

Sentence Sermons from Acts (Part 2)

The book of Acts vividly records the first thirty years of the history of the church of Christ. As Wayne Jackson noted, "Christianity burst into existence with a debut more dramatic than anything history had ever known" (The Acts of the Apostles: From Jerusalem to Rome, p. 1). Embedded within this thrilling description of events are practical lessons in abundance. Following are a few more examples of these useful messages.

1. Debating is not inconsistent with Christians principles (6:9).
2. When dishonest people will not accept the truth, they will resort to any tactic (6:10-11).
3. God never forsakes His faithful children, even when it may seem like He does (7:9).
4. We should love our enemies (7:60).
5. It is possible for a Christian to lose his salvation (8:13, 20-23).
6. Among those who could perform miracles, only apostles could pass along those abilities to others (8:14-17).
7. It is one thing to read the word of God; it is another to understand it (8:30-31).
8. Preaching Jesus can include preaching the necessity of baptism (8:35-36).
9. The way we treat each other directly and personally affects Jesus (9:4-5).
10. There are things we must do in order to be saved (9:6).
11. We should strive to be people full of good works and charity (9:36).
12. God does not forbid the eating of meat (10:13).
13. The gospel is worth inviting your relatives and friends to hear (10:24).
14. God assesses a person by that person's relationship to His law, not skin color or place of birth (10:34-35).

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Dates to Remember

March 12th

Daylight Savings Time

March 13th thru March 19th

Spring Break

March 20th

First Day of Spring

Happy Birthday

Koh Stapp March 12th

Dennis Sheldon March 30th

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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What I Owe My Home Congregation

Written By: Bill D. Mayes

Unto the church of the Lord in every locality, I am under solemn obligation to the extent of my ability, but unto my home congregation, I am under special obligation.

- **I want my home congregation to radiate a whole-some influence in the community.** Therefore, I owe it the example of a good life. For I must "live soberly, righteously, and godly" (Titus 2:12).
- **I want the strangers who enter the door of the meetinghouse to feel at home, to learn to love to return from time to time.** They are our guests. I owe it to them, and to the church, to show myself friendly. I must not stand back and wait for others to greet them (Heb. 13:2).
- **No congregation can make progress without faithful and efficient leaders.** To a certain extent, the members of the church make or break their leaders. To the end that our leaders may be stronger and more efficient, I must give them my support. I must pray for them.
- **My home congregation has financial obligations which are due at regular intervals.** Whether I give or do not give, these obligations must be paid. If my congregation is to pay its obligations each week, then I must give of my means each week. Though circumstances may force me to be absent at times, my contributions should still find their way into the treasury of the church (I Cor. 16:2).
- **I know that the very existence of my congregation depends upon the attendance of its members.** I must realize that my willful absence is a discouragement to the preacher, the elders, and every other faithful member of the congregation. But then, it is also a disappointment to the Lord, for I have sinned (Heb.10:25ff). I do not want it said that my congregation perished because I did not attend its meetings.
- **I want my home congregation to grow, to multiply in numbers.** Therefore, I must set to the noble work of winning souls for Christ (Luke 19: 10). This I can do by teaching and persuading. This I can do by persistent effort. This I can do by bringing them to worship.
- **My home congregation cannot thrive in a frigid atmosphere.** I must not, by my carelessness, allow the church to become a place where hearts are chilled. I must make it a place where hearts are warmed. I owe it the warmth of my life. If I have been wronged, I must forgive and forget (Matt. 6:14- 15).

Wishing to be honest, I must meet my obligations to the best of my ability. I must, with the help of God, fulfill my part in the incomparable work of building up the body of Christ.

Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett (FV) Calvin Burks

(O) Jack Wall (A) Kyle Stifflemire

1st prayer Vernon Houts

2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire

Singing: Mike Mallet

Prayer List:

Naomi Wall

Letha Sheldon

Mildred Lovell

Janese Lancaster

Ruby Jones

Loyd Crownover

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personal

Did My Neighbor...

Written By: Bill Jackson

See that I do not make time for Sunday Bible Study?

See that I only give the Lord Sunday mornings, but spend the Sunday evening worship time for my own pleasure?

See that I absent myself from the assembly when guests come into my home, and thus I put men before God?

Hear from my lips speech that is impure, and unbecoming any child of God?

See me and my family cavort around the community in a state of undress, as if the Bible had nothing to say about modesty?

See that I have done little to train up my children in the way of the Lord, and that I have exercised very little discipline in the home?

See that I completely ignore the work of the church when Wednesday evenings roll around?

See that when the church has meetings, Family Bible Schools, etc. that I show very, very little interest in such?

Then I know some reasons why my friends and neighbors have not shown interest in the truth, and why they may never be converted!

News From Kenya

Dear brothers,

May the God of heaven be with you in the great work you are doing in His name. The meetings are going very great and thanks for the prayers for the success of these meetings.

Sota gospel meeting ended up with four baptisms and one restoration. Here is brother Richard Aroko doing the baptism.

Muramba gospel meeting also ended up today with a lot of encouragements from the book Hebrews. Keep on praying for the meetings remaining in this month.

Port Victoria Kenya, Port Victoria (Lugala) Uganda and Nyacheki Kisii.

In His love and care,

Benard and Dorothy Kagaga