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*Connecting People
to God's Life-
Changing Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*

*But as for you,
brethren, do not
grow weary of doing
good.*

2 Thessalonians 3:13

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Satisfying Summer

You can feel it in the air. A heavy sigh falls on the neighborhood. It's summer. School's out. Kids chase each other through the yard. Lawnmowers hum. Burgers and dogs smoke. Let's hit the pool, the beach, the lake! Where are we going for vacation or vacations? Ahhhh, time off! Lay back -enjoy life!



Church will be there in the fall. God understands if we pray less and read the Word less. Everything is laid back in the summer.

(Wait! You should never say that out loud. It sounds horrible.)

God Could Use Some Rest



OK, let's say it differently. Let's all give the Lord some time off. He has been working really hard, salvations can wait. The family doesn't need much prayer - the devil is probably more laid back in the summer anyway. Our brothers and sisters in the church don't need much encouragement now, **everyone** is out having fun. God has some sort of cruise control switch, doesn't He? Let's all coast and then pick things back up in the fall.

Well yeah, during God's time off we still expect Him to deliver us from temptation. And He should continue "the provision thing" because we actually need more money in the summer with all the plans we have. And He better keep everyone from getting sick since that is the #1 spoiler of a trip. Another thing, He needs to make sure we have no major trials, or anymore layoffs. Wow! Maybe He does need to stay at it this summer.

Summer Itinerary Consultant— God?

Maybe *we* should keep our eyes and ears open to what *He* would have us do this summer. Who knows what spiritual growth, what effective service can transpire. What friend, neighbor, family member or stranger might receive eternal life through our witness.



After sharing faith with the Samaritan woman, Jesus said to his disciples, "*I have food to eat that you do not know about*", and, "*My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work*" (John 4:32 & 34). Doing His will in service is totally fulfilling. Why would we stop doing what is most satisfying in life in the name of rest? Make this summer a major step towards God, not away from Him! Have a picnic with God this summer.