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"THINGS TO DO ON SUNDAY"

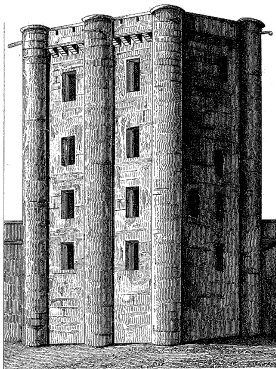
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*"Mark well her bulwarks,
consider her palaces, that
you may tell it to the
generation following"*
Psalms 48:13

While searching for some "clip art" for a PowerPoint slide, I saw a clip with the headline "THINGS TO DO ON SUNDAY" then underneath could be seen "For A More Productive Week". Now I can't say that I was taken aback by what I saw but it did cast a pallor over what our society has become. So inquiring minds want to know what was on the list? Okay here are some. "Do a big brain dump of all the things you need to. Do any of the tasks that would take under fifteen minutes." "Review your calendar for the week." "Check your bank account." "Plan your outfits for the week (check the weather first!)." "Get to inbox zero (go through your emails so that you have zero unread, reply to any emails you need, and unsubscribe to spam ones)." "Make a to-do list for Monday." "Spend some time on self-care." "Go to bed early." To be honest, I left out about a handful of other "things". But did you notice what I noticed?

So did you notice what I noticed? Never once in the "THINGS TO DO ON SUNDAY" did even the slightest suggestion of attending worship services appear. The first day of the week is the "Lord's Day" (see Revelation 1:10) and has been set aside as the day which those of like precious faith gather together to worship. Ideally it is the pinnacle of the week for the child of God.

"On the first day of the week, when we

were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight." (Acts 20:7)



"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you are to do as well. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save as he may prosper, so that no collections need to be made when I come." (1Corinthians 16:1-2)

One could well argue that "For A More Productive Week" it all starts, with "let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25) The best "self-care" anywhere is seen in the following. "Is the cup of blessing which we bless not a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is the bread which we break not a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one loaf, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf." (1Corinthians 10:16-17) Likewise factor in, "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual song singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:16) What better way to begin a new week than joined together with the saints, engaged in worship. (wbe)