

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Hebrews 10:19-25**.
- B. In the days of Moses, under the Law, there were periodic feasts and celebrations of which the Jews partook. Their religion was one of things happening weekly, monthly, yearly, and every 50 years.
- C. Christianity is a daily religion. Yet, there are some things that are to be done on a periodic basis.
- D. Therefore, we ask the question: "How often should I practice my Xianity?"

I. SOME THINGS ARE TO BE DONE WEEKLY.

- A. Some aspects of Xianity are to be done (or observed) on a weekly basis; every first day of the week.
- B. The **contribution**.
 - 1. As an example of how congregations can raise funds to help other brethren or themselves, a collection can be taken once a week on the first day of the week (1Cor. 16:1-2).
Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2 On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.
 - 2. Contributions made on other days of the week are also acceptable (Ac. 2:44-45; 4:34-35).
(Ac 2:44-45) And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. (Ac 4:34-35) For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, 35 and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.
- C. The **Lord's Supper**.
 - 1. The LS was to be eaten by Xians on the first day of every week. Just as the Israelites kept each Sabbath, Xians keep each first day of the week to assemble and eat the LS (Ac. 20:7; see 1Cor. 11:17-30).
(Ac 20:7) And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.
 - 2. Thursday is not an appropriate day for taking the LS. Jesus gave the LS while under the Law, but said He would not eat of it until He did so in the new kingdom.

II. SOME THINGS ARE TO BE DONE DAILY.

- A. **Prayer**.
 - 1. Prayer is to be done without ceasing, which would make it a daily "work" (1Th. 5:17).
pray without ceasing;
 - 2. Asking God to bless our daily bread, is enough to warrant the Xian to pray each day (Mt. 6:11).
'Give us this day our daily bread.'
 - 3. And just because we pray every day doesn't mean that prayer loses its meaning. It should become deeper and richer by practice and improvement.
- B. **Bible study**.
 - 1. Bible study is also to be done daily. The Bereans are our example (Ac. 17:11).
Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.
 - 2. The early Xians devoted themselves to the apostles doctrine (Ac. 2:42).
And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
 - 3. How often do you open your Bible and study the word of God? Only on Sunday mornings?, Sunday nights?, or Wednesday nights?
 - 4. Bible study, when done in the right attitude, is something that will not grow old or become difficult. Just the opposite will happen; you will not be able to stop always wanting a little bit more.

III. SOME THINGS ARE TO BE DONE AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY.

A. **Forgiveness.**

1. When Jesus taught on forgiveness He put no limits on how many times we are to extend mercy.
2. We are told to forgive as many times as it is necessary to forgive. It makes no difference we have forgiven 7 times or 490 times, we are to still practice forgiveness.
3. Some things in Xianity, like extending forgiveness, are to be done as often as is necessary.

B. **Hospitality.**

We are to practice hospitality to strangers, orphans, and widows (Heb. 13:2; Jas. 1:27).

(Heb 13:2) Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

(Jas 1:27) This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

C. **Exhortation.**

1. We are to encourage our brethren as many times as needed “as long as it is called today” so that no one falls away (Heb. 3:12-13).
Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God. **13** But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
2. Christians are to meet as often as necessary for the good of all. Early Xians met together every day. Some today are doing well if they meet together once a week (Heb. 10:24-25).
and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **25** not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.
3. When a need is to be met, or something to be done, Xians are to be ready and respond by their presence, their lives, and their works.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Christianity is a daily religion. Every day we must learn to follow Jesus (Lk. 9:23).
And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”
- B. “How often should I practice my Xianity?” is answered by:
 1. Doing things and meeting needs as often as necessary.
 2. By doing daily things such as Bible study and prayer.
 3. By doing weekly things (such as eating the LS and giving of our means).
- C. Who in this audience is ready to practice Xianity?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.