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LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Getting Ready for Church

- ✓ To know how to prepare myself physically
- ✓ To know how to prepare myself spiritually
- ✓ To know how to prepare myself relationally

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How important is our preparation for church?

- What does church mean to you?
- Is church simply a matter of getting together with friends to sing and fellowship?
- Or is church supposed to be entering into the presence of God and worshipping Him?

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The church service

- the house of God
- fellowship
- learning
- worship

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#1 Physical

preparation

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Physical

- dress/presentation
 - pros & cons
 - come dressed to serve
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REASON /LOGIC

- The OT God is the NT God — Entering into His presence should be an important matter now as it was then.

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REASON /LOGIC

- Each one of us can make a significant impact on the success of our services by proper preparation.

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#2 Spiritual --- preparation

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Spiritual

- Does it really matter to God whether we prepare ourselves spiritually?
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Eccl. 5

1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

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2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God:for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth:therefore let thy words be few.

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3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

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4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools:pay that which thou hast vowed.

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5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

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6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error:wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

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Spiritual

- **Let's get ready for church!**
- **This includes "the process of drawing near"**

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Heb 10

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

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4 steps to heart preparation

- A sincere heart
 - An assured heart
 - A humble heart
 - A clean heart
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Luke 10

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

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39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus 'feet, and heard his word.

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40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

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41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

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42 But one thing is needful:and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

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Spiritual

- Mary's lesson: Draw near...to hear!
- Martha's lesson: Service pales in comparison to sitting at His feet.

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Spiritual

- A premium is placed on HEARING over and over in Scripture.
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Spiritual

- Beware: "Familiarity breeds contempt"
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Exo 24

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

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10 And they saw the God of Israel:and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

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Lev. 10

1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not.

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2 And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.

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Spiritual

- Nadab & Abihu
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1 Sam. 7

1 And the men of Kirjathjearim came, and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord.

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2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

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Num. 4 (Reminder...)

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

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2 Sam. 6

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.

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4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

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5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

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6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

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7 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

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#3 Relational preparation

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Welcoming Guests

It's the responsibility of
ALL OF US!

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Lev. 19:34

34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

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QUESTIONS

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Review on getting ready for church

Physical

Spiritual

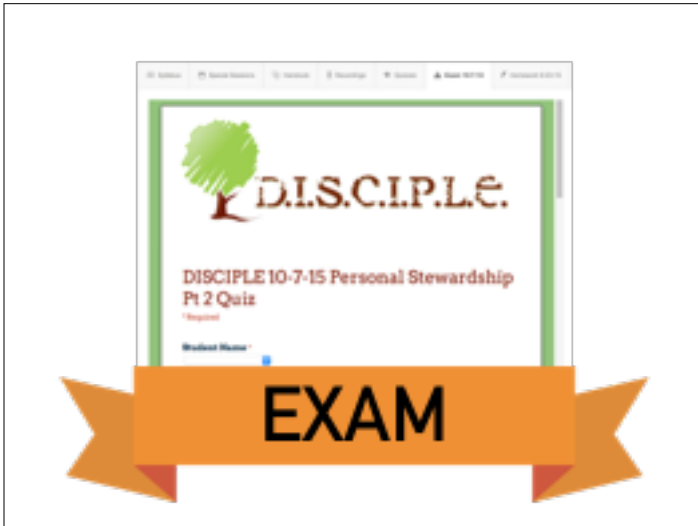
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HOME WORK

- Interview an older saint and ask about the importance of pre-service prayer and self-preparation
- Ask for memories
- Log their input.

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