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JUST SUPPOSE

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord would begin tomorrow to make some people sick as they claim to be on Sunday? **JUST SUPPOSE** the Lord would take away the child who is used as an excuse for not attending church? **JUST SUPPOSE** the Lord would make some people as poor as they claim to be when asked to give to the Lord's work. **JUST SUPPOSE** the Lord should take people like Ananias and Sapphira for lying about their giving to the Lord? **JUST SUPPOSE** that all Christians really lived consistently and proved by their lives they really loved the Lord? **JUST SUPPOSE** the Lord should come today - would you be ready to meet Him? Would you be ashamed?

PUT GOD FIRST

The Bible says (and it is only common sense) that we should put God first. For starters, here is a good rule to follow: Give God the first part of every day (Bible reading and prayer); Give God the first day of the week (to attend all the services of the Church); Give God the firstfruits of all your increase (the tithe). I am afraid that there are not very many Christians that truly put God first! The Bible says, "**Seek ye first the kingdom of God...**"

WAKE UP CALL

Some years ago Vance Havner wrote: "In this day of anarchy, apostasy, and apathy, we face three possibilities. The return of our Lord is a certainty and His coming again may be imminent (we would say is imminent). If He tarry the Judgment of God may fall upon our unrepentant land. The third possibility is a spiritual awakening, a heavenly visitation in revival among God's people." While we would certainly love to see it, revival doesn't seem to be in the offing. It was quite a few years ago when Havner wrote those lines and things are much worse today. It seems one of the other two options are most likely.

FROM A LAWYER TO A PREACHER

A lawyer wrote the following to a preacher: "Did I believe as you do, that the masses of our race are perishing in sin, I could have no rest. I would fly to tell them of salvation. I would labor day and night. I would speak it with all the pathos I could summon. I would warn and expostulate and entreat my fellow man to turn to Christ and receive salvation at His hands. I am astonished at the manner in which you ministers tell your message. Why do you not act as if you believed your own words? You have not the earnestness in preaching that we lawyers have in pleading. If we were as tame as you are, we would never carry a single case."