

"We Just Don't Go To Church; That's All."

A young couple who had not been to church services for a number of years didn't seem to appreciate the consequences of their behavior. They asked, "What have we done wrong besides not going to church?" Well, **at best ...**

They had robbed God of (likely) thousands of dollars (**1 Corinthians 16:1, 2**).

For years they had forsaken the Lord's own memorial supper (**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**).

Their voices were unheard in the praises of the saints (**Hebrews 2:12**).

Their petitions and thanksgivings were absent from the prayers of the saints
(**1 Timothy 2:1, 8**).

They had neglected a vital means of encouraging others (**Hebrews 10:24-25**).

And (likely) their knowledge of God's word was stifled and fading, while their spiritual growth went largely neglected.

At worst, they had set a bad example and had exerted the wrong influence upon others around them. All this, and yet *they considered it a small matter!*

May God help us to comprehend the impact of our actions and even our inaction, and to see ourselves as He sees us.

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