

Hymns' 18.7.6 **WHY TAKE THE TIME TO WORSHIP?**

**"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:..." Psalm 96:9 KJV**

Why take the time to worship

on such a busy day?

Who needs to hear a sermon?

Let's watch our children play.

We all need rest from working

that grind from nine to five.

But don't we need to worship

to make our spirits thrive?

Let's go and make some money,

it's everybody's aim,

or spend some time in shopping

or drinking at the game.

Perhaps the lawn needs mowing

or there's a race to run,

but will we have fulfillment

when work and play are done?

Why listen to church music,  
much, written long ago,  
or pore through ancient Scripture  
for things our kids should know,  
or sing of grace and glory  
or serving like our Lord?  
If not, are we then missing  
a deeper, rich reward?

This day of rest and gladness,  
this day of joy and light.  
will lift our care and sadness  
and make our spirits bright.\*  
For when we turn to something  
much bigger than oneself,  
we'll sense that unseen Presence  
Who calls forth our best self.

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*Suggested Tune: Aurelia 76..76 D #545 "The Church's One Foundation"*

*\*Some wording Adapted from: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" Christopher Wordsworth, 1862*

(A partly whimsical look at the many excuses for neglecting worship and making Sunday like Anyday.)