God's Will for You is

More than Just Church Attendance

There are reasons why God leads us to do things and we need to follow His guidance. We all need to be at the right place at the right time about our Father God's business. That entails a lot more than just attending church. And keep in mind that I'm a pastor when I say all this. Christians who regularly attend church can carry an attitude with them that they are a better person than someone who doesn't regularly attend church.

But there's got to be more to your Christian life than just church attendance for you to live in victory. You've got to have a daily relationship with the Lord to the point that you know Jesus better than you know anyone else. You need to be built up in the Word so you can defend yourself against the attacks of the enemy.

Don't fool yourself. Regular church attendance is not going to determine your outcome in life. But, being a doer of the Word will cause you to be a world overcomer because you cannot live your life outside of God's Word. You may get a few miracles from God because of His mercy and grace, but sooner or later, *(and the sooner, the better)* you've got to start attending to God's Word on a daily basis. This takes a lot of effort and work on your part. It's not a good sign if you don't want to get in the Word and have daily time just with you and God. You cannot build a relationship with your Father God just by going to church.

Satan can get you so busy in church activities that he'll deceive you into thinking you're safe because of all the church activities you're involved in. In Bible school I found out that it didn't make any difference how many Bible school classes I was attending – that did not take the place of my daily Word time and daily prayer time with my Father God.

This is why the world can't understand why something happens to a Christian who seemingly always went to church. I've heard them say, *"They lived in church."* But the church is not your refuge!

God's Word and doing the Word is the only guarantee you have in life. No matter how much you seemingly labor for God, He will not protect you from Satan, even for all your good works. But God will perform His Word when you act upon it. Don't deceive yourself by becoming proud of all you do for God. There is nothing more important in your life than getting alone with God in prayer and in His Word daily. Listen to faith tapes, read God's promises, speak God's Word out of your mouth day and night, get on your knees, lift your hands and begin to thank and praise God for who He is. Pray in the spirit and quote God's promises while you're driving around doing errands, going to work, cleaning the house, and become cognizant and aware that God is always with you.

You can't wait until you get to church to do this! People want to brag about how great their worship service is at church... but what are you doing at home? You may think you've got the best church in the world... *But, you've got the best <u>GOD</u> in the world! Tell Him that! Praise Him and thank Him that He is!*

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It's very, very, very, <u>VERY</u> dangerous to attend church just because it is the thing to do, or because it seems right. You're not going to make God happier, or feel better about you because you go to church.

Most Christians are clueless about Satan, their adversary. People are trying to live on other people's prayers, and not on the Word, and that's wrong. I get prayer requests every day, every

single day, from all over the world. I believe in prayer. But you cannot expect prayer to do what the Word can do. My praying for you is not going to override your disobedience to God's Word. *And you've got me praying for your healing, while your mouth is still talking about your sickness, and the sickness is going to win! You've got me praying that your house is sold, and you won't shut up, wondering why it's not sold!!!*

You can't live on miracles, and you can't live on signs and wonders. You've got to live on God's Word. The children of Israel tried to live on the signs and wonders that God performed. And all it caused them was to become hardened with doubt and unbelief. They failed to become doers of the Word by simply doing what God told them to do.

The children of Israel got some of the greatest miracles in the world that God has ever done, and all of them, except Caleb and Joshua, died in disgrace. Miracles do not cause faith; they do not produce faith. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. **So then faith** *cometh* **by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Romans 10:17

So, don't think your church is the greatest church because you've got all the signs, wonders and miracles. We're to believe God's Word, no matter what, because we walk by faith and not by sight. (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 2 Corinthians 5:7

Some people get all excited because they hear a miracle testimony, or because someone prophesied that something's going to happen... You ought to be ashamed of yourself for acting that way! Instead, you need to get excited about God and what He said in His Word. Tell everybody in the world what the Word says, not what your pastor prophesied is going to happen!

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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