

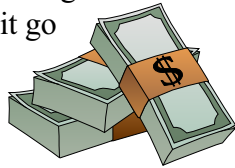
Munfordville Church of Christ

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Taxes & Excuses

Today is April 15. 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. Even though you have an extra 48 hours this year, and can file as late as April 17, you still have to meet your obligation.



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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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Michael Pedigo, Vicki McDaniel and Lillian Riffle.**

—**Ethan Borton**, the grandson of Larry Compton, suffered a broken collar bone and fractured wrist in a bicycle wreck. Ethan lives in Nashville but attends here often when visiting Larry.

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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❖

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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❖

Sunday, April 8, 2012		
Classes	19	Luke 22:61-71
Preaching	35	II Kings 22 (Finding the Word of God)
Contribution	\$676.00	
Evening	16	Revelation 1:1-20
Wednesday, April 11, 2012		
Classes	23	Deuteronomy 27:1-26

Apr 8 (AM) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY); Brent Goad (Glasgow, KY); Misty & Paisley Matthews (Munfordville); David, Denessa, Wade & Mykayla Worth (Elizabethtown, KY); William Poe (Elizabethtown, KY)
Visitors—
April 8 (PM) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The one John saw had seven what in his hand?

Last Week's Answer— A basket (Deuteronomy 26:6)

—Tonight we will be studying Revelation 2. The audio of Revelation is on our website if you would like to listen to it before tonight's service.

—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)