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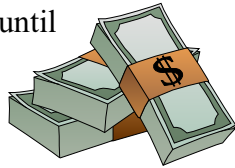
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April 17, 2016

Taxes & Excuses

This past Friday was 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.

(Though in 2016 the deadline has been extended until April 18.) 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 are just simply excuses?

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Terry Burd,** and **Shirley Parson. Brad Terry,** the nephew of Linda Terry, has Hodgkin's

lymphoma. The father of **Chelsee Wooten** has been quite ill with a stomach issue. His stomach is paralyzed and he is in Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Doctors hope to shock his stomach back to functioning.

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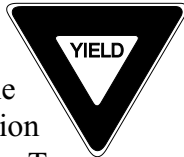
We would not dare consider offering the above listed excuses to the IRS— a man-made, government office that has only been in existence a few years. Many do not give a second thought to offering the same excuses to the eternal God.

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

—Marty Edwards❖

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When we travel the highways of our nation, we cannot help but notice road signs every few feet. These signs contain valuable information for the traveler. Many signs contain life-saving information such as "Stop Ahead", "Road Closed," "Yield," etc. To ignore or doubt the validity of such signs would be foolish, and possibly lead to serious personal injury or death.



The very same people who would not think of ignoring such highway information ignore something far more imperative— the warning "signs" in the Bible. The Bible is filled with warnings of destruction and eternal damnation to those who do not obey the Lord. Do not wait to read the "signs" until it is too late.

It is foolish to doubt the truth in a man-made road sign. How much more foolish is it to doubt the warnings of an all-knowing and all-powerful God?

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, April 10, 2016		
Classes	21	Galatians 1:1-4
Preaching	23	Jude 1-25
Contribution	\$514.00	
Evening	19	Psalms 125:1-129:8
Wednesday, April 13, 2016		
Classes	17	Ezekiel 41:1-26

Bible Quiz

Those that trust in the LORD shall be as what mount?

Last Week's Answer— All the LORD would show him (Ezekiel 40:4)

—If you can't attend, you can easily hear our services via YouTube or TuneIn Radio. TuneIn is probably the easiest since it takes very little data and can be listened to on the most basic cell or Internet connections.



—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)