

Must I Attend All Bible Classes & Assemblies?

- Have you been asked this Q? How respond?

- What are YOUR thoughts about it ?

Ps 139:1-2 “O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar.”

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1Tim 2 “1 ...I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

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Elders - “instruct...admonish...encourage”

1Th 5 “**12** ... those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and **give you instruction** ... **14** We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak...”

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Preachers/brethren ...

P. 2Ti 4:2 “reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction” (*lessons like this!*)

B. Hb 3:13 “encourage [“exhort” NKJV] one another day after day” Ro 15:14 “admonish one another”

Gal 6:1 “anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one”

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Responsibility according to ability

Mt 25:15 “according to his own ability”

2Co 8:12 “acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.”

Phm 4,5,7 - Commendation: Christians are encouraged by those who come in spite of pains, feeling bad!

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“All-seeing eye”

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“Q: Keep from work? Family gathering? Vacation?”

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NO: Not if family sickness creates *need* ...

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NOT: family *visiting!* Mt 10:34-38

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“All-seeing eye” ... Q: Keep from work? Other appt. / social events?

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NO: Not if working *to* “eat” (“necessary”)...

2Th 3:10 “if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat ... **12** “work peacefully and eat their own bread” (*synec.* - i.e. provide necc. for life)

NOT: optional overtime / work for non-essential (e.g. vacations, dining out, entertainment, luxury items)

Mt 6:19-20 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... **33** seek FIRST his kingdom and his righteousness”

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Next lesson ...

By being in THIS assembly today, you have ...

- ***Worshipped God together with fellow believers **Ac 2:42*****
- ***Encouraged your brethren **Heb 10:25*****
- ***Set and example **1Tim 4:12*****

