

Answer Key:

Remember....

- people / circumstances
- enemy's schemes

We need to go to Church.

1. Word
2. Worship
3. sharpens
4. gifts
5. encourage
6. mentors
7. love
8. community
9. burden
10. say's

But what about When...

1. season • gifts / grind / grief • pervasive / permanent
2. matters • window / work • internal • external
3. ahead • greater / perseverance

Winds of Life

Part 5

“Gotta Keep Showing Up”

Hebrews 10:25 GNT

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."

Introductory Statement

"I don't go to church anymore. They are all hypocrites!". On more than one occasion pastors, have heard this sort of comment. Each one of us would be first to agree the church is made up of people who were not perfect—neither was he for that matter. But each time we hear such comments, our heart needs to break because we know the incredible value of doing life together with the body of Christ.

Remember....

• Satan uses _____ and _____ to disappoint Christians to pull them away from the very people God would use to bless, train, and encourage them at church.

- We need to recognize the _____

_____ that cause us to stop going to church.

We need to go to Church?

1. To hear the preaching of the _____.

Hebrews 4:12 GNT

"The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart."

Going to church is not about getting your attendance gold star, nor is it about gaining God's favor for the week because you assembled together with His people. Church is not a place to go, rather it is a living body where God wants you to become a part—for your good and His glory.

2. To participate in Corporate _____.

John 4:24 CEV

"God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth."

3. Because Iron _____ Iron.

Proverbs 27:17 NIV

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

4. To exercise your _____.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

5. To _____ your Pastor.

Philippians 1:3-7 NLT

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. So, it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.

6. To find Godly _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

7. To teach your kids to _____ the church.

Proverbs 22:6 NIV

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

8. To be the salt and light in your _____.

John 13:35 ESV

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

9. To bear each other's _____.

Galatians 6:2 NLT

"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

10. Because God _____ to.

Acts 2:42 NLT

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."

But what about when...

Galatians 6:9 NLT

"So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

1. This is just a _____!
 - Every season comes with _____,
_____, and _____!

1 Peter 1:3-6 NIV

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."

- It may feel _____, but it is never _____.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT

"That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever. So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

2. Every season _____.

James 1:2-4 NLT

"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."

John 9:4 ESV

"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work."

THERE IS A _____ FOR ALL _____

- _____ WORK.
- _____ WORK.

3. There is a harvest _____.

Galatians 6:9 NLT

"So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

James 1:12 NLT

"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

- The pain of regret is far _____ than the pain of _____.

Ephesians 3:16-17 NLT

"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong."

We develop the character of Christ through bearing with one another in the body of Christ.