

Q103. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

**A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained,<sup>1</sup> and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people<sup>2</sup> to learn what God's Word teaches,<sup>3</sup> to participate in the sacraments,<sup>4</sup> to pray to God publicly,<sup>5</sup> and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.<sup>6</sup> Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.<sup>7</sup>**

1. Titus 1:5 – "I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you:"

1 Tim. 3[:1] – "The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task."

1 Tim. 4:13 – "Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching."

1 Tim. 5:17 – "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching,"

1 Cor. 9:11 – "If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we harvest material things?"

1 Cor. 13–14

2 Tim. 2:2 – "and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well."

2 Tim. 3:15 – "and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2. Ps. 68:27 – "There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in a body, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali."

Ps. 40:10–11 – "I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever."

Acts [2]:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Acts 2:46 – "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,"

3. 1 Cor. 14:19 – "nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue."

1 Cor. 14:29 – "Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said."

1 Cor. 14:31 – "For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged"

4. 1 Cor. 11:33 – "So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another."

5. 1 Tim. 2:1–3 – "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior,"

1 Tim. 2:8–9 – "I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument, also that the women should dress themselves in moderate clothing with reverence and self-control, not with their hair braided or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes,"

1 Cor. 14:16 – "Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying?"

6. 1 Cor. 16:2 – "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come."

7. Isa. 66:23 – "From new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says the Lord."