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Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda!

The phrase ‘Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda,’ means - ‘A Feeling of regret or second guessing.’ *‘We would have gone to church this weekend, but we were at the races on Saturday and the grass just had to be cut. We could have gone to church Sunday, but the weather was so bad Saturday that I had to do my grocery shopping Sunday. We should have gone to church Sunday. We all feel so bad we missed such a good meeting as you describe.’*

There always seems to be an excuse for not going to church and giving the Lord the praise, honor, and glory He is due. There is a difference between an excuse and a reason. A reason is excusable, such as severe illness, funerals, and such. Then there are excuses like: cutting the yard, going to the beach, hunting, fishing, too tired (but at work on time Monday), nothing to wear, didn’t get a haircut, etc., etc. However, let the phone ring with an offer to go out to eat and they are out the door in a flash. Our priorities have gotten messed up.

In Romans 6:4 the Apostle Paul writes, **“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”** I am so afraid that we have become a generation of christians(?) that allow the smallest of things to get in the way of church attendance. Our list of excuses even includes *‘It’s just me. I would have, I probably could have, and I know I should have. And, I will soon!’* In Romans 6:4 it states plainly that we **“should walk in newness of life.”** If you have been born again, quickened by the Spirit, and have come to the knowledge of what Christ has done for you, then there is no excuse of not praising God for your blessings.

A church member told me one time that the church he used to attend was missing something. I told him what it was - HIM! He needed to be there and be a part of the church which we are instructed of God to do. If a person can get up and go to work on Monday, they should have gone to church on Sunday. If a person went bungie jumping, sky diving, sightseeing, or water skiing on Saturday, they

should have been in church on Sunday. If someone really does love the Lord like they say they do, then they will be in church on Sunday.

Jesus gave His life, was buried, and then rose from the grave for you. As Christ came forth from the grave, so should we come forth from the trappings of the world and **“walk in newness of life.”** We would? We should! We can! *Think About IT!*