

A God-Given Privilege

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Privilege of **A**ssembly with other believers
Privilege of **B**eing a child of the Father
Privilege of **C**orrectly responding to wrongs
Privilege of **D**eciding to follow Jesus
Privilege of **E**ntering an eternal Paradise

1 There are only *two times* to live God's Truth and to be an *example* for others—in *season* and *out of season*.

2 WEY 2 Timothy 4:2 “*Proclaim God's message, be zealous in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, encourage, with the utmost patience as a teacher.*”

3 When everyone stands before God's throne, no one will say they *lived* His Truth *too much*, or they were an *example* of the Gospel *too often*—maybe *too little*, but never *too much*.

4 The apostle gave this warning *before* the above admonition—WEY 2 Timothy 4:1 “*I solemnly implore you, in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is about to judge the living and the dead, and by His Appearing and His Kingship.*”

5 God is saying Hebrews 10:24 “*Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*”—then “*And so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*”

6 It is a *God-Given Privilege* to assemble in church, to *hear* the word of Truth, to *sing* the hymns of praise, to *pray* together for the needs of each other, and to be part of the fellowship of other true Christians—it is a *blessed privilege*!

7 Cornelius was ready to hear the Truth, so God sent the apostle to speak the Gospel message to those assembled in his home.

8 After explaining why he called for him, he says Acts 10:33 “*Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.*”

9 That must be *our* attitude whenever we assemble at church. We are to be *open* to anything God *has* for us, and to *listen* to “*all things*” that God has inspired the one speaking to say.

10 The *privilege* of assembly with other believers should never be taken lightly but always considered seriously.

11 Instead of saying we *have* to read the Bible, or we *have* to go to church, we should say I have the *privilege* of reading God's Word and the *privilege* of attending church to *hear* what the Spirit has for me.

12 It is a *privilege* to assemble and AV Colossians 3:16 “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*”

13 Hearing the message, singing the hymns, or attending the service should *never* be thought of as something we *have* to do, but something we have the *privilege* of doing.

14 It is to be a *joyful activity* we look forward to doing—it is the *best* part of every week.

15 A child may say—Do I *have* to go to church today?—rather than thinking I *get* to go to church today.

16 It is a blessed *privilege* to gather with other Christians and to worship God and to praise our blessed Savior. By changing one vowel (*got* to *get*) it goes from a *task* to a *treat*.

17 We should develop a mindset—that it is a *privilege* to attend church, to gather as one, and to sing praise to the God of the universe.

18 Two million years from now only One Thing will Matter—that we changed our thinking about attending church and trusting God in faith—that it was *not a project* but a *privilege*. We learned to *value* what is most *valuable*—hearing the Word.

19 Once this life is over, we will never again have the privilege to encourage someone or to be an example for a lost soul. *Today* is the *day* to show a Christian attitude to anyone and everyone—especially to the young.

20 Matthew 7:12 “*Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them*” is always the *right* thing to do.

21 A million years from now the only thing that will matter is if we trusted in faith on the atoning Blood of Jesus—that is the one critical question—and *Heaven* is connected!

22 Trusting God by faith in the shed Blood of Jesus means that if we are oppressed, what do we *trust* to heal us?; if we are short of money, what plan do we *follow* for cash?; if we are insulted or affronted, what source do we seek for justice?; if we need guidance what is our go-to source to find it?—and with all it must be *go to God in prayer*.

23 Israel was taken to a wilderness so they would have to *trust God* for everything—and we *also* are to be in a wilderness—where we are compelled to *trust God* alone for the healing of

any oppression; for the supply of any need; for justice with every wrong; and for the solution to any problem.

24 This one life is the one opportunity we have to learn the Truth and to *trust God* for the ability to *value* it and *live* it.

25 We can worship *God* in Heaven; we can sing *praises* to His Name in Heaven—but we cannot be an example of Christian living for an *unbeliever* in Heaven—they are absent.

26 Every part of our Christian walk God gives is a privilege—we *get* to pray to the God of the universe! It is amazing that the God who controls the universe, takes the time to hear our prayer to Him.

27 It is a privilege to speak with God about anything on our mind—that is why we **AV 1 Thessalonians 5:17** “*Pray without ceasing.*”

28 Every day we have the privilege of reading what God wrote to us. We are given the opportunity to be nourished with eternal food at any time of the day by reading the Bible.

29 **AV Matthew 4:4** “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*”

30 If we read three-and-a-half chapters (about 30 minutes out of our day), we will finish the Bible in one year.

31 Whatever trial we face, God’s Word has the answer. **2 Timothy 3:16** “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*”

32 We have the privilege of supporting God’s Truth by tithing on our gains. God says see—**Malachi 3:10** “*If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*”

33 Giving back to God is a privilege and a responsibility. If we have trusted God in faith through all the good times and the bad times on earth, we *get* to go to Heaven!

34 What an amazing privilege and we do not think enough about it while asking Him to *prepare* us for that great event!

35 Every soul is valuable in the eyes of God—no price tag can be put on our soul.

36 Each day we live God’s Truth by the help of His Spirit—showing a right example to others by the way we *live* and *act* and *talk* and *treat* people. We are to make God’s Truth *attractive*.

37 To know that everyone on earth is special in the eyes of God, gives us a different mindset. We will want to *walk in step* with God and *be an example* for—children, young adults, and anyone we interact with each day. We are to *view* people as *valuable*—like the Lord does.

38 Millions of years from now, the only thing that will be of any importance is—*Who is in Heaven and who is in Hell.*

39 If that is the only thing that will matter *then*, it is the only thing that matters *now*!

40 Everyone is *lost* in sin at the start because everyone is *born* in sin. But there is a plan to remedy that—and we must not only *know* of the plan but be willing to *live by that plan* to enter God’s Kingdom!

41 **Matthew 18:11** “*For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost,*” and not everyone who says **AV Matthew 7:21** “*Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father.*”

42 We should not be taken by surprise, so warnings are given. **Corinthians 5:10** “*We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his*

body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

43 At that time, it will *really* matter if we took God’s Truth *seriously* and *lived* it just as *seriously* by the Spirit’s power.

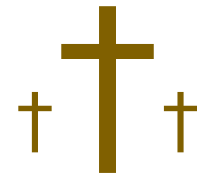
44 It is our responsibility to live God’s Truth, and it is God’s responsibility to open our hearts to *know* it and be able to accept it.

45 We will be blessed if we are a Christlike example for others in the way we *talk* and *walk* and *treat* people.

46 It is a privilege to be a blessing to someone because we were a witness to Christ in how we *lived* and *acted*.

47 God is glorified when we shine the light of His Son on others—and it is the reason we are here on earth in the first place.

48 It is a *privilege* to *assemble* with other believers; a privilege to fellowship with them; it is a privilege to *pray* for one another; a privilege to *sing* hymns of praise to God; and definitely a privilege to *hear* the word of Truth in a message taken from the Bible.



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