WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

WHY IS IT THAT OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE ALWAYS GOES UP ON SPECIAL HOLIDAYS LIKE EASTER AND CHRISTMAS? HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY NOT THE REST OF THE YEAR? SOME YEARS AGO SOMEONE SENT ME THIS ARTICLE ENTITLED,

"WHY I NEVER EAT".

EVERYBODY HAS A GOOD EXCUSE FOR NOT ATTENDING CHURCH. BUT, IF YOU TOOK THOSE EXCUSES AND APPLY THEM TO OTHER THINGS WE DO (OR DON'T DO), LIKE EATING, THEY MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS LIST:

I DON'T EAT ANYMORE BECAUSE:

- 1. I WAS FORCED TO EAT AS A CHILD.
- 2. PEOPLE WHO EAT ALL THE TIME ARE HYPOCRITES; THEY AREN'T REALLY HUNGRY.
- 3. THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF FOO, I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO EAT.
- 4. I USED TO EAT BUT I GOT BORED AND STOPPED.
- 5. I ONLY EAT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, LIKE CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.
- 6. NONE OF MY FRIENDS WILL EAT WITH ME.
- 7. I'LL START EATING WHEN I GET OLDER.
- 8. I DON'T REALLY HAVE TIME TO EAT.
- 9. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT EATING DOES ANYBODY ANY GOOD. IT'S JUST A CRUTCH.
- 10. RESTAURANTS AND GROCERY STORES ARE ONLY AFTER YOUR MONEY.

GIVING A LAME EXCUSE FOR NOT ATTENDING CHURCH OR FOR NOT GETTING INVOLVED IN MINISTRY IS JUST AS SILLY AS GIVING UP EATING. CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR THE CHRISTIAN IS AS IMPORTANT AS REGULAR, BALANCED MEALS. WITHOUT SPIRITUAL FOOD. WE WILL DIE.

1 PETER 2:2, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,"

SOME OF YOU ARE NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH. YOU HAVE A REASON YOU DON'T' GO, NOT AN EXCUSE. FOR YOU I TRUST THAT YOU FIND OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE TEACHERS AND MUSIC HELPFUL.

A LISTENER COMMENTED DURING SPRING LETTER MONTH: Your Sunday morning lineup is tops. I occasionally have to work on Sundays for my job as a courier. But when I do, I don't feel too badly about it because I know that thanks to WRVM's great Sunday lineup of teaching programs and even a real church service--music and all--via the Moody Church Hour, I don't have to miss church that much.

THANKS FOR LISTENING TODAY.

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