Excuses and Attitudes

- 'Any excuse will do'
- Excuse: a dressed up lie
- Attendance figures
- Bad attitude: attendance is waste of time

Why Are You So Strict About Attendance?

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 - To enter holy place (19)
 - How? Blood of Jesus

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 - Cleansed completed state
 - Conscience 9:14

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 - 4. Having body washed, 22. 1 Pt.3

23, HOPE: let us hold fast

- Hb.3:6, 14
- Don't ever let go...

24-25, LOVE: let us consider...

- Hb.3:1, consider Jesus our Savior
- Hb.10:24, we stimulate, stir up love and good works (3:13)
- Hb.10:25, not <u>forsaking</u>
 - Willing absence; not something beyond their control. 2 T.4:10, 16
- 25: <u>assembling</u>: gathering together
 - Of ourselves: 2 Pt.1:1

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II. Attendance Is A Matter Of Attitude

Just 'being' here is worthless

- 'Hear' speech
- Ball game
- Hunting

NT Saints Assembled (1/2)

- \circ Acts 2:42, gathered for a purpose
- Acts 4:31, to gain strength for trials
- Acts 11:26, regular meetings; growth
- Acts 12:12, praying
- Acts 20:7-8, Supper; preaching (16)
- o Acts 20:20, teach, learn

NT Saints Assembled (2/2)

- 1 Co.5:1-6, discipline
- o 1 Co.11:18, 20, 33, Supper
- \circ 1 Co.14:23, 26, edification
- \circ 1 Co.16:1-2, collection
- Col.3:16, teach, admonish, sing
- 1 Tim.4:13, read, exhort, teach
- Ja.2:2, regular practice (= Hb.10:25)

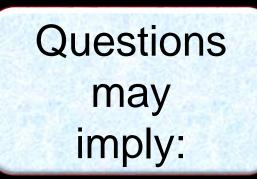
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These questions often reflect more than just carelessness; they are the beginning of apostasy.

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- 1. Desire to escape assemblies
- 2. Ungrateful attitude to Lord
- 3. Misplaced priorities –world comes first
- 4. Passion to disobey Lord