

## *Church Etiquette*

1. COME. Never miss church unless it is absolutely necessary. George Washington's pastor said of him, "No company ever kept him from church."
2. COME EARLY. Rushing into church at the last minute is not conducive to true worship.
3. COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. The church service is not a convention to which a family should merely send a delegate.
4. TAKE A PLACE TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH. Leave the rear seats for those who may come late and for families with small children.
5. BE REVERENT. The church is not a theater or place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge, or sleep. God's house deserves our very utmost respect.
6. HELP VISITORS TO FIND AND FOLLOW THE SERVICE. If they have no book, share yours with them. Sing! Join in the worship! Don't just sit!
7. ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT VISITORS ARE OUR GUESTS. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit in your home.
8. GIVE A GOOD OFFERING TO GOD. God loves a cheerful giver.
9. NEVER RUSH FOR THE DOOR after the benediction as though the church were on fire. Speak and be spoken to. Be congenial.
10. NEVER STAY AWAY FROM THE CHURCH BECAUSE IT IS NOT PERFECT. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church!

-Adapted from Unknown Author