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Taxes & Excuses

Friday is April 15th. This is a day that is ingrained in our society as a day of reckoning. By midnight, April 15, we must file an income tax return or at least an extension. Something must be done by that time. We cannot simply let it go by without action. This year, the government is allowing us until midnight, April 18 to file.



Consider the following excuses that are often offered for slackness in attendance or other work for the Lord. They have been altered somewhat to reflect what they would sound like if offered when discussing our failure to file income taxes with the IRS.

1. I was just too tired to file. I'll file next week.
2. I had company come in at the last minute. They hardly ever visit. I'll file later.

3. April 15 was the only day I had off that week. I had to rest instead of filing.
4. My parents always filed when I was a child. Since I'm now an adult, I feel it should be my personal choice and I shouldn't be made to file.
5. Others who file are hypocrites. They often cheat. There is no use in me even trying to file. I don't want to be associated with hypocrites.
6. I'm still young. I want to enjoy life. I'll start filing as I get older. I have plenty of time.
7. I don't like the people at the local IRS office. I don't want to be associated with them.
8. I was sick and could not file. [Note— There are times when we are genuinely sick and cannot attend, but many people let small ailments cause them to miss services and other work for the Lord when they would never let the same ailment cause them to miss a tax deadline or their job.]
9. My husband (or wife) never files. I feel like I need to support them from time to time.
10. I don't have any good clothes to wear when preparing my taxes.

As you can plainly see, these excuses certainly would not work when explaining to the IRS why we did not file by midnight, April 15. We are expected to fulfill our responsibility.

Likewise, we can offer many reasons for not attending services, or doing any of the Lord's work, but are they real reasons or just simply excuses?

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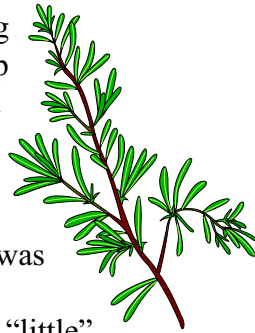
—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Vicki McDaniel** and **Alroy McDaniel**.

—The ladies' Bible class will meet Tuesday, 10 a.m at the home of Shari Edwards.

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Watch Your Step

A man was walking down a hill in the woods when he stepped on a small twig. The twig rolled and he fell down. As he picked himself up and went on his way, he thought, "If that had been a big log, I would have seen it and climbed over it. There would have been less danger of falling, for I would have been aware of the danger." The fact that the twig was small was what made it dangerous.



In our spiritual pathway, the devil places "little" temptations to defeat us. His little traps or obstructions are often more effective than the big ones, partly because if people do notice them they may think they are too small to make a difference. "*Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*" I Corinthians 10:12

—adapted from the Bellview Beacon
Pensacola, FL ❖



Hide not your talents. They for use were made.
What's a sundial
in the shade?

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Classes	18	Mark 13:26-14:9
Preaching	20	I Thessalonians 5:1-28
Contribution	\$410.03	
Evening	15	Singing

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Classes	18	Numbers 12:1-16
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Bible Quiz

From where was Moses' wife who Miriam and Aaron spoke against?

Last Week's Answer— A wind brought quails from the sea (Numbers 11:31)

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We would not dare consider offering the above listed excuses to the IRS— a man-made, government office that has only been in existence a few years. Many do not give a second thought to offering the same excuses to the eternal God.

Let's work and pray to be truly converted. Let's not offer excuses to the Lord.

—Marty Edwards ❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)