



# NOT FORSAKEN

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# QUESTION

Why do we go to church?

## ROMANS 12:3-8

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, & these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, & each member belongs to all the others.

# CONT.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

# DEFINITION

Apathy - a lack of interest, enthusiasm or concern.

# APATHY TOWARDS

- God
- Fellowship
- The Great Commission

# MATTHEW 28:19-20

Therefore go & make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father & of  
the Son & of the Holy Spirit, & teaching them  
to obey everything I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always, to the very  
end of the age.

# MATTHEW 24:12

## NIV

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

## NLT

Sin will be rampant everywhere, & the love of many will grow cold.



## LUKE 18:7-8

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day & night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, & quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:1

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the  
last days.

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:2-5

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

# WHO ARE THE GODLESS?

They range from people who oppose God to those who just don't want God's help.

# ROMANS 1:18

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness & wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,



**PAUL'S WARNINGS FOR THE LAST DAYS**  
**2 Timothy 3:1-4**



# CHARACTERISTICS OF TERRIBLE TIMES

- Lovers of self
- Lovers of money
- Boastful or proud
- Abusive
- Disobedient to parents
- Ungrateful
- Unholy
- Without love
- Unforgiving
- Slanderous
- Without self-control
- Brutal
- Not lovers of good
- Treacherous
- Rash
- Conceited
- Lovers of pleasure not lovers of God

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:6-9

They are the kind who worm their way into homes & gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins & are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes & Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.



# CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLESS PEOPLE

- They manipulate those who are gullible & morally weak
- You're always learning but never transformed
- They oppose God's true messengers

## MATTHEW 7: 21-23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name & in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

## 2 TIMOTHY 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

# DEUTERONOMY 31:6

Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”



# QUESTION

Am I forsaking God in any area of my life?

# THOUGHT

Sometimes we do our own thing & pick our own path. Then we expect an all-knowing God to follow our lead & then we get upset when He doesn't.

# DEUTERONOMY 31:8

The Lord himself goes before you & will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”



# TRUTH

He never leaves us nor forsakes us when we let  
Him go before us.



# MATTHEW 28: 20

And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**GOD NEVER SENDS YOU INTO A  
SITUATION ALONE.**

**GOD GOES BEFORE YOU.**

**HE STANDS BESIDE YOU.**

**HE WALKS BEHIND YOU.**

**WHATEVER SITUATION YOU HAVE**

**RIGHT NOW, BE CONFIDENT,**

**GOD IS WITH YOU!**