service who sings off key...it means that you can hear.
- Be thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing...it means your loved ones are nearby.
- Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours...it means that you're alive.
- Be thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day...it means you have been productive.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).

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