

Make Sunday Special

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Sunday is special. It's the day of His resurrection. It's the day of devotion to God, a day for spiritual service and rejoicing. It's the day God ordained for worship and service. It's the day when we keep the memorial of Jesus' death, the Lord's Supper. It's a day for singing & praying & being together. It's a day for spiritual feasting.

Sometimes I think we take the Lord's Day for granted. We become so familiar with it that we fail to give it the thought and emphasis it deserves. If we're not careful, it can become plain, ordinary. Please allow me a few observations on how you can make Sunday even more special. These are suggestions, not rules; but I think they are worth consideration.

Leave early. Arriving at worship in a timely manner makes lots of things possible: 1) you have time to get settled and ready for worship or study; 2) you have time to get your mind focused so that when the services commence your mind is already receptive to what is about to occur; 3) you have time to divest yourself of thoughts or anxieties that might preclude you getting the best from the services.

Smile. Show people you're happy to be here. When you look like it's a chore to attend, it has an effect on everybody concerned, visitors especially. It makes such a difference when people smile. Attitudes, both yours and theirs, are affected when you smile at folks. Actually, a smile can change someone's day, bring some sunlight into an otherwise dreary time for somebody. Solomon said it well ([Proverbs 15:13](#)): "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." Show people a merry heart. Smile!

Greet folks. Few things are more enjoyable than a vibrant and cheerful greeting. It makes people feel good about being here. And what's more, it makes you feel good about being here too.

Participate. Participation is an indication of interest. It means, as the word indicates, that you are taking part—part-taking. The Lord's day is a good day to divest yourself of worldly things and think on the good things in the gospel, to get involved in spiritual matters, matters of the soul. Be part of the whole service and you will bring a satisfaction to your soul.

You realize, of course, that nobody can make rules of the things I have suggested. They are just that—suggestions; and it's up to you what you do with them. But they work. I've seen them work.