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#### **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

Pronounced "Soul"

# Why Go To Church?

In my very early years of life, up to my teenage years, going to Sunday school and to church was exciting and fun! The church I attended served breakfast before Sunday school and all my friends would be there. Then we would go to class and learn about Jesus. There were times when we would get the opportunity to display what we were taught in class. Oh, and remember how we would bug our parent(s) about needing some money to put in the collection plate? Lets admit, we just wanted to represent like the grown ups, whether in the choir or behind the pastors podium!

Now that we are older, we are required to know what the grown ups knew. Meaning, church is still fun grown ups knew. Meaning, church is still fun and exciting, but we must understand that it is all about Christ! We must take this serious.

We must praise and worship him with our best! (Hebrews 12:28) We go to church not to entertain or to be entertained! We do not go to church for a fashion show! We do not go to church to show off our clean and/or new automobiles! We do not go to church to have competition in determining who can contribute the least or most money! (See Ezekiel 33:31-33)

#### We go to church for the following:

- A) God is worthy of worship Psalms 100:4-5
- B) To listen and learn Ecclesiastes 5:1
- C) To meet God Habakkuk 2:20
- D) Jesus set example with His church attendance Luke 4:16
- E) Be glad you can worship freely Psalms 122:1
- F) God promises His presence even in small groups of believers Matthew 18:20
- G) To find the Lord and think about Jesus Psalm 27:4
- H) Going to church is important especially in the last days Hebrews 10:25

We are ambassadors of Christ and we (His people) must represent well while on the earth according to the scriptures. We must also train our kids even better than what we were trained. Meaning, start teaching them to know what we know now as a grown up! Then they will understand "why" it is so important, that we go to church

### SCRIPTURE READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:5

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**: Maturity is the ability to make a decision and standby it. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities: then they do nothing.

