

## Summertime!

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Summer is not *officially* here until June 21, but within the week most children will be out of school and embark on “summer vacation.” Summer is one of my favorite seasons of the year, and a little *recreation* is much needed for most of us. However, beware the accompanying dangers of summer:

1. **Missing worship on vacation.** It is every Christian’s responsibility to worship with the saints on the Lord’s Day, Heb. 10:25. One need only see the lengths to which Paul went in the book of Acts to appreciate the importance of this point. You will be a *blessing* to those with whom you worship, and you will learn something from the experience as well. Try not to plan vacations which require you to miss worship.
2. **Modest dress.** Summer is known by the world as the time to undress because after all, “It is SO hot!” Christians distinguish themselves by their attitudes, actions and clothing. You do not have to be a “prude,” but you do need to observe 1 Timothy 2:9 because our dress reflects our spirit.
3. **Mixed Swimming.** This issue goes hand-in-hand with modesty. When young men and women go to the beach together nearly naked, then one can expect a certain amount of lustful thinking, and lustful acting to take place. Christians will not compromise their morals to be as the world. Swimming is a wonderful activity and exercise. I encourage everyone to enjoy this healthy activity, but be modest when you do. It **can** be done! View [www.simply-modest.com](http://www.simply-modest.com) for some ideas.
4. **Summer Reading.** Finally, summer is also known as a time to get a good book and read! Reading for relaxation and enjoyment is far different than reading for school or work. Pick some good book in the realm of your enjoyment and take a *mental* vacation! It is good for the heart and mind. Just be sure it is a book Jesus would approve.

Yes, please be safe in your travels, have an enjoyable summer, and glorify God in all that you say and do! We will pray for your safety until you return.

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