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"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19, NASB).

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Why I Go To Church

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Introduction

There are so many reasons why people *don't* go to church, but following are some reasons why I *do* go.

I. Habit

"And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read" (Luke 4:16).

"And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures" (Acts 17:2).

II. Need

"For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised" (Hebrews 10:36).

"I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord..." (words of song we sing).

III. Pleasure

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15).

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love..." (another song).

IV. Fear

"And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

V. Gratitude

"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

VI. Example

"Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us" (Philippians 3:17).

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but [rather] in speech, conduct, love, faith [and] purity, show yourself an example of those who believe" (I Timothy 4:12).

Dear Readers, the foregoing was adapted from some notes I found on a page in my father's Bible. – Jefferson David Tant, "Thought for Today," April 14, 2023

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