

Commending The Faithful

1 Co.11:2

Most know the necessity of rebuking sin.

- Jesus, Mt.23
- Paul, 2 Tim.4

Could praise be bad?

Bible does authorize praise for the faithful

–OT: Nu.14, et al.

–Jesus: Mt.8; Mt.15; Mt.26.

–Paul: 1 Co.11:2 (but see v.17); 2 Co.8-9.

Some may abuse praise

We must guard against . . .

- Personal satisfaction (resting on our past). Ph.3:12-14
- Assuming all is well; perfect congregation. Rv.3:17
- Disobedient may think they are included. Rv.3:....4
- Thinking that public reputation is most important thing. Mt.6

I. Attendance

Those who don't come, discourage

- 1 Kings 19
- Hb.10:24-25
 - Why do some come in spite of aches and pains?
- Ps.119:103

I. Attendance

II. Personal Study

1 Pt.2:2

- What satisfies us?
- Consequences of neglect: Hb.5:12-14

I. Attendance

II. Personal Study

III. **Family Study**

Children – spiritual growth

- Children's classes
- Parents at home...
 - Dt.6:6-7
 - Ex.13:3-9
 - 2 Tim.3:15

I. Attendance

II. Personal Study

III. Family Study

IV. **Work**

1 Co.15:58, abound

Opposite of doing as little as possible.

Some spring into action to do the work.

2 Thes.3:10-12

1. No work is more important. Mt.25:14-30.
2. We work to save souls. Jn.9:4.
3. We work to save our souls. Ph.2:12.

I. Attendance

II. Personal Study

III. Family Study

IV. Work

V. Elder-Congregation

Poor elders – church suffers

- Hb.13:17

Good elders – one of greatest blessings

- 1 Pt.5:1-3

I. Attendance

II. Personal Study

III. Family Study

IV. Work

V. Elder – Congregation

VI. Love of Truth

Sincerity: ability to hear
opposing views without anger.

- 1 Corinthians corrects sinners.
- 2 Corinthians commends obedient.
- Ac.17:11

Gal.6:9, we shall reap *if...*

- Ac.15:....37-38 . . .
- 2 Tim.4:11, *Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.*