



*If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this.  
If you're spiritually dead, you may not want to read  
it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope  
for you!*

(A 'repeat,' as requested.)

## **Why go to Church?**

Once upon a time, a churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of the local newspaper and observed that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. For the life of me, I can't remember even one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting their time by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "*Letters to the Editor*" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. BUT, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals. BUT, I do know this ... they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, by all those sermons, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for your physical AND your spiritual nourishment!

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me, please?"

*Christmas is only 2<sup>1/2</sup> weeks away. Of this, I am certain, you are fully aware. When it is all over, will you be physically and spiritually intact? Don't sweat the little things, like light bulbs, tinsel, and bows. They are delightful things, even beautiful. BUT... do remember, they ARE superficial...things!*

*Let he/she who has ear to hear... hear.*

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